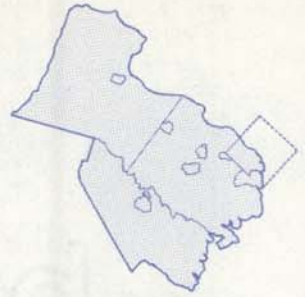


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Dear Don:

Here is a copy of a research paper written by Willard Webb, a student of VHLC Architectural Historian Dell Upton, for a course Upton taught this spring at George Washington University in Vernacular Architecture. The subject of the paper is the Monroe House, about which I have spoken many times at historical commission meetings. I think you will agree that Webb has done a very good job researching this house and has written it up in a readable and sensitive way. The fascinating details of the house's construction and the lives of former occupants of the house reflect the author's fine organization ability and straightforward writing style.

Before this article is lost in some file drawer or library shelf, I wonder, since this house has been subjected to a good deal of attention lately (It is in the path of the 234 Bypass and recently was recommended by the VHLC Review Committee to the National Register. In addition, the whole area around Wellington is slated for zoning change to industrial use, upon which the zoning administrators are presently deliberating.) whether it would be suitable for publication, perhaps in a northern Virginia history journal, as one of a collection of pieces on different historical sites perhaps published by the Pr. Wm. Historical Commission, or as a condensed newspaper article. It may also be fun to ask Mr. Webb to do an oral presentation before the Commission (with slides) on his research findings. Let me know what you think. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Frances

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Architectural Historian

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