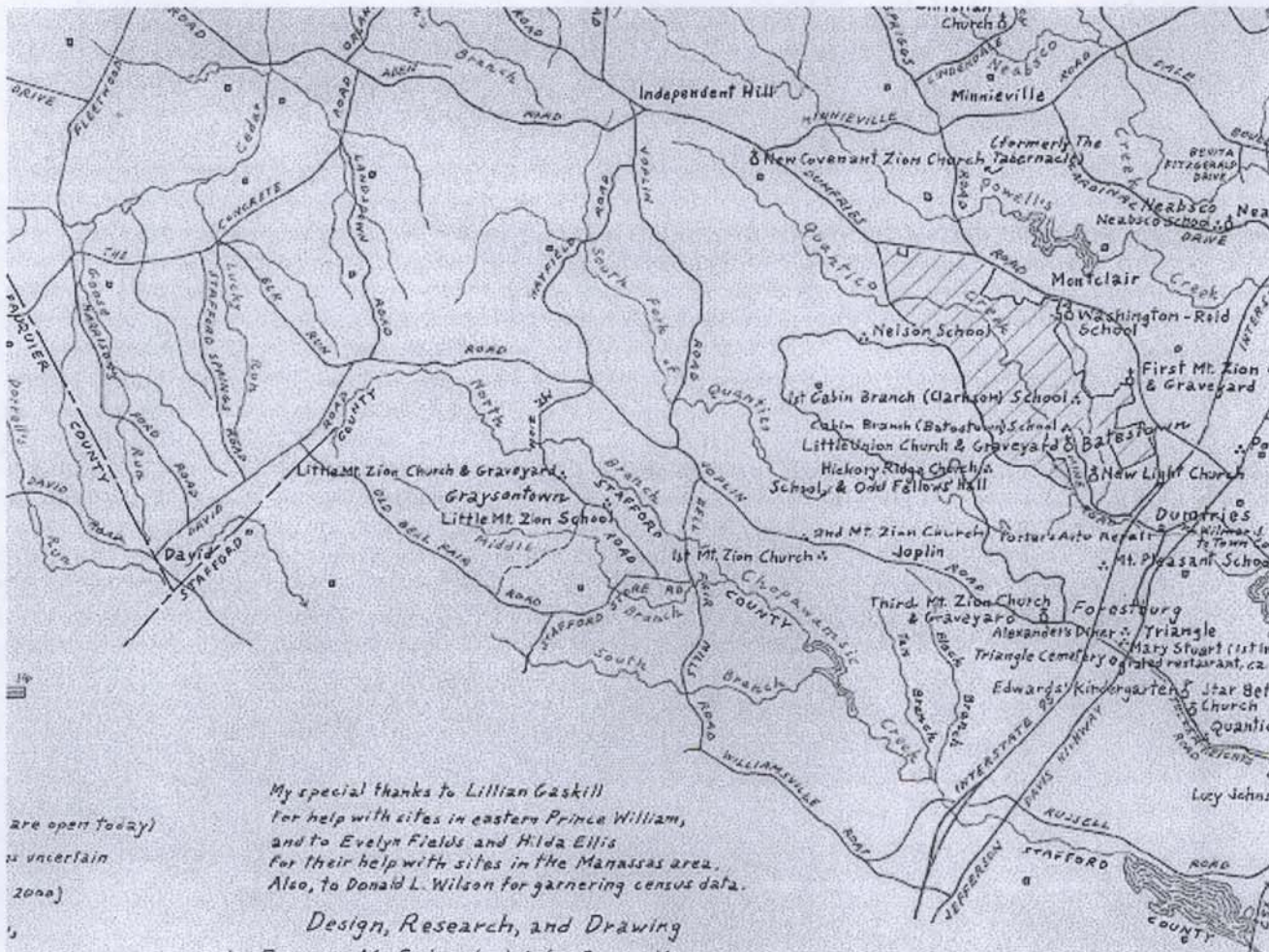


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The 1815 land tax lists shows Capt. John Fox at Oak Hill, 12 miles west of the courthouse (which was in Dumfries at the time). [Roger G. Ward, *1815 Directory of Virginia Landowners*, v. 4, Northern Region (Athens, Ga.: Iberian Pub. Co., 1999), p. 147] A map of Prince William County by Eugene Scheel [*Prince William County* (Historic Prince William, 1992)] shows the ruins of "Oak Hill," Trenis Road, Trenis's Church and Trenis's Store along Lansdown Road in the southwestern part of Prince William County, approximately 12 miles west of Dumfries. Martha Trenis is enumerated in the Lansdowne District in the 1860 Prince William County census. She is in Washington, D.C. in 1870. [see census images on Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest Online]

I have copied a portion of another map by Eugene Scheel below. On the left you will see Landsdown Road, running North/South between Concrete Road and Elk Run Road. On the west side of Landsdown Road is a small green dot, which indicates the site of a slave graveyard. This appears to be the approximate location of the former Oak Hill plantation. You can view the entire map online on our digital website. Go to [www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalibrary](http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalibrary) and click on maps and then on African American Heritage Map by Eugene Scheel. The segment shown below is from the lower right corner of the map. The other map is not available online but may be ordered from Historic Prince William (<http://www.historicprincewilliam.org/>, click on Publications and choose Historic Map).





The house site is located on the Quantico Marine Corps Base, on the west side of Lansdown Road, about two miles south of Aden Road (the northern boundary of the Base). It is unknown when the house was razed, but it probably was gone by the 1940s when the Marine Corps demolished all structures lying in the remote regions of the base in order to construct artillery ranges. No published or manuscript history of the home has been found.

