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NOTE	Class: Home, cemetery
NOTE	Building date: Unknown
NOTE	Building plan: L-shaped
NOTE	Number of stories: 2
NOTE	Building material: Frame
NOTE	Location: 14 miles south of Manassas on Rt. 619.
NOTE	Primary owners: Wesley Cole, George Weedon family, Ann Ellicott
NOTE	The Ellicott family were significant colonial American figures. Andrew and John founded Ellicott City, Md., Andrew was chief surveyor of Washington, D. C. and John was a map maker, creating the first map of Buffalo, N.Y. Nathaniel came to Occoquan and operated several mills and a stage line.
NOTE	Includes description of the house and site. The Ellicott family cemetery is nearby.
NOTE	Includes transcription of 1809 deed for the stage line.
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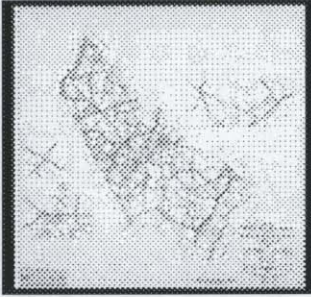
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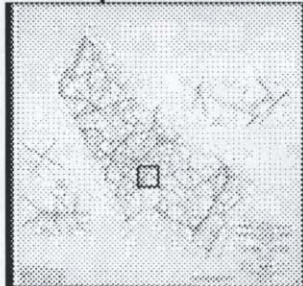
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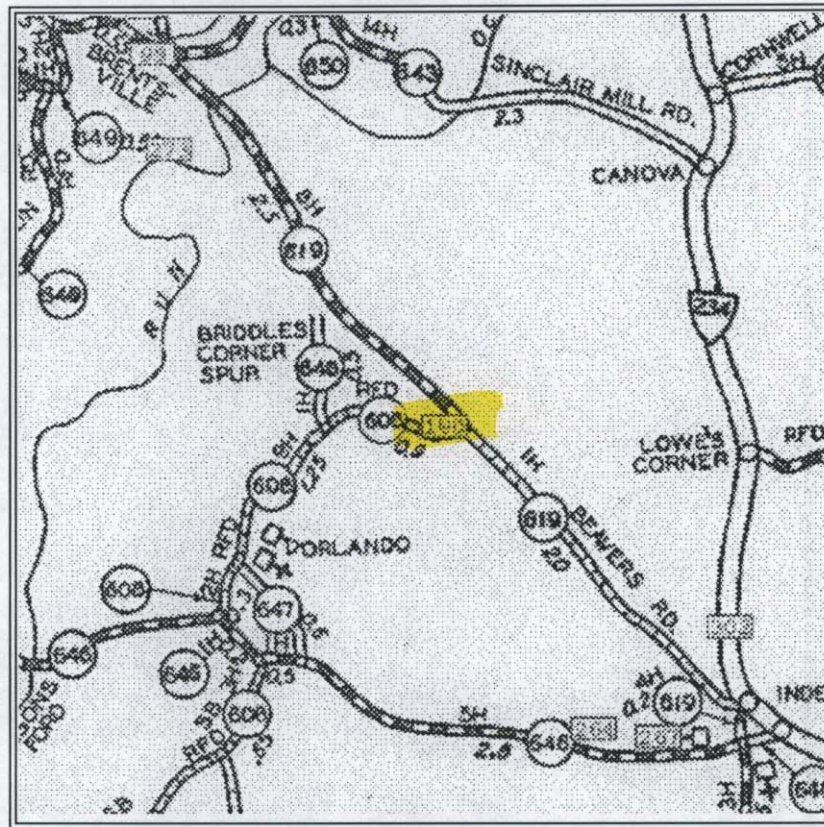
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COUNTY: Prince William

CLASS: Home

Cemetery

" E L D O N "

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Research made by
Susan R. Morton,
Herndon, Virginia

September 10, 1937

1. SUBJECT:

" Eldon".

2. LOCATION:

11 miles south of Manassas, Virginia on Route #608; thence on Route #614 to Brentsville, Virginia; thence on Route #619 3 miles, right side of road.

3. DATE:

Unknown.

4. OWNERS:

This was a part of a large tract of land and close to the original "Brent Town". The first record of the particular part is found in Deed Book 13 folio 350 dated 1835 from Wesley Cole to George Weedon. Sixty acres were allotted to Wesley Cole by division of the estate of Richard Cole, for the sum of \$113. Next is the transfer in 1870 of one acre for \$89,37 this was only a strip added on. There seems to be no record of the sale of the remainder to Ellicott. This deed found in Deed Book 21, folio 260 is from Ferdinand Weedon to Ann Eliza Ellicott.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The great oaks that stand like sentinals over the house are the striking feature of this place. While the house has a charm and homelike atmosphere, it is not notable for any architectural detail. It is surrounded by an old garden, and on the north side are some very fine old boxwood bushes. The house is weather beaten to a soft gray that blends with the surroundings. There is a narrow central hall from which opens the living room with a large fireplace. From this room a door opens into the kitchen, which is a very large room, taking up the entire "L". This room also has a large fireplace.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

To the east of the house is the graveyard, a well cared for plot with box bushes and other shrubs, at the rear is an unusually large dogwood tree. Many of the old graves are marked with common field stones with no inscriptions. These are a few inscriptions: "Wm. J. Ellicott, born March 15, 1840 died October 6th, 1916. Co. A. 49th Virginia Cavalry. He was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness."

