



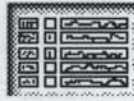
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<b>NOTE</b>	Map location number: PW48
<b>NOTE</b>	Class: Home and graveyard
<b>NOTE</b>	Building date: Prior to 1838
<b>NOTE</b>	Building material: Frame
<b>NOTE</b>	Location: 2 miles west of Gainesville off Rt. 211.
<b>NOTE</b>	Primary owners: James MaCrea, James Hall, Raleigh Strother
<b>NOTE</b>	The house burned about 1917, along with the many outbuildings. There are the remains of a graveyard nearby.
<b>NOTE</b>	Includes information from tombstone inscriptions.
<b>NOTE</b>	Includes description of the house and site.
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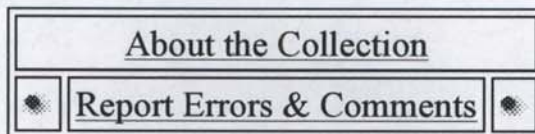
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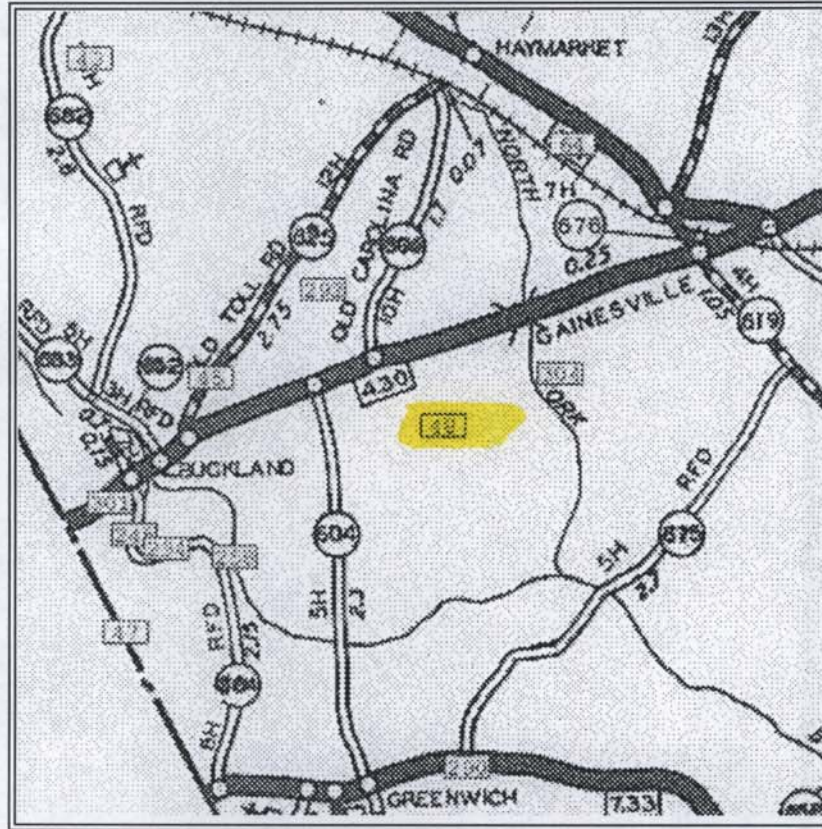
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"MEADOW FARM" SITE

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## 1. SUBJECT:

Meadow Farm Site.

## 2. LOCATION:

South of Warrenton, Virginia, Alexandria Turnpike, now Route #211, two miles west of Gainesville, Virginia, to the gate, thence one fourth of a mile by private road.

## 3. DATE:

The exact date is not known, but it is said that it was considered an old house seventy-five years ago. The first record that it has been possible to find at the Court House in the transfers from John Tyler to James W. F. Macrea in 1838, and recorded in Deed Book 21, folio 232. The house was standing at that time.

## 4. OWNERS:

The transfer noted in number three is the first reference that there seems to be. The Tyler tract was a large one and several farms in the community came from that land originally, but there is no record of it in any of the existing books. The next transfer was in 1898, recorded in Deed Book 58, folio 270. From Maria Macrea, widow of Dr. James W. F. Macrea, to James and Jessie Hall of Washington, D. C. and again in 1928 from the latter to Raleigh Strother. It is now owned by the Fauquier National Bank of Warrenton, Virginia.

## 5. DESCRIPTION:

"Meadow Farm" is but the ghost of a beautiful home to day, the house having been destroyed by fire some twenty years ago. The foundation, which is of stone, measures forty by fifteen feet. The chimneys are gone, having been torn down for the stone and brick. There are none of the old buildings left save one crumbling cab

The striking feature of the place today is the remain of the grove of unusually fine trees; many of them have been cut down, but the stumps will testify to their existence. There still remain several splendid old Kentucky Coffey berry trees and a large honey locust, also several fine oaks.

I have talked with several who remember the house when it was a home whose hospitality was well known. It was of frame, very finely built, with a central hall, the chimneys were very large, and likewise the fireplaces. There was an outer kitchen at the end, and numerous cabins of log and other out buildings that surrounded the yard, that were either torn down or destroyed in the fire. The gardens here were said to have been very fine; there are still the wraiths of the boxwoods that appeared to have bordered the walk, some of them over sixteen feet tall, but sadly broken by the grazing cattle. There are many other shrubs, now broken to the ground, and here and there roses appear among the grass and weeds and sweet herbs send out a pungent scent as one steps on them in the tangle of herbage.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This was one of the noted places of Buckland at the time when the Lees, Washingtons, and Huntoms were all resident there.

Some three hundred feet to the southeast of the house, is the remains of the old graveyard. There was once a large and pretty cemetery, located in a grove of trees. There are numerous unmarked graves, but only one that has any inscription. I have learned, on good authority, from people who have lived for years in the neighborhood, that one of the late <sup>owners</sup> took up stones that were not too close to trees and plowed up the land for a corn field, and from the location of the present corn field and also of the graves that are left, it seems as if it could well be a fact.

The one stone with any markings is inscribed "Louisa Tyler died -----" part of the stone chipped off.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Miss Lora Glascock, Gainesville, Virginia, Miss Josie Delaplane, Buckland, Virginia, and Mr. George Tyler, Haymarket, Virginia.

Court Records, Prince William County, Virginia.