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NOTE	Class: Home
NOTE	Building date: 1770
NOTE	Building plan: L-shaped
NOTE	Number of stories: 3
NOTE	Building material: Frame
NOTE	Antiques described: Wedgewood china, furniture, Civil War military equipment
NOTE	Location: 4.5 miles southeast of Nokesville on Rt. 606.
NOTE	Primary owners: William Foote, Sanford Howison, George Colvin family
NOTE	The house was used as a headquarters by the Union army. Antique roses and other flowers still grow in the original garden.
NOTE	Includes detailed description of the house, interior and site.
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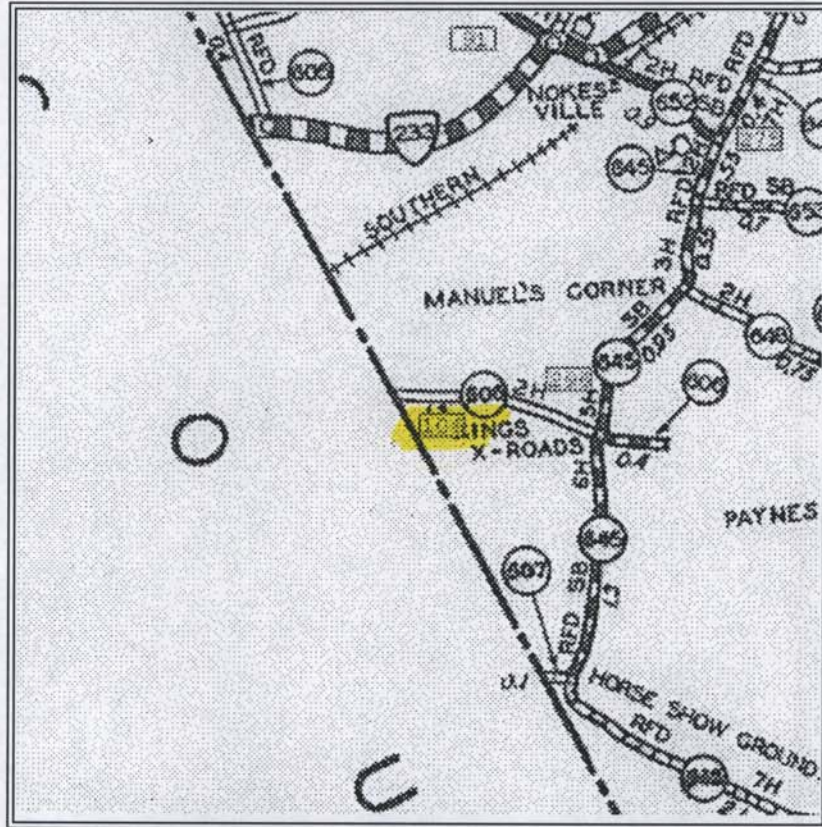
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COUNTY: Prince William

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--- "HAZELWOOD" ---

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July 13, 1937

1. SUBJECT:

Colvin Place, or "Hazelwood".

2. LOCATION:

About 1 mile southeast of Nokesville, Virginia, on Route #65 thence about 2.5 miles south west on Route #645, thence west a mile on Route #606, south side of road.

3. DATE:

1770.

4. OWNERS:

William Foote.
Sanford Howison.
George Colvin.
Colvin family, present owners.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The Colvin Place, or "Hazelwood" as it was once known, is built on an elevation which commands a fine view of the countryside. It was once surrounded by large trees, but time and storms have done their worst, and there are few left today. However the huge stumps left testify their presence. The plan is unusual, as it has had additions at various times. Formerly the two back rooms and large pantry were connected with the other part of the house by a porch, but this being very inconvenient, as well as cold in the winter, a connecting room was added. These rooms are evidently the oldest part of the house, and the chimney at this end is very interesting. It measures nineteen feet at the base, and is boat shape, has a window in the center and is very well built, are the other chimneys. This chimney is the outstanding feature of the house.

The large outside kitchen is still standing, and in good condition. This too has a large fireplace. The peaked roof smoke house is still standing, but the numerous outbuildings and cabins which were a part of the plantation have been gone for years.

