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NOTE	Class: Home		
NOTE	Building date: Unknown		
NOTE	Building plan: Square, rectangular		
NOTE	Number of stories: 2		
NOTE	Building material: Log		
NOTE	Location: 1 mile south of Haymarket off Rt. 604.		
NOTE	Primary owners: John Tyler, James McCrea, Oscar Demory family		
NOTE	Antiques described: Bedroom furniture, sewing table, sideboard, bedspread		
NOTE	Also known as: Meadow Farm		
NOTE	At one time the place was thought to be a store. There is also a fine set of medical books and library here, other volumes having been sent to the Library of Congress.		
NOTE	Includes description of the house and site.		
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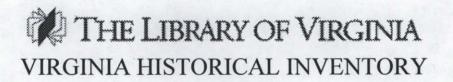
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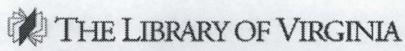
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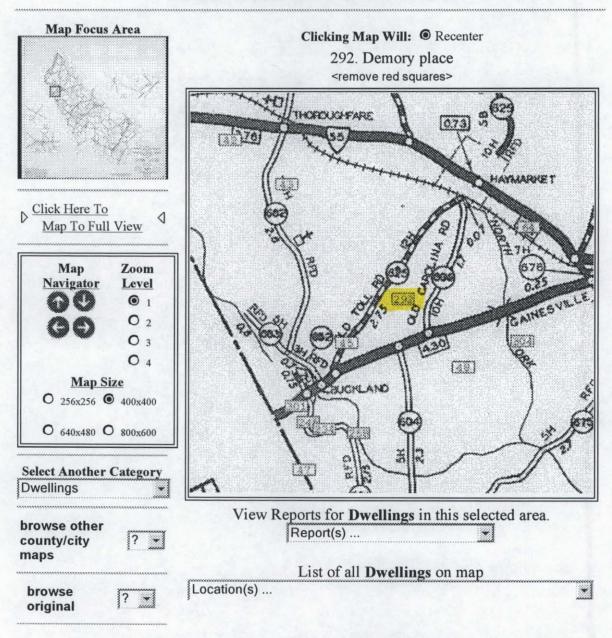
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1. SUBJECT:

Demory Place.

2. LOCATION:

A little over 1 mile south of Haymarket, Virginia, on Route #604, and perhaps a bit over .8 mile from the Lee Highway, 2.5 miles south of Gainsville, Virginia.

3. DATE:

Unknown.

4. OWNERS:

The early records of this place cannot be found, but John Tyler sold "Meadow Farm" to James W.F.McCrea, in 1838, as is recorded in Deed Book 21, folio 232.

There is a record, Deed Book 37, folio 473, of 56 acres s by Eppa Hunton, Special Commissioner, to Oscar Demory, " of land beginning at Dr. J.F.W.McCrea's Meadow Farm", an will owned by the widow of Oscar Demory contains the foll extract: "Randolph Tyler and Margaret Demory (she was the mother of Oscar Demory) seven acres on the Carolina Road was the old Carolina Road) for one dollar paid". The plac now contains over one hundred acres, and has been owned a occupied by the late Oscar Demory, since the above date, according to his widow who still lives there.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The log part of this house is undoubtedly very old. Ther are no nails used in putting the logs together, but they morticed, and the other wood work is fastened by shop mad nails. The setting is close to the road, and it is said there was another part of the house torn down many years. The upper story of the old part is very low pitched, and logs are chinked and daubed with mud that has withstood w is undoubtedly many years. There is little of interest in the exterior surroundings which have nothing to identify them with the past.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The history of this place is very meager. It is said the at one time it was used as a store. This does not seem all unlikely, as the old Carolina Road was a much travelone, and this was close to the junction of the Alexandria

Warrenton Turnpike, and not very far from the busy Buck Mills, but there seems no way to verify the story. Some of the personal property is of as much interest as house itself. There is a fine medical library which wa once the property of Dr. McCrea, who lived at "Meadow F and was very well known in the vicinity. How the books came to be here no one knows. There were, besides the medical library, other books of sufficient value to fin their way into the Library of Congress. All the books bespeak an owner of cultivated taste and versatile inte There are several interesting pieces of furniture, nota a spool bed, and the furniture to go with it, a sewing which is very good, and a sideboard. But the chief tre which is sometimes shown the visitor is a hand-woven be spread, of an intricate and very lovely design, made by grandmother of Mrs. Demory. It is blue, the typical bl of that style of bed cover, and a red which is almost a rust. All is most beautifully done, and in perfect con tion...

- 7. ART:
- 8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Mr. George Tyler, Haymarket, Virginia, Mrs. Oscar Demory, Haymarket, Virginia, Miss Josie Delaplane, Buckland, Virginia.

Prince William County Court Records.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING CALLED FOR IN 5-A, of BULLETIN 3400

Name of Building	DEMORY PLACE.
1	EXTERIOR
1. Building Plan Square	, addition changed place to
2. No. of stories: (2	rectangular.) Attio classed as 1/2 story,
3. Material: Brick ()	Frame () Stone () Log (
4. If brick, state what b	ond, Flemish () English () Common () Other
5. Kind of roof: Hip ()	Gabled (X) Gambrel () Lean-to () Deck ()
	draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
7, Roof Material: Slate	() Shingle (X) Replaced by composition. Replaced by composition. Tile ()
8. Chimneys: Number (1)	Brick () Stone (x) Location South end.
9, Weatherboarding:	None Beaded () Plain ()
10. Cornices: Plain or El	aborate Plain Material Wood
11. Windows: Number (8)	Size and number of panes 12 panes, 6x8" and
12. Shutters, Describe:	None 8x10".
- 13. Dormers: Number, and	Shape of roof None
14. Porch: Small,	in rear.
15. Type of Entrance.	Batten door.
16. Columns: Dorio ().	Ionic () Corinthian () Square ()
	INTERIOR
17. No. of Rooms: (5) La	arge (1) Small (4) Approximate ceiling height_
18, Stairway: Open String	() Closed String () Describe: Enclosed .
19. Collary Describe	None
20. Doors: Style and ty	pe of wood Batten, and covered with many
	Probably pine.
21. Walls: Panelled, paper	red or painted Whitewashed.
22. Interior Cornices	None.