(Note: There is another "Oak Hill" in Prince William County that once stood along Minnieville Road in the eastern part of the county. It was owned by the Foster, Robbins and Glasscock families during the time John Fox lived. It too is gone.)

While finding this information for you we found some genealogical details that also might be of interest:

21 April 1812. Sarah HEAD of the State of South Carolina, relict and widow of John HEAD dec'd and who was once Sarrah WATERS granddaughter of Philemon WATERS the elder of the one part and John FOX of Prince William County of the second part. Whereas the said John HEAD now dec'd and Sarah HEAD did by their deed of bargain and sale dated 8 Nov. 1771 conveyed unto one George HEAD a certain tract containing 172 acres, which said land was afterwards by the said George HEAD sold to Martin PICKETT by whom it was conveyed to Richard GRAHAM who conveyed the same to Mary DADE who devised it to her son Langhorne DADE by whom it was sold to the aforesaid John FOX in whose possession it now is and whereas doubts have sometimes arisen whether the right and interest of the Sarah HEAD in the said land was relinquished in due form of law, but nevertheless the said land having been conveyed by the said John HEAD and Sarah HEAD with general warranty, the estate & heirs of the said John HEAD are responsible and liable for any defect in the title to the said land. That for and on account of th aforesaid premises to quipit all doubts respecting the claims fo the said Sarah HEAD to any interest in the said land ... for consideration of one dollar she confirmed to said John FOX all the said land. Signed: Sarah HEAD. Wit: Hendley BARRON, John SMITH, Berryman SUDDATH. Acknowledged by Sarah HEAD in Edgefield District, South Carolina. [abstract from Prince William County Deed Book 4, p. 468-70] This appears to concern the property known as "Oak Hill" although no boundary description is included. The deed from Langhorne DADE to John FOX appears to be lost.

