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NOTE	Building plan: Rectangular
NOTE	Number of stories: 2
NOTE	Building material: Frame
NOTE	Location: 7 miles north of Haymarket on Rt. 601.
NOTE	Primary owners: Burwell, Tyler, Forsythe family, Thomas Smith
NOTE	A smith's shop stood nearby and during the Civil War, Confederate cavalry would stop here to shod their horses without fear of discovery. The shop is gone, but pieces of iron and horsehoes scatter the ground.
NOTE	The Forsythe family graveyard is nearby. Soldiers are also buried here.
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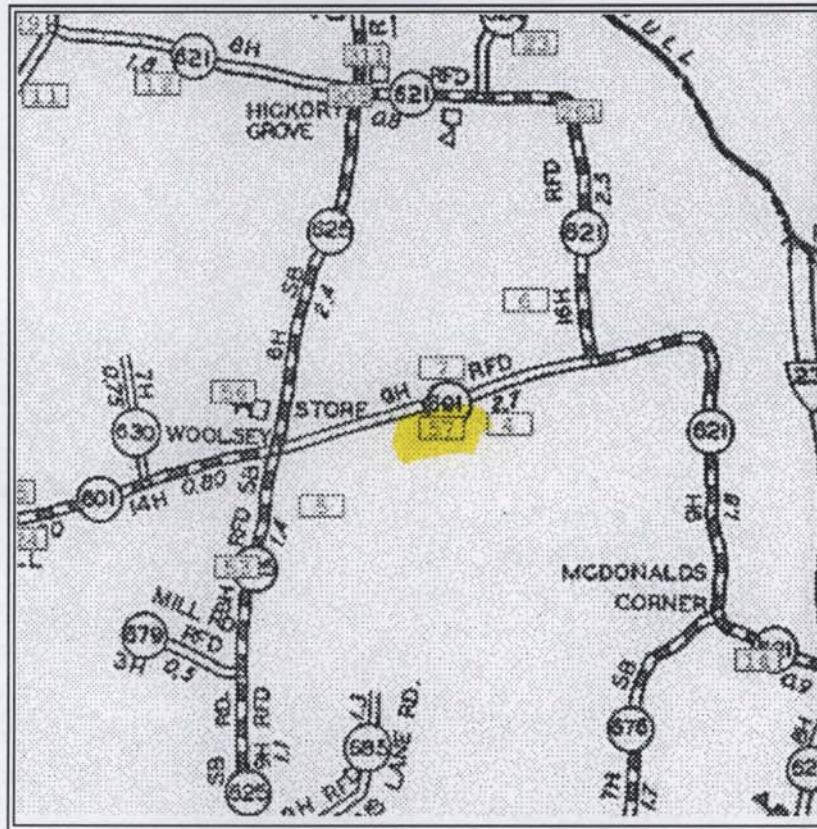
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COUNTY: Prince William

CLASS : Home

--- " THE HOMESTEAD " ---

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Research made by

Susan Rogers Morton,
Haymarket, Virginia.

March 18, 1937.

1. SUBJECT:

"The Homestead"

2. LOCATION:

6 miles north of Haymarket, Virginia, on Route #601,
thence 1 mile east on the same road.

3. DATE:

Unknown.

4. OWNERS:

----- Burwell

----- Tyler

----- Forsythe

Forsythe heirs

Thomas Smith

to 1907

1907 to the present date.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The beautiful oaks that form a grove about this house, the massive "trees of Paradise" and ancient box that surround the house, make the name "Homestead" seem quite perfect, if the house, even from a distance, looks, lived in, and beloved. The largest box, which nearly has the proportions of a tree, came from Mount Vernon (so the story goes) near a hundred years ago, and the others are all from slips taken from the bush.

There is nothing of special interest to describe about the interior other than what is on the architectural sheet. The atmosphere of the place is more arresting than any other tangible thing.

Some three hundred feet to the west of the house is the graveyard, a 1/4 acre, covered with English Ivy and filled with box and other shrubs. There are numerous graves that have no inscriptions. Some are soldiers graves.

Inscriptions:

In memory of James Forsythe

Born May 24th, 1804

died February 14th, 1886, aged 81 years.

Cecelia B. Forsythe, died Dec 30th, 1870, aged 80 years.

Jane C. Forsythe, born December 15th 1840, died December 27th, 1906, aged 65.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

About one-tenth of a mile from the house, there once stood a smith's shop. This was in operation for many years before the War, and the owner, a man named Moore lived in the log house mentioned before. During the War this was a spot much frequented by the soldiers as it was secluded and they could have the horses shod with little fear of apprehension. It is said that Mosby came here, as well as many others perhaps less famous. All traces of the shop has been gone for many years, but there are still bits of iron found, old horse shoes, and a few years ago, an old wheel that evidently came from an Army wagon.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: R. B. Gossam.
Mr. Smith.
Mrs. Geo. Smith, formerly Miss Forsythe.

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

Deed Book	26	Folio	560
Will "	W	"	370

3686

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

Name of Building " THE HOMESTEAD "

EXTERIOR

1. Building Plan Rectangular Cellar (X)
2. No. of stories: (2) Attic classed as 1/2 story.
3. Material: Brick () Frame (X) Stone () Log ()
4. If brick, state what bond: Flemish () English () Common () Other ()
5. Kind of roof: Hip () Gabled (X) Gambrel () Lean-to () Deck ()
6. If church, describe or draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
Shingles recently replaced with tin.
7. Roof Material: Slate () Shingle () Metal () Tile ()
8. Chimneys: Number (2) Brick () Stone (X) Location North end, cen
9. Weatherboarding: Yes Beaded (X) Plain ()
10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate None Material
11. Windows: Number (20) Size and number of panes Some 8 X 10, mostly re
12. Shutters: Describe: None
13. Dormers: Number, and Shape of roof 2, gabled.
14. Porch: Entire front of house.
15. Type of Entrances: Two front entrances, 5 panel doors.
16. Columns: Doric () Ionic () Corinthian () Square ()

INTERIOR

17. No. of Rooms: (8) Large (1) Small (7) Approximate ceiling height 7
18. Stairway: Open String () Closed String () Describe: Enclosed stair
19. Cellar: Describe Two rooms, nothing of special interest.
20. Doors: Style and type of wood Some five, others four panel door
and two plain narrow boards.
21. Walls: Panelled, papered or painted Painted and papered.
22. Interior Cornices: None.