

1. This was once apart of the old Page and tract, owned by Mann Page of Spottsylvania. It seems evident that he sold or gave one the life-time leases that he did to several, to Isaac Cunduff. I have looked up records at the Court House, but did not have time that day to search as well as I would like, and will try it again the next time I am there, and then send any information that I get along, to add to this. This was bought by Isaac Cunduff about 1753, 165 acres, very little of which was cleared at that time, and he hewed the logs from the place, and it is told by a lineal decedent of his who lives in Evanston, Ill, and whose letters I have in my possession, that while he was so engaged, that he was attacked by wolves, (there seems to be very good proof that there were wolves in upper Prince Wm in the middle of the 18th century) the old timbers are sound yet, and one can clearly trace the strokes of the broad axe. Cunduff, or rather his heirs, sold it to a man named Shaw, but as yet have not been able to find the date, nor when he sold it to a Mr Shirley, who cut the massive poplars, for by the width of the floor boards one can see that they were massive trees, and boarded over the house and put down other floors he remained there until 1851, when John T. Monroe bought it and made it his home until his death, the place was then divided, and one of his daughters, Miss Sue Monroe, took this portion together with 18 acres of land, she lived there until her death in 1919 when the place was sold to Miss Hallie Smith, the present owner and occupant.

The original house contained four rooms with a porch in front, that is gone now, and there were two rooms added in the time of Miss Monroe's occupancy. The massive beams that are at least twenty feet long are what impresses one most although there are two fine old mantle peices and what were once large fireplaces, they are now closed up to allow the use of stoves.

Miss Sue Monroe was a well known figure in the community, a ardent Church worker and patriot, she was born on what was a part of the battlefeild, and had always lived there and therefore was intensely interested in all things related to the war. there are still fine old roses and other growing things that she planted there many years ago. among them some fine old box, that was brought from the "Valley" 75 years ago.

To the southwest, is Stuart's Hill, it is here that Stuart' Battery placed one of their largest guns, the exact spot can be seen now, and had a range that went to the Douglas Farm near Groveton. when they commenced to shell, the Monroe family were ordered to the cellar, but Mrs Monroe, could not stand it there and remained the entire time on the porch, none of the shells hit the house, but they must have been uncomfortably near. This was the 29th of August 1862, and by that night the house and porch and the whole yard was strewn with wounded men.