



**VIRGINIA**  
**DIVISION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS**  
**SURVEY FORM**

File no. 76-1 (76-262)  
 Negative no(s). 8821

Historic name Cemetery- Bel Air Plantation      Common name Cemetery - Bel Air Plantation  
 County/Town/City Prince William County  
 Street address or route number Off Silverdale Dr near Rt 640

USGS Quad Occoquan	Date or period 18th century	
Original owner Charles Ewell (1713-1756)	Architect/builder/craftsmen	
Original use Residence/plantation		
Present owner Dr. W.E.S. Flory	Source of name Dr. W. E. S. Flory	
Present owner address 5299 Saratoga Dr. Woodbridge, VA 22193	Source of date Dr. W. E. S. Flory	
Present use Residence/farm	Stories )	
Acreage 146 - 158 acres	Foundation and wall const'n )	N/A
	Roof type )	

State condition of structure and environs      Good

State potential threats to structure      None  
 Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential?      yes  no       House already listed. Parson Weems was first biographer of George Washington.

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

The cemetery at Bel Air plantation is located on a winding road just north of the brick plantation house. Most of the markers are 20th century replacements and the cemetery is set among mature box, azaleas, and large oak trees. The stones are for the Ewell and Weems families who were closely associated with the construction of Bel Air Plantation.

Interior inspected?  
 N/A

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

Many of the grave sites at the Ewell family cemetery on Bel Air Plantation are unmarked. The stones were removed by developers, circa 1900, to make the plantation more marketable. Some of the markers were later replaced by the Virginia Conservation Department to commemorate the burial site of Parson Mason Locke Weems (1759-1825), the first biographer of George Washington. The builder of Bel Air, Charles Ewell (1713-1756) is also buried here. He was the son of the Scottish immigrant architect, also Charles Ewell, who came to Williamsburg to work on the Capitol. Charles Ewell's granddaughter, Fannie Ewell who was married to Parson Weems was buried here in 1843. Col. Jesse Ewell, Charles Ewell's son was buried here in 1805.

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

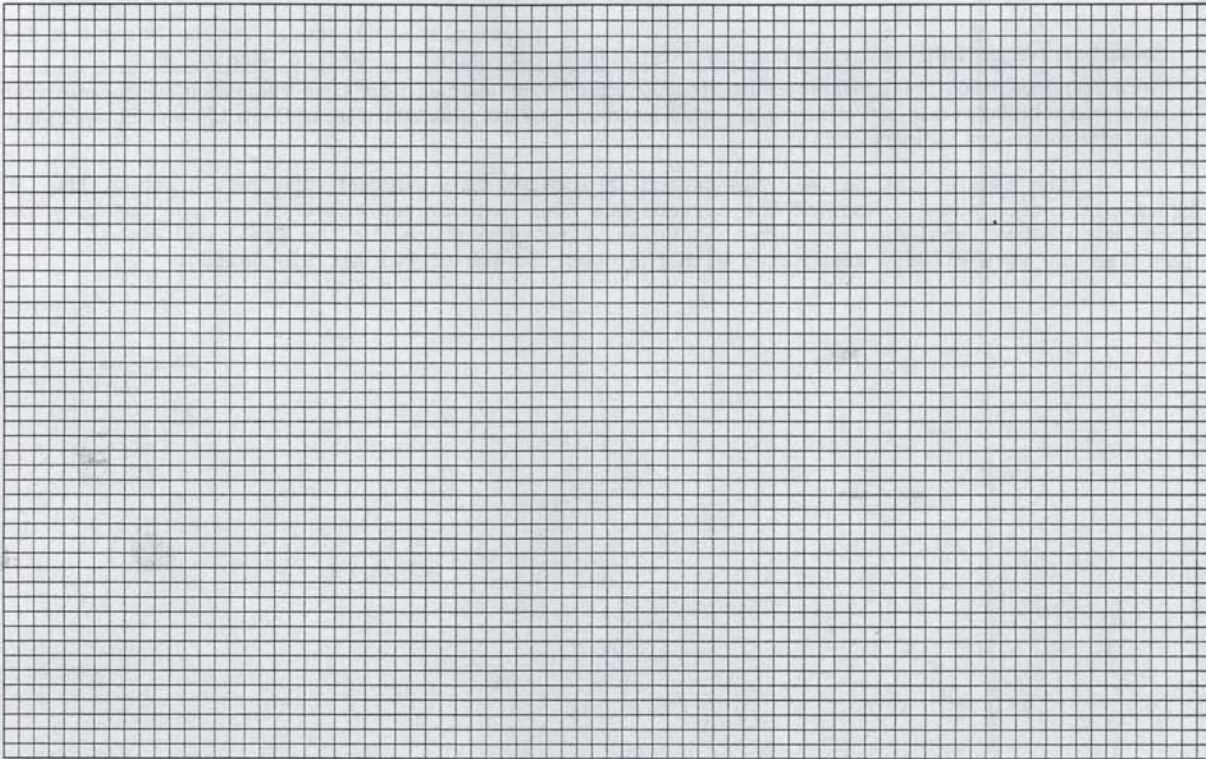
Prince William: The Story of Its People & Its Places  
Richmond, VA: Whittet & Shepperson, reprinted 1976.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

