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PILGRIM'S REST

FOR  
FILE

TO: CALDER LOTH DATE: 11 FEB

THE ATTACHED IS BEING SENT FOR YOUR  
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ITEM 10 - VERBAL BOUNDARY  
DESCRIPTION, BECAUSE I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT THE BOUNDARIES  
OF THE NOM. SHOULD BE,  
82 ACRES OR JUST A FEW  
ACRES AROUND THE HOUSE?

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Pilgrim's Rest

AND/OR COMMON  
A.K.A. Mount Wesley

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
14102 Carriage Ford Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
8th

CITY, TOWN  
Nokesville

VICINITY OF

STATE  
VA 22123

CODE  
51

COUNTY  
Prince William

CODE  
153

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Mrs. H. Lynn Colvin

STREET & NUMBER  
14102 Carriage Ford Road

CITY, TOWN  
Nokesville

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Va. 22123

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince William County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
Courthouse Complex

CITY, TOWN  
Manassas

STATE  
VA 22110

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Prince William County Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE  
Nov 1979  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

CITY, TOWN  
Richmond

STATE  
Va. (cont.)

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

SEE ATTACHED DRAFT.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

PREHISTORIC  
 1400-1499  
 1500-1599  
 1600-1699  
 1700-1799  
 1800-1899  
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
 AGRICULTURE  
 ARCHITECTURE  
 ART  
 COMMERCE  
 COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING  
 CONSERVATION  
 ECONOMICS  
 EDUCATION  
 ENGINEERING  
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
 INDUSTRY  
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
 LAW  
 LITERATURE  
 MILITARY  
 MUSIC  
 PHILOSOPHY  
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION  
 SCIENCE  
 SCULPTURE  
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
 THEATER  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE ATTACHED DRAFT.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Templeman, Eleanor L. and Nan Netherton, Northern Virginia Heritage (1966), p. 187.

Farrar, Emmie F. and Emilee Hines, Old Virginia Houses Along the Fall Line (c1971), p. 930.

W.P.A., Writers Program, Prince William; the Story of Its People and Its Places (c1941), pp. 151-152. (cont.)

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 82 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Virginia	51	Prince William County	153
		Fauquier County	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic American Buildings Survey

Date: 1936, 1959

Depository: Library of Congress  
Washington, D.C.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Fauquier County Bicentennial Committee, Fauquier County, Va., 1759-1959  
(1959), pp. 208-209.

Historic American Buildings Survey, Virginia Catalog; A List of Measured  
Drawings, Photographs, and Written Documentation in the Survey (1976),  
p. 184.

Ratcliffe, R. J., This Was Prince William (c1978), p. 15.

□7 DESCRIPTION

Pilgrim's Rest is a two-story, frame-constructed, gable-roofed farmhouse built according to an 18th century design more commonly found in Tidewater Virginia. The brick-nogged walls are covered on the exterior with wide flush siding, joined "shiplap" style. The front, three bays long, exhibits a side-hall plan. There is a pair of exterior brick chimneys on the south end. Laid up in Flemish bond with some glazed headers and joined by a brick pent closet, the two stacks separate at the eaves line of the bracketed, pedimented gable. The house rests on a high English basement, its foundation constructed of stone. There is a one-story, gable-roofed, recently-built addition on the north side. There is a screened porch partway across the rear. The front entrance, a double door, has a triangular pediment supported by fluted pilasters, and is reached by an open brick porch. The 9/9 and 6/9 sliding sash windows are surrounded by architrave trim and flanked by paneled shutters.

Restored in 1956, Pilgrim's Rest contains some notable interior woodwork, including wainscoting and crown mouldings throughout the first floor, architrave door and window trim, raised-panel doors with wrought iron H and HL hinges, and paneled, shouldered architrave mantelpieces. The concealed, winding, enclosed, single-flight stair is located at the rear of the long, wide hall. Ten feet wide by 31 feet long, the hall connects the main house with the one-story wing containing the kitchen and dining room. The decor of the dining room is of the same period as that of the main house.

The four mantels are especially attractive, and are all similarly constructed: a moulded shelf with bed mouldings supported by a shouldered architrave surround and containing a paneled frieze with three to four rectangular or square, raised, moulded panels.

Site. The 82-acre parcel on which Pilgrim's Rest is situated straddles the Prince

William-Fauquier county boundary line. Pilgrim's Rest is located in the predominately farming, southeastern section of Prince William County, a few miles south of Nokesville. Cedar Run, a major tributary of the Occoquan River, flows past the property on the south. The house is reached by an approximately 1/4-mile-long private drive at the end of Carriage Ford Road (S.R. 607). The property is crossed by an electric power line. The house is contained within a fenced, rectangular enclosure. Among the outbuildings on the property, none of which are included in this nomination, are a 20th-century, frame tenant house, several barns, a tool shed, a garage, and a hog house, ice house, and corn crib.

