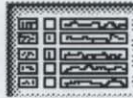

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<b>NOTE</b>	Building date: Prior to 1779
<b>NOTE</b>	Building material: Log
<b>NOTE</b>	Location: 1 mile southeast of Haymarket on Rt. 55.
<b>NOTE</b>	Primary owners: William Skinker, John Blight family
<b>NOTE</b>	The present house stands several hundred yards to the west of the original site.
<b>NOTE</b>	Blight's are direct descendents of John Dunlop, printer of the Declaration of Independence. Dunlop was given the table on which the Declaration was signed. It has passed down to the Blights and resides here.
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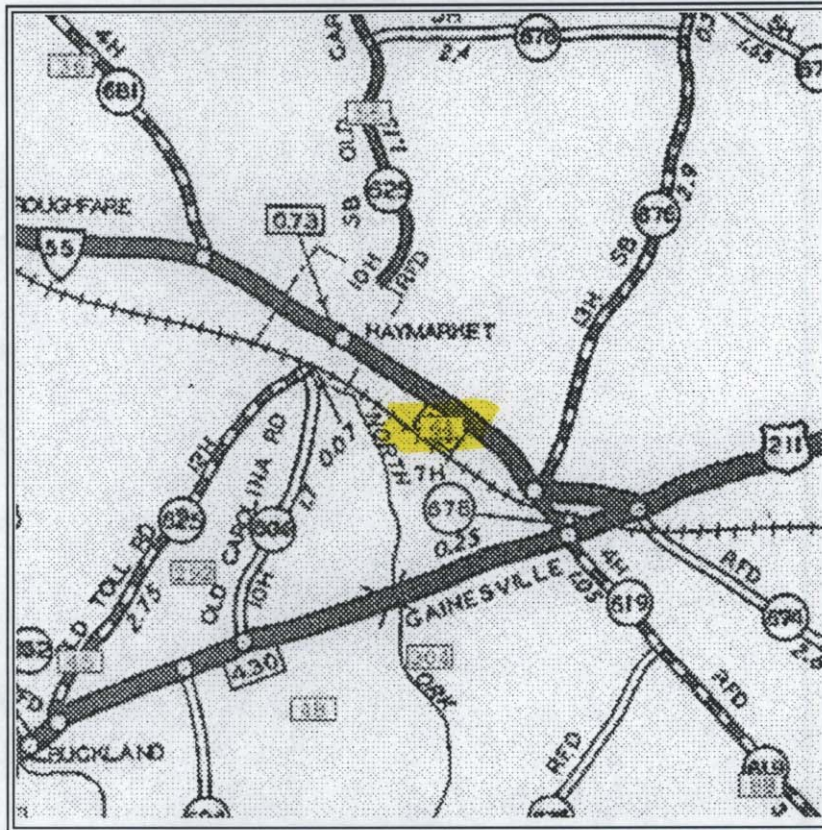
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COUNTY: Prince William

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"GREEN HILL" SITE

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Haymarket, Virginia.

February 4, 1937.



1. SUBJECT:

"Green Hill" Site.

2. LOCATION:

One mile southeast of Haymarket, Virginia, south side of Route #55.

3. DATE:

There is no way to ascertain the exact date when the old house was built, it has been gone for many years, but it was the home of the founder of Haymarket in 1779, the date is of course prior to that.

4. OWNERS:

The land here was a part of the Mann Page grant, but the transfer to William Skinker, I have been unable to find, as yet. At any rate, Captain Samuel Skinker was established as a merchant on the Rappahannock as early as 1722. William Skinker was one of his descendants, and settled at what was then called "Red House", now the town of Haymarket. There are numerous references to him in the county records at the Court House, and it was he who laid out the town and sold the land.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The house at "Green Hill" is described by those who have heard their elders talk of it as of log construction, center entrance, and a long porch in front. There is nothing now to show where the old house stood but a pile of stones from the chimneys that have long since fallen. Until a few years ago, the unusually large spring that supplied the old house with water could be seen, but after several horses had been drowned there, it was filled in.

The original house stood several hundred yards to the west of the present house, which was built about fifty years ago. It was the home of the late John Blight, who had married a Chapman of the family that made the mills at Thoroughfare Gap of considerable renown, and who had come from the lower part of the county. It now belongs to the sons of Mr. John Blight, who make it their home.



#### 6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The greatest interest attached to this site is the relic that it once housed, and which I think is not generally known to be in Prince William County, the table upon which the Declaration of Independence was signed. It is a mahogany table with a drawer, a beautiful and interesting piece of furniture, but one touches it with a sense of awe, that here in this community, so far from the spot where the great event took place, this mute participant is located.

The table originally belonged to John Dunlop, Printer in Philadelphia, the one who printed the first copy of the Declaration of Independence, and it was given to him as a mark of appreciation for it. Mr. George Blight is a direct descendant of John Dunlop, and it was left to him by his uncle, Mr. George Blight of Philadelphia, together with some other valuable, if not so historic pieces of furniture.

#### 7. ART:

#### 8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Mr. George Blight, owner.

Court Records, Prince William County, Virginia.