



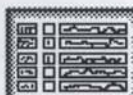
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| <b>REPORTER</b>     | Morton, Susan R.  |
| <b>TITLE</b>        | Peidmont : survey report, 1937 Sep. 17 / research made by Susan R. Morton.<br>4 leaves.   |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Map location number: PW56   |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Class: Home   |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Building date: ca. 1776   |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Building plan: Rectangular  |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Number of stories: 2  |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Building material: Frame  |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Location: 5.5 miles south of Haymarket on Rt. 625.  |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Primary owners: James Wormley family, George Norris, Benjamin Vose, James Tyson, William Smith family   |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Ralph Wormley became an Admiral in the British Navy during the Revolution and his colonial property was confiscated and sold to a cousin.                                     |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Includes description of the site. The outbuildings burned, but the main house survived. It was originally to be the overseer's house, but the main house was never built.     |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Includes abstracts of title.  |
| <b>NOTE</b>         | Includes form: Architectural description of buildings called for in 5-A. of Bulletin 3400.  |
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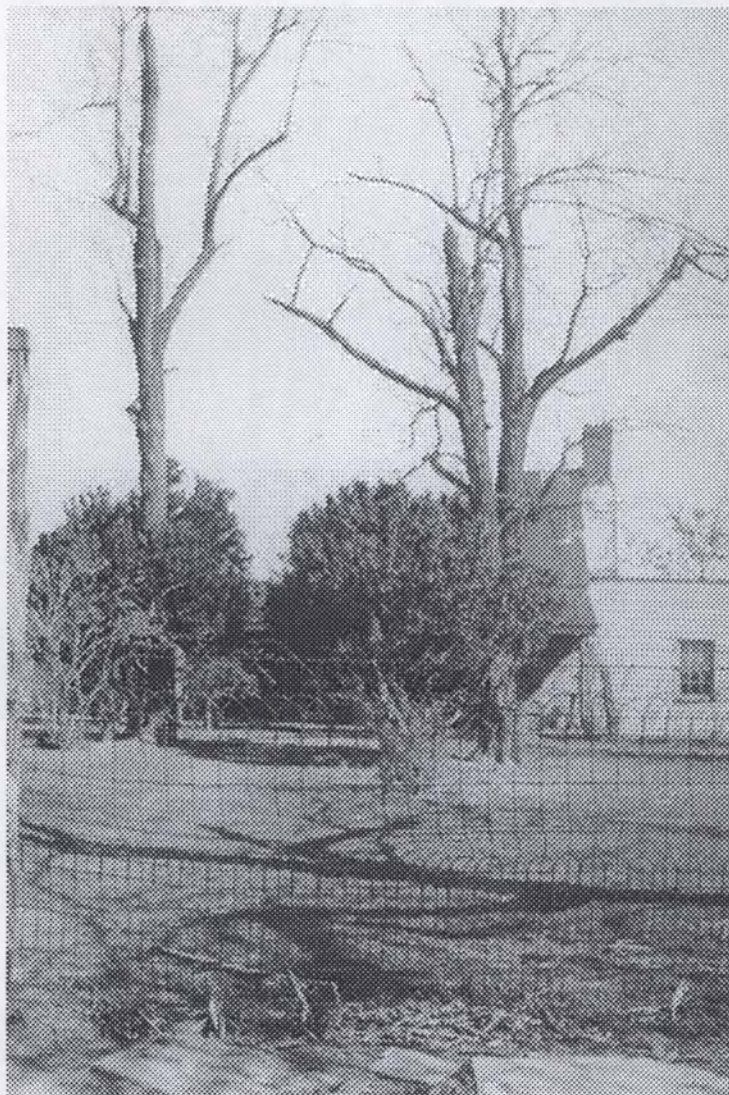




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" P E I D M O N T "

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Haymarket, Virginia.

September 17, 1937.



## 1. SUBJECT:

"Peidmont".

## 2. LOCATION:

5½ miles from Haymarket, Virginia, a short distance from the junction of Routes #625 and #601, called "Woolsey"

## 3. DATE:

About 1776.

## 4. OWNERS:

This was a part of the old Burwell Bull Run Tract, but the transfer to the Wormley's is not to be found in the county records. The first record appears in Deed Book 21, folio 2, between Ralph Randolph Wormley, Esq. and George Norris, when the property was sold for the sum of one dollar "in consideration of the love and affection that I bear". The property was granted by the will of James Wormley to the said Ralph Wormley. There was a deed of trust given by George Norris to Benjamin Vose of Baltimore, "that tract of land called "Peidmont" containing 600 acres". This was in 1854 and in 1870 it was sold to James Tyson. Deed Book 27 folio 519. A few years later it was sold by the Tyson's to Mr. Wm. Smith. It has never been out of the Smith family since that time. At present it is owned and occupied by a son of Mr. Wm. Smith.

## 5. DESCRIPTION:

There is nothing of special interest about this house, but bespeaks generations of comfortable and simple living. There are some very fine old trees here. The house is approached by a walk lined with some splendid box bushes, and the garden is filled with old shrubs and flowers. The yard is enclosed by a picket fence. There were several old outbuildings, one being the old slave quarters, built of logs with large chimneys. This burned down, but the main house was saved. There is only one large fireplace in the house, the others having been closed up.