Known changes. Pilgrim's Rest was restored in 1956 by a "Williamsburg architect," according to the present owner. Photographs of the house before the restoration show it to have had a one-story, gable-roofed addition on the west side of the house. There was also a two-story porch across the front and around the east end. Both these additions were removed, and the present one-story addition was made to the east end. Prior to the restoration, the windows were 2/2 sliding sash. The present front entrance, a reproduction, Federal-style pedimented entrance, replaced a former simple rectangular surround with overhead lights. The upper portions of the chimneys were rebuilt, and the foundation repointed. The house's front sill was replaced, and two brick pillars were installed in the basement as additional supports. Some of the exterior flush siding was replaced with matching siding.



The front and rear doors were reconstructed, in part using the existing old panels. The hardware throughout the main house is in part old and part copied. The waist-high, paneled wainscoting on the first floor, in all of the rooms, is partly old, part reproduction. The crown moulding is said to be original. The doors between the hall and living room, and hall and rear bedroom are old, and may have early HL hinges and old locks. The predominately old, medium-width pine, tongue-and-groove floors throughout the main house have been repaired in places.

The mantel in the living room appears to be a reconstruction using some previously-existing parts. The paneled over-mantel is a replacement part, as are the mantel shelf and the paneled cupboard doors to the right of the rebuilt fireplace. In the first floor bedroom, or probable former dining room, the mantel shelf has either been replaced or added to an old mantel. There is some old paneling above the door to the under-stair closet, while the door to the stair closet is modern.

The treads of the concealed, winding, enclosed, single-flight stair may be replacements. The plan of the second floor has been changed from an earlier arrangement of two bedrooms opening onto a large, open, side hall. In the present plan of the second floor, the large hall has been divided into two rooms, a bathroom and a small back bedroom, the latter containing the winding, enclosed stair to a garret. Above, there are two finished rooms and some under-eaves storage space.

## □ 8 SIGNIFICANCE

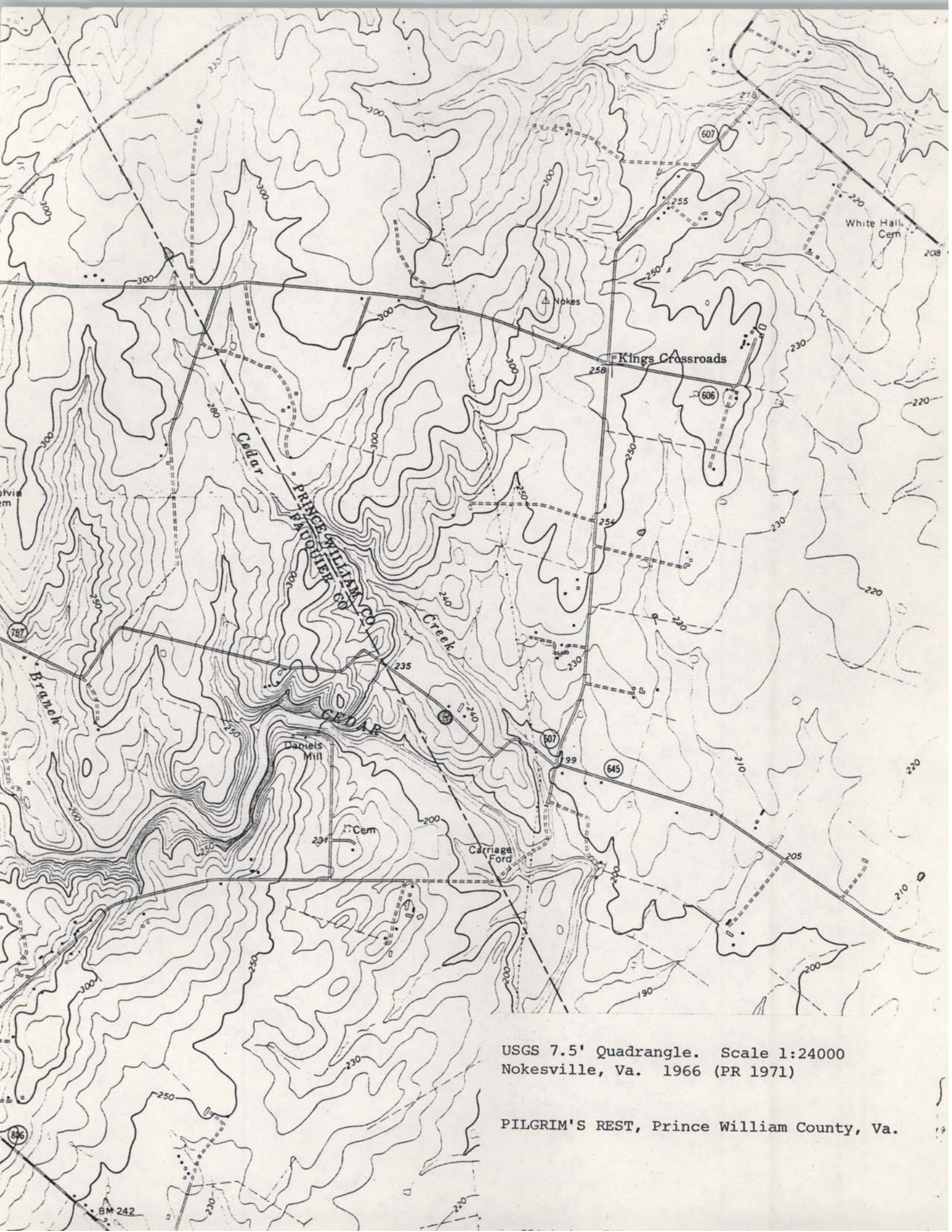
Summary of Significance. Pilgrim's Rest has both architectural and historical significance. The house is an excellently-preserved, carefully-restored example of a two-story frame-built plantation house of the mid-to-late 18th century. The architecture of Pilgrim's Rest, with its flush wooden siding, twin, brick end chimneys, and side-hall plan exhibiting a concealed stair, is rarely seen in Northern Virginia, being more commonly encountered in Virginia's Tidewater region. The interior woodwork, including the paneling, mantels, and mouldings, is especially good.