2 and 3 August 1782. Richard GRAHAM of Prince William County, Gent. and Jane GRAHAM his wife to Mary DADE of King George County, Va., widow, for 16,000 weight of crop tobacco, one parcel in Prince William which was purchased of a certain John HEAD by George HEAD by deed bearing date 9 Nov. 1742 [sic, above deed says 8 Nov. 1771, which is more likely] and by George HEAD and Catharine his wife sold to Martin PICKETT by deed bearing date 16 April 1772, and by said Martin PICKETT and his wife sold to said Richard GRAHAM by deeds of lease and release bearing date 24 March and 21 April 1773, which land is now in possession of a certain Stephen FORD containing 172 acres, and bounded beginning at A a box oak standing in the line of Philemon WATERS the Elder, thence with his liine NE to B a white oak corner to the said WATERS thence with another of his lines NE to C an hictory in a valley thence SE to D a spanishoak by a branch corner of LYNAM thence S to E a red oak standing on a point and on E side of a branch thence SE to F a red oak on an hill side thence SE to LG a black oak standing on an hill side, thence SE to H another black oak at the head of a valley, thence SW to J two box oaks and a black oak on E side of an hill, thence SW to L a black oak corner to John OVERALL, thence with his line NW to M a red oak corner to said OVERALL in the line of Philemon WATERS the Elder, thece with the said WATERS' line NE to the beginning, and all houses orchardsl. ISigned Richd. Graham, Jean Graham. Wit: Henry Lee Junr., Timo: Peyton, William Scott. Margin notation: Ex[amine]d & Del[ivere]d Col. L. DADE the 7th March 1805. J. Williams Cl. Cur. [Prince William County Deed Book U, p. 346-350, from abstract by Ruth and Sam Sparacio] This shows that the property (and the original deed) was in the hands of Langhorne DADE in 1805. The name "Oak Hill" seems to be a natural selection from the landscape.

24 Feb. 1799. Will of Mary DADE, recorded (probated) 1 April 1799. Includes: To son Langhorne DADE all my land in Prince William, reserving to my dau. Sarah DADE the use of house I now live in with yard, garden, & other house belonging so long as she remains unmarried. [Prince William County Will Book H, p. 331-335, from abstract by June W. Johnson]

Langhorne DADE apparently sold "Oak Hill" to John FOX between 1805 and 1812. About 100 pages of Deed Book 3 (1805-1808) are missing. That is probably when John FOX bought the property.

Local newspapers report that Ann FOX, wife of Capt. John FOX died 18 May 1828 at Oak Hill, Prince William County, age 56 years. She leaves 8 daughters and 3 sons. [Obit in *Virginia Herald*, Fredericksburg, 28 May 1828, from Henley Marriage and Obituary Database at Library of Virginia website ([www.lva.lib.va.us](http://www.lva.lib.va.us)), click on What We Have, then Vital Records] This shows she was born ca. 1772.

I don't know if the following notice is for the same couple, but think it's a good possibility:

[ca. Dec. 1792] John FOX married Miss Nancy THRELKELD, dau. of Col. Elijah THRELKELD of Stafford Co. [*Virginia Herald and Fredicksburg Advertiser*, 27 Dec. 1792, from abstract in Robert K. Headley Jr., *Genealogical Abstracts from 18th-Century Virginia Newspapers* (Baltimore: Genealaogical Pub. Co., 1987), p. 128] Nancy is a nickname for Ann. The date seems about right. She was born ca. 1772, and he was about the same age.



10 May 1832. William McCARTY of Loudoun County was married to Hannah W. FOX, daughter of Capt. John FOX, at Oak Hill, Prince William County, by Rev. Weems. [Henley Marriage and Obituary Database, citing *Virginia Herald*, Fredericksburg, 28 May 1832]

Married on Thurs. evening the 5th inst. [i.e. 5 Jul. 1838] by the Rev. J. E. WEEMS, Birteand E. BRENTS [sic], Esq. of Botetourt Co., Va., to Miss Martha, daughter of Capt. John FOX, of Prince William Co., Va. [*Alexandria Gazette*, 17 July 1838, from abstract by Wesley E. Pippenger] The newspaper may have been unable to read a handwritten note and garbled the last name of the groom, TRENIS.