## 6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was originally intended for the Overseers house but the "Big House" was never built. The property belonged to the Wormley's of Rose Guild, Middlesex County, and was to have been used by Ralph Wormley, the 3rd. He had been sent to England to be educated, but with the outbreak of the war, his sentiments were with the Royalists and he later enlisted in the British Navy, and became an Admiral. In consequence of this, his property in America was confiscated. After the war was ended, this Prince William property was sold to a cousin who had remained loyal. There was an old book found in the attic at "Evergreen" the Berkeley home. A mouse eaten, water stained parchment copy of a poem called "Seventeen Hundred and Ninety-One" published in 1791. This belonged to Ralph Wormley as his name



6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: (Continued)

is written in the book. This came from one of the Berkeley family who lived at "Goose Pond" in Middlesex County. There were many papers found that came from that plantation.

7. ART:

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8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Miss Maud Ewell and Mr. Bailey Tyler, both of Haymarket, Virginia. Mr. Thomas Smith of Waterfall, Virginia

Court Records, Clerk's Office, Prince William County, Manassas, Virginia.



ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING CALLED FOR IN 3686  
5-A, of BULLETIN 3400

Name of Building " P E I D M O N T "

EXTERIOR

- 1. Building Plan Rectangular Cellar ( )
- 2. No. of stories: ( 2 ) Attic classed as 1/2 story.
- 3. Material: Brick ( ) Frame (x) Stone ( ) Log ( )
- 4. If brick, state what bond: Flemish ( ) English ( ) Common ( ) Other
- 5. Kind of roof: Hip ( ) Gabled (x) Gambrel ( ) Lean-to ( ) Deck ( )
- 6. If church, describe or draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
- 7. Roof Material: Slate ( ) Shingle (x) Metal (x) Tile ( )
- 8. Chimneys: Number ( 1 ) Brick ( ) Stone (x) Location End
- 9. Weatherboarding: Yes Beaded(x) Plain ( )
- 10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate Plain Material Wood
- 11. Windows: Number ( 14 ) Size and number of panes 12 panes, 6 X 8- 8 X 1
- 12. Shutters: Describe: Not old
- 13. Dormers: Number, and Shape of roof None
- 14. Porch: Entire front of house
- 15. Type of Entrance: Large six panel door
- 16. Columns: Doric ( ) Ionic ( ) Corinthian ( ) Square (x)

INTERIOR

- 17. No. of Rooms: ( 6 ) Large ( x ) Small ( ) Approx. ceiling height. 8 1/2 ft
- 18. Stairway: Open String ( ) Closed String ( ) Describe: Boxed in
- 19. Cellar: Describe Two rooms for storage
- 20. Doors: Style and type of wood Some batten, some six panel
- 21. Walls: Panelled, papered or painted Papered
- 22. Interior Cornices None
- 23. Hardware: Locks and Hinges Panelled



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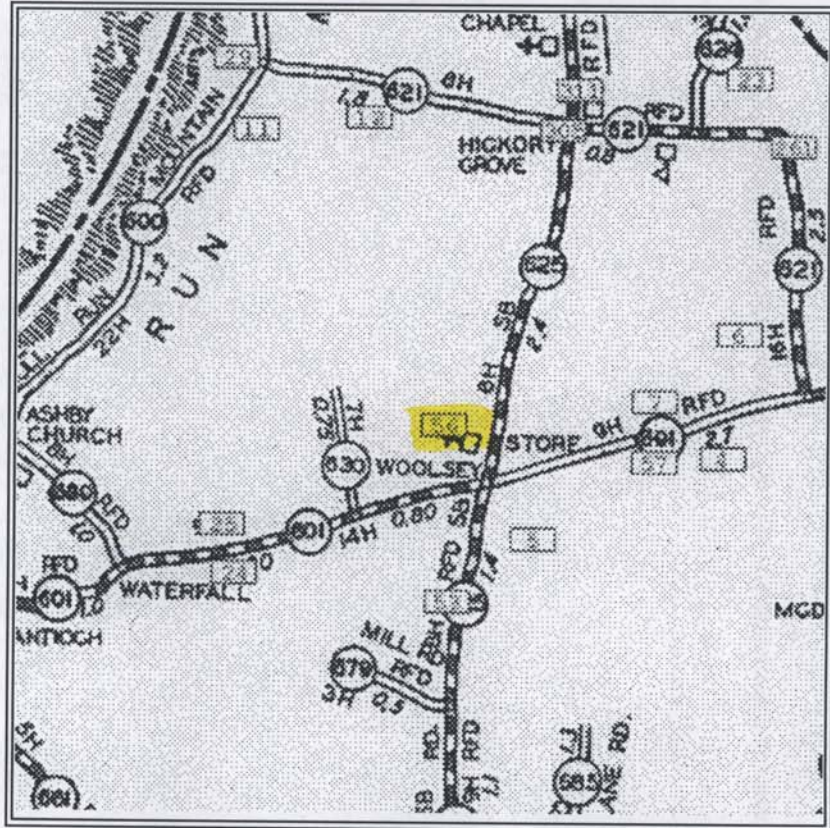
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