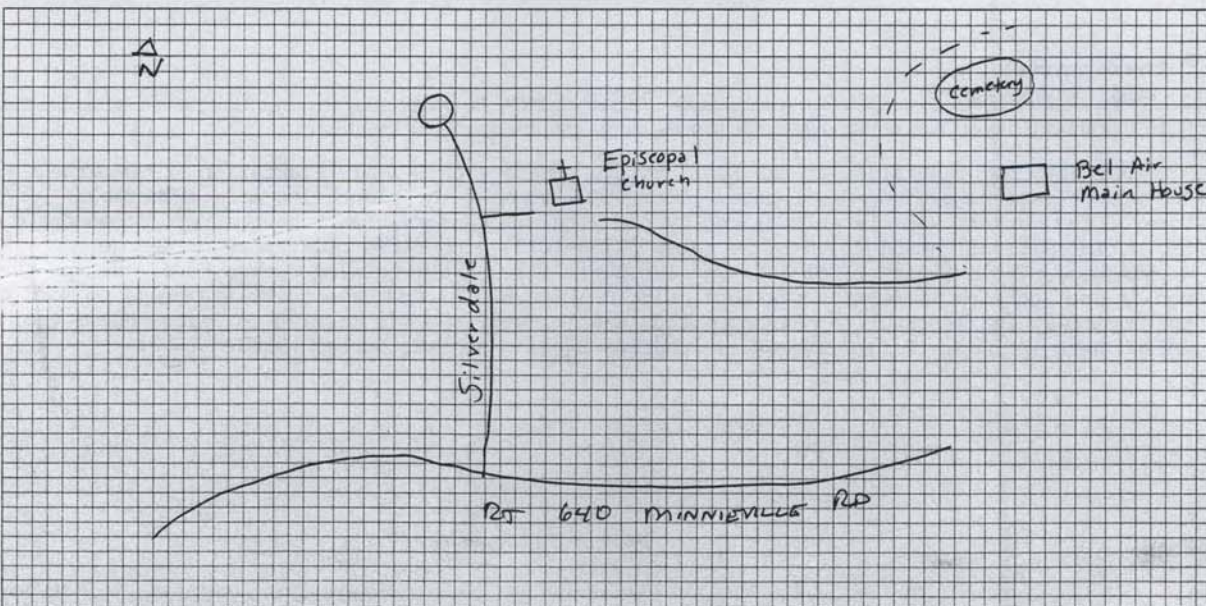
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Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials;  
give location.)

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder Bill Polhill, Frazier Assoc.

Date 6/87

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