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Historic Sites
(Moon Green)
**Brentsville House
Listed on Register**

Moor Green, an early 19th-century brick house erected off Lucasville Road in rural Prince William County by the Hooe family, is an outstanding country Federal residence. Its fine brickwork, handsome interior woodwork, and spacious rooms are representative of the best rural work of early Republican Virginia. However, its shed-roofed ell, its plan, and its "striped" three-course American bond brickwork are rare in Virginia and connect the house architecturally with dwellings of similar date in southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware

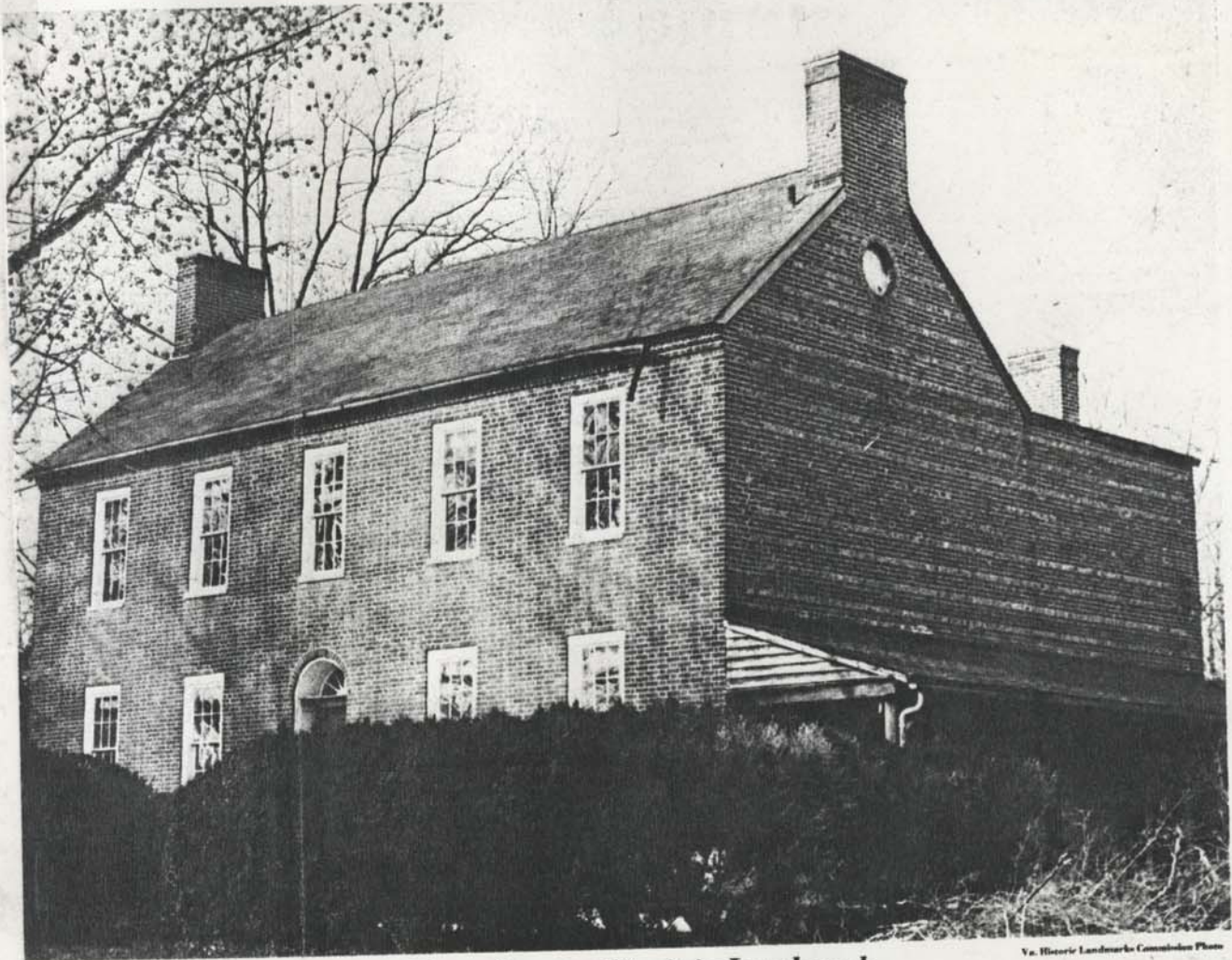
Originally part of a grant to the Chevalle family, the property on which Moor Green stands, "being part of a larger tract of land granted to Clement Chevalle and Lewis Reno...in 1711," was sold by Mary Ann Bronaugh and William Bronaugh to Howson Hooe in 1793.

In 1817 the Prince William land books reported that Hooe was living

"on the premises." The first separate valuation of buildings, in 1820, charged him with buildings worth \$4,000 standing on the 482-acre parcel that he had obtained from the Bronaughs. This valuation remained unchanged until Hooe's death, in 1833.

This suggests that the house, which Hooe called Moor Green in his will and which he bequeathed to his son James, was standing before 1820, although architectural evidence suggests that it was not build much before 1810. The valuation of the buildings on the property remained at \$4,000 until 1841, when it was reduced to \$1,000, implying that other buildings were then removed from the tract. At James Hooe's death in 1838, the property passed of his sister, Jane Hooe Reid Foster, who held it until her death in 1891.

The Moor Green tract has recently been purchased by Capital Realty of Manassas, which plans to develop it while retaining and renovating the house for residential use.



Va. Historic Landmarks Commission Photo

Moor Green a Virginia Landmark

A Brentsville house, Moor Green, which dates from about 1820, was recently added to the Virginia Landmarks Register. The Register includes

more than 750 buildings, districts and sites around the state having outstanding architectural, historical or archaeological value.