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Mary E. Ellicott, born Oct. 8, 1866, died Nov. 12th, 1881.

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Mother, Emma L. Ellicott, Sept. 7th, 1843, Oct. 11th, 1921.

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Elizabeth S. Deats, born Oct. 11th, 1813, died Feb. 8th, 1898

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Robert Dears. Born May 15th. 1812. died May 24. 1904.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: (Continued)

While this land was a part of the old Brent Town section, and there are no doubt many historic connections, there is no way of verifying them. The present occupants of the house are direct descendents of the Ellicott family that came here from Engalnd in the 18th century and made their mark in many places. There were three brothers, all pioneers and founders of the milling industry in America. Joseph, built Ellicott Upper Mills on the Patapsco River in Maryland in 1781. Ellicott city on the Fredericksburg Turnpike, in Maryland, was founded by Andrew and John Ellicott. In March 1791 when L'Enfant was appointed to superintend the laying out of Washington, D.C., Andrew Ellicott was the principal surveyor. Buffalo is indebted to Joseph Ellicott for his foresight and perseverance for the secession by the Seneca Indians to the Holland Land Company of the land on which the city of Buffalo now stands. He will always be remembered for his surveys of much of New York state. There is scarcely a deed recorded or a mortgage foreclosed without reference to the maps made by him for the Holland Company. He made the original map of New Amsterdam in 1804 the name being changed to Buffalo in 1812. The younger brother, Nathaniel, came to Occoquan and acquired the mills there and the Ballandine house on the rocks, now known as "Rock Ledge". The Ellicotts were Quakers and it was as tutor to the Ellicott children in Occoquan that John Davis came to that place and left a rich memento of his sojourn in Prince William County in his book "Four Years of Travel in America". The following item was found in Deed Book 4 folio 19 and shows that the Ellicotts had other interests besides the Mills in Occoquan. " This indenture made the first day of June 1809 between Hazelwood Parish of Fredericksburg, Virginia of the first part and Thomas Triplett of the Town and County of Alexandria, D.C. of the second part and Nathaniel Ellicott of the Third Part; Whereas the said Nathaniel Ellicott has sold to the said Hazelwood Parish his line of stages running between Alexandria and Dumfries, consisting of two large stages and two mail stages, also including the stable and lot on which it stands, as now used and owned by the said Ellicott in Dumfries, who has twenty-four horses, such as the said Parish may choose from those now running for the said line." This was sold for \$2266. After Nathaniel Ellicott's death, the property in Occoquan was taken over by the Janey(s) and the family moved farther back in the County, where they have resided ever since.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Mr. Wm. Ellicott, of Orlando, Mr. Wm. Green, Miss Maud Ewell of Haymarket, Virginia, Mrs. F. A. Barnes, Occoquan, Virginia.

Court Records, Clerk's Office, Prince William County, Manassas, Virginia.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING CALLED FOR IN 3686
5-A. of BULLETIN 3400

Name of Building " E L D O N "

EXTERIOR

- 1. Building Plan " L " Cellar ()
- 2. No. of stories: (2) Attic classed as 1/2 story.
- 3. Material: Brick () Frame () Stone () Log ()
- 4. If brick, state what bond: Flemish () English () Common () Other ()
- 5. Kind of roof: Hip () Gabled () Gambrel () Lean-to () Deck ()
- 6. If church, describe or draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
- 7. Roof Material: Slate () ^{was} Shingle () ^{now} Metal () Tile ()
- 8. Chimneys; Number (2) Brick () Stone () Location Ends
- 9. Weatherboarding: Yes Beaded () Plain ()
- 10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate Plain Material Wood
- 11. Windows: Number (15) Size and number of panes 12 panes, 10 X 12
- 12. Shutters: Describe: Not old
- 13. Dormers: Number, and Shape of roof None
- 14. Porch: Across entire front and side
- 15. Type of Entrance: Wide four panel door
- 16. Columns: Doric () Ionic () Corinthian () Square ()

INTERIOR

- 17. No. of Rooms: (7) Large (6) Small () Approx. ceiling height. 8 Ft
- 18. Stairway: Open String () Closed String () Describe: Boxed in
- 19. Cellar: Describe One room, for storage
- 20. Doors: Style and type of wood Pine or poplar four panel
- 21. Walls: Panelled, papered or painted Ceiled and papered
- 22. Interior Cornices Chair rails
- 23. Hardware: Locks and hinges Common iron