It is likely that the design for Pilgrim's Rest was transported from King George County to Prince William County by its mid-18th century owners, the Fitzhughs. Henry Fitzhugh of Bedford in King George County was high sheriff of Stafford County in 1715, and in 1736, a burgess. In 1734, Fitzhugh purchased 1,000 acres of the original Brent Town Tract from Thomas Booth and Richard Foote III. The 30,000-acre Brent proprietary had been granted by King James II in 1686-87 to three Londoners, Richard Foote, Robert Bristow, and Nicholas Hayward; and George Brent, a Catholic residing in Stafford County. The intention of those four men was to promote the settling, as a religious haven, this large tract, then in Stafford County but now almost entirely in Prince William County. Though a town, Brenton or Brent Town, was established and a blockhouse was built and people came to live on the tract, the project as a real estate venture failed and the land was divided among the four original grantees. Richard Foote's portion descended to his son and thereafter to his grandson. In 1730, Richard Foote III sold 1,000 acres of his share of the Brent Town Tract to Thomas Booth. In 1734, Thomas Booth and Richard Foote conveyed the estate (where Pilgrim's Rest was later built) to Henry Fitzhugh (1687-1758). It was discovered, however, that the estate, which Foote had believed lay within his share of the tract, was actually within the Hayward quarter of the Brent Town grant. In 1741, Foote, acting as attorney for Nicholas Hayward's heir Samuel Hayward, conveyed to Fitzhugh 1,000 acres of the Hayward quarter, no doubt the same land that Foote had conveyed to Fitzhugh in

1734.

It is not known if Henry Fitzhugh lived at Pilgrim's Rest. His two sons, John and Thomas, probably tobacco planters, lived on the property. Thomas' house, Pilgrim's Rest, is identified in the 1759 survey of Bertram Ewell, made when Fauquier County was formed from Prince William County. Pilgrim's Rest passed to Henry Dade Hooe, and in 1842, his heir sold the estate to Alexander S. Grigsby of Fairfax County. In 1849, Rev. Levi H. Hazen acquired Pilgrim's Rest, then situated on about 640 acres. Hazen, a Methodist minister, renamed the estate Mount Wesley. Melvin Colvin Hazen, a grandson of Reverend Hazen and an early president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, acquired the estate and restored the older name. In the 1930s, three nephews of M. C. Hazen bought Pilgrim's Rest and 240 acres. In the 1940s, Dr. H. Lynn Colvin bought out the interests of the other two nephews, and in 1956 he and his wife restored the house, adding the one-story wing. The late Dr. Colvin was a Washington, D.C., pediatrician. In 1978, 160 acres of Pilgrim's Rest were sold, along with a newly-built house, leaving the manor house on its present 82-acre parcel.

Popularly known as the "second oldest house in Prince William County," Pilgrim's Rest has been included in every important publication on historic houses in Northern Virginia and Prince William County. Because of its proximity to Fauquier County, Pilgrim's Rest is also mentioned in that county's histories.



USGS 7.5' Quadrangle. Scale 1:24000  
Nokesville, Va. 1966 (PR 1971)

PILGRIM'S REST, Prince William County, Va.





