

Fire Damages Moor Green

Prince William County fire authorities suspect arson in the burning of the historic Moor Green Mansion off Lucasville Road Sunday afternoon.

Prince William County Fire Investigator Steve Gilbert said that there were piles of paper in the basement that had been set on fire.

"The fire caused damage to the first floor and basement," Inv. Gilbert said. He did not place any dollar amount on the damage. The fire from the basement burned through the first floor, he said.

The First Commercial Bank of Arlington is listed as owner of the house, and workmen have recently been restoring the historic structure, Inv. Gilbert said.

Built in the late 1700s, the brick mansion was a rectangular Georgian style typical of that period, according to *Old Virginia Houses Along the Fall Line*. Earliest records available in Prince William County indicate that Moor Green was willed by James Hooe, son of Howson Hooe III, to his sister, Jane, who passed it on to her husband, Redmon Foster.

The vacant Moor Green Mansion is located at 9850 Flint Rock Road, Manassas.

Firefighters from Manassas and Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Departments answered the call.

Inv. Gilbert said that an investigation is continuing and that there are no suspects in the case.



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Arson Suspected

Manassas VFC Captain Mo Stokely waters down the smoldering ashes of a fire Sunday at historic Moor Green mansion. Prince William fire officials say the

late 18th century structure was purposely set ablaze. At right is an exterior view of the brick house that was being renovated.



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