John FOX was Sheriff of Prince William County 1837-38. [*Prince William Reliquary*, April 2005, p. 31, online at [http://www.pwccgov.org/library/relic/PDF/PWR\\_5-2005.pdf](http://www.pwccgov.org/library/relic/PDF/PWR_5-2005.pdf).]

In the 1840 census of Prince William County John FOX is shown as 60-70 years of age (b. 1770/80).

John FOX died June 1843. [Prince William County Minute Book 1839, list of magistrates. Date "9 Nov. 1809" may be the date he first qualified as a magistrate] Have not found any mention of his death in various newspaper indexes for the period. There is no will on file for him in Prince William County, but then 140 pages of Will Book P are lost. Those pages cover the period 1842-1844. Other records such as deeds, tax lists and court minutes may give information about his lands and heirs.

We do not have a record of the burials at Oak Hill. Many family cemeteries on the Marine Corps Base were moved to Cedar Run Cemetery (Fleetwood Drive at the Fauquier County line). The recorded tombstones there do not include the names FOX or TRENIS. Perhaps the TRENIS family had the remains removed to another county at the time of the relocation. You would need to contact the authorities at Quantico Marine Corps Base for further assistance.

We hope this information helps you.

Do you have additional information about the FOX family you could share?

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Thanks. I look forward to your response.

-Alicia

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#### Question

My ancestor Captain John Fox resided at "Oak Hill Plantation" in Prince William County, VA. I would like to know if the house remains standing today and if I may visit the site. I have tried locating the site online and I've had no luck. The ultimate goal is to locate the gravesite of Captain Fox's daughter Martha Fox Trenis who is said to have been interred at the family burying ground at Oak Hill. I may find other ancestors such as her husband Bertrand Ewell Trenis there as well.

#### Sources

The Fox-Trenis Family Bible on file at the DAR Library as well as the "Memorial to Henry Fox, gentleman of Huntington, King William County, Virginia and some account of his descendants" are the sources of my information. I've tried Google to locate the right Oak Hill but there appear to be several Oak Hills. A very helpful reference librarian at DAR said the same thing and thought you could help me pinpoint the right one. Many thanks in advance for any assistance you can provide.

#### level

adults



SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in 5<sup>th</sup> Ward in the County of Washington D.C. State  
of Columbia, enumerated by me on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1870.  
Post Office: Washington D.C. A.P. M. & Co. Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	PARENTAGE.		14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
			4	5	6	7	8		9	11								12	13	
Dwelling-house, unoccupied in whole or in part.		The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.		Age at last birthday, if under 15 years, give months and days.	Sex.	Color—White (W), Black (B), Indian (I), Other (O).	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Mar. Citizens of U. S. (M.C.) Nat. Citizens of U. S. (N.C.) Males 21 years of age and over, who have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, or who have taken the oath of citizenship, or who are entitled to citizenship or other status.	
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4			William	10	M	W	do			do	1	1								
5			Flora	6	F	W	At Home			do	1	1								
6			Henry	15	M	W	With Hucklebs			do	1	1								
7			Patrick	52	M	W	Carriage Driver			Germany	1	1								
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10			John	15	M	W	Attending School			Washington D.C.	1	1								
11			Mary	13	F	W	do			do	1	1								
12			Andrew	11	M	W	do			do	1	1								
13			Joseph	7	M	W	At Home			do	1	1								
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17			William	6	M	W	do			do										
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24			Martha	14	F	W	Attending School			do										
25			Benj. F.	21	M	W	Police			do										
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27			Mary	40	F	W	Keeping House			do	1	1								
28			Bridget	12	F	W	At Home			Washington D.C.	1	1								
29			Maggie	10	F	W	do			do	1	1								
30			Michael	8	M	W	do			do	1	1								
31			Agnes	2	F	W	do			do	1	1								
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