The interior of the house is highly interesting. The hall and drawing room have some very fine hand carving. The main hall is especially lovely, with its fluted columns, sunburst in the panels, all most exquisitely executed. There is a high wainscoting, and altogether it is a stately and imposing. The hall is large and enriched by the same fine hand work characterizes the drawing room.

The beautiful double door has a night bar still in use and

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one hundred and fifty years. There is a fan-shaped trans over the door, and the casings have the same fluted paneling which distinguishes the mantel in the drawing room. The staircasing is elaborately carved in wall of Troy design. The general plan of the house is difficult to describe as it has no definite pattern. One goes up a few steps to this room, and down a few steps to the next. There are narrow halls and passageways, and closets where least expected. The inner window in the hall on the third floor that was made to give light to the stairway, is unusual. There were fireplaces in every room, but many of them have been closed and stoves substituted. However some very nice ones remain on the second and third floors. The two old rooms in the rear of the house, now used as dining room and kitchen are panelled, or rather sheathed entirely in wide boards of heart pine. There is an enclosed stairway which leads from the dining room to the room above. The chimney closet is very large, extending far back along the wall, and has as much storage space as is found in rest rooms on most plantations.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Kettle Run Creek is about one fourth of a mile distant from the house, and formerly a road ran parallel with the Creek. The house faced on this road. Now there is nothing left to show that a road ever existed except here and there a bit of the bed which is overgrown with trees, and a few fallen abutments where a bridge crossed the stream. The house faces the garden today, and the road by which it is approached is not much travelled. The old house is not known to the casual passer-by.

During the War Between the States, "Hazelwood" had its spacious drawing room used as headquarters by officers of the Union Army.

Despite time, and the ravages of war, there are many bits of the old garden left, plants that are rarely found today. These roses, Scottish bluebells, and a vine called "Hexagon rose", which is not a rose at all, but belongs to the convolvulus family. These flowers have been growing on the place for generations. Many now rare shrubs and plants found here are specimens of those planted by the Foote family in Prince William County, Virginia.

The interior of "Hazelwood" holds many treasures for the lovers of antiques. There are some fine old pieces of wood and glass, including several bits of lovely Wedgwood. There are interesting pieces of furniture, including desks, chairs, four-poster beds, in fact a regular store house of treasures. In the store room on the third floor are to be found old saddle-bags, canteens, muskets, old sabres, and various souvenirs of war. Hanks of flax, grown and spun on the tobacco, likewise grown there, and has been there for thirty

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were a part of every housewife's lore, and many other quaint relics of by gone days are salvaged here.

The land on which this house was built was a part of the original Foote plantation. The Foote plantation was a part of the old Brent tract which was proposed as a Town but was never more than a paper town. It was owned and occupied by the Howison family, but came to them through inheritance.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Mr. Charles Reading, Nokesville, Virginia,
Mrs. Colvin, Nokesville, Virginia,
Mr. William Elliott, Orlando, Virginia.

Prince William County Court Records:

Deed Book 20, folio 28.

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

Name of Building "HAZELWOOD"

EXTERIOR

- 1. Building Plan "L" Cellar ()
- 2. No. of stories: (3) 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 () Shingle () Metal () Tile ()
- 8. Chimneys: Number (4) Brick () Stone () Location Side, middle ends.
- 9. Weatherboarding: Pine Beaded () Plain ()
- 10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate Plain Material Wood
- 11. Windows: Number (23) Size and number of panes 15 panes, 6x8"
- 12. Shutters: Describe: None
- 13. Dormers: Number, and Shape of roof None
- 14. Porch: Three, front and sides.
- 15. Type of Entrance: Double door in front. Three side entrance
- 16. Columns: Doric () Ionic () Corinthian () Square ()

INTERIOR

- 17. No. of Rooms: (10) Large () Small () Approximate ceiling height 9 II
- 18. Stairway: Open String () Closed String () Describe: Three flights
Border hand carved, wall of Troy design.
- 19. Cellar: Describe Large room under front part of house.
- 20. Doors: Style and type of wood Six panel. Some walnut; some
- 21. Walls: Panolled, papered or painted Papered and painted. Very
wainscoting.
- 22. Interior Cornices: In drawing room and hall.