



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

File no. 76-19
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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Pilgrim's Rest Common name aka. Mt. Wesley
County/Town/City Prince William County
Street address or route number 14102 Carriage Ford Road, Nokesville, Va. 22123
USGS Quad Nokesville Date or period mid-to late 18th C., early 19th C.
Original owner Thomas Fitzhugh? Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence
Present owner Mrs. H. Lynn Colvin Source of name
Present owner address 14102 Carriage Ford Rd. Source of date Architectural evidence
Nokesville, Va. 22123 Stories 2½
Present use Residence Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation; frame walls
Acreage 82 acres reinforced with brick nogging
Roof type Metal-covered gable roof

State condition of structure and environs House and environs in very good condition.

State potential threats to structure Proposed Cedar Run Impoundment may affect this property.
Note any archaeological interest Owner reports having found many arrowheads around premises.
Said to have been the site of several Civil War skirmishes.

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes no

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

A photograph of the house dating to 1954 labeled "Pilgrim's Rest House after porches were removed" shows the main house, front. A 1-story gable roofed addition with an enclosed shed-roofed front porch is seen on the left (west) side of the house (since removed). The "removed" porch appears to have been a 2-story porch across the front and around the east gable end. There was a door on the 2d story front, east gable end where there is now a window. The present 2d story bathroom was probably added in 1954-56, when the upstairs hall was divided into two rooms and a small hall. At that time, the 1-story wing containing dining room, kitchen, and bathroom was constructed. Closets in 2d floor bedrooms were also added then.

Front sill running length of house replaced in 1950s. House jacked up in basement and 2 brick pillars installed as additional supports. Full basement (c6' high) under main house only. Crawl space under wing. Present basement entrance may be recently created--possibly former basement entrance was located under main stair and was converted into closet. Walls contain brick nogging to 2d floor, according to owner.

Ship-lap exterior covering from 8½" to 11" wide, some of it reproduction. Addition similarly covered. Exterior, once painted white with dark green trim, now all white with dark shutters. Windows, pre-restoration were 2/2. Reproduction pedimented front entrance replaced simple entry with overhead lights. Brick steps and walkway, rear screened porch constructed during 1950s building period.

Interior, gen'l. Ceiling height, 1st floor: approx. 11'; 2d floor: 9'5". Floors, main house: old, wide boards with some repairs. Waist-high paneling throughout 1st floor, some old, (continued)

Interior inspected? Yes.

Historical significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

Pilgrim's Rest is located on a small portion of an original 30,000-acre tract in what was once Stafford County. Granted in 1686-87 by King James II of England to George Brent, Richard Foote, Robert Bristow, and Nicholas Hayward, the settlement was chartered and named Brent Town, after the Catholic Brents, as a haven of religious freedom. Though a town at Brent Town is not known to have ever existed, and no survey of the Brent Town tract exists, the northeast and southeast boundaries of this tract are known: Broad Run and Cedar Run respectively. The western boundary has been conjectured from subsequent land grants made along its line after 1739.

The Pilgrim's Rest estate was included in the 1,000-acre Hayward quarter of the Brent Town tract. In 1741 Richard Foote, acting as attorney for Samuel Hayward, heir of the Hayward quarter, conveyed to Henry Fitzhugh (1687-1758) of Bedford in King George County, 1,000 acres of the Hayward quarter. The parcel lay on Cedar Run east of Catlett. In the absence of a survey of the Brent Town Tract, Richard Foote had in 1734 inadvertently conveyed to Henry Fitzhugh 1,000 acres of what he believed was his share of the Tract. When the survey of the Brent Town division was made, it was discovered that the parcel Foote had sold Fitzhugh was in the Hayward portion, and in 1741 another deed had to be recorded.

Henry Fitzhugh was in 1715 a high sheriff of Stafford and in 1736 was a burgess. It is unknown whether Henry Fitzhugh ever lived on this property, or, if so, for how long. He may (continued)

Sources and bibliography

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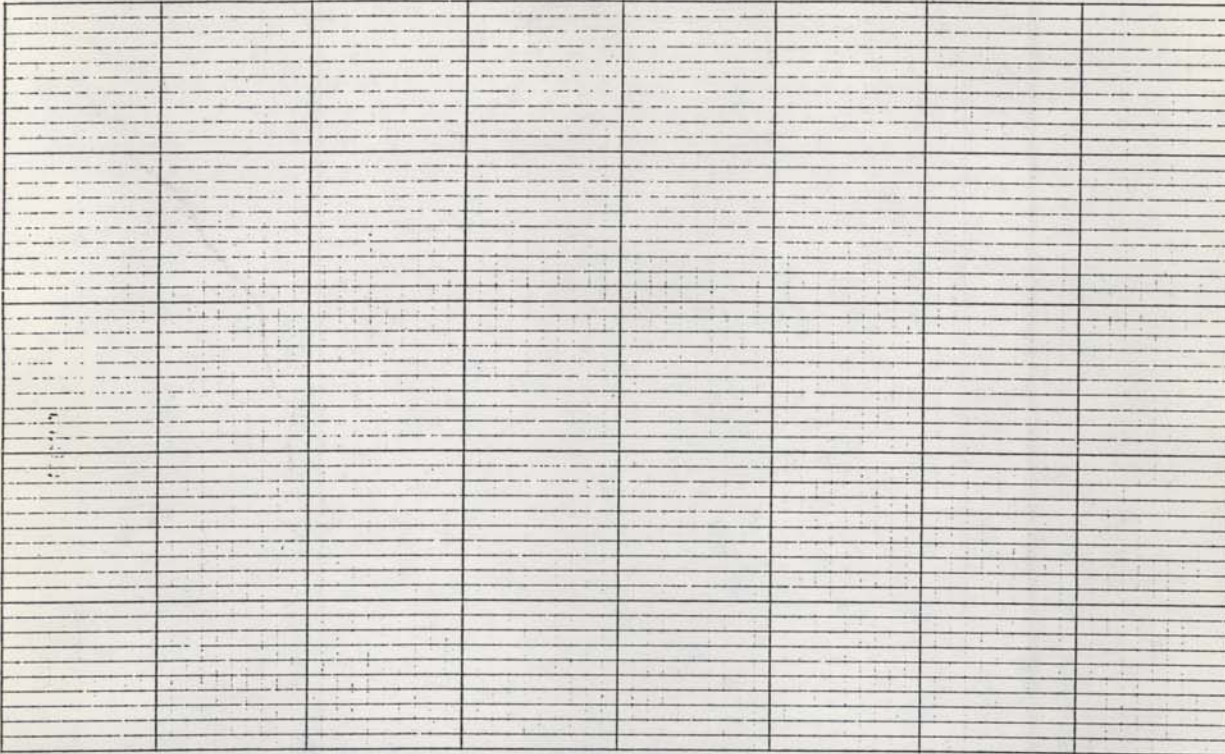
HABS-I (1959)

HABS (1936) 3 exterior photos in Library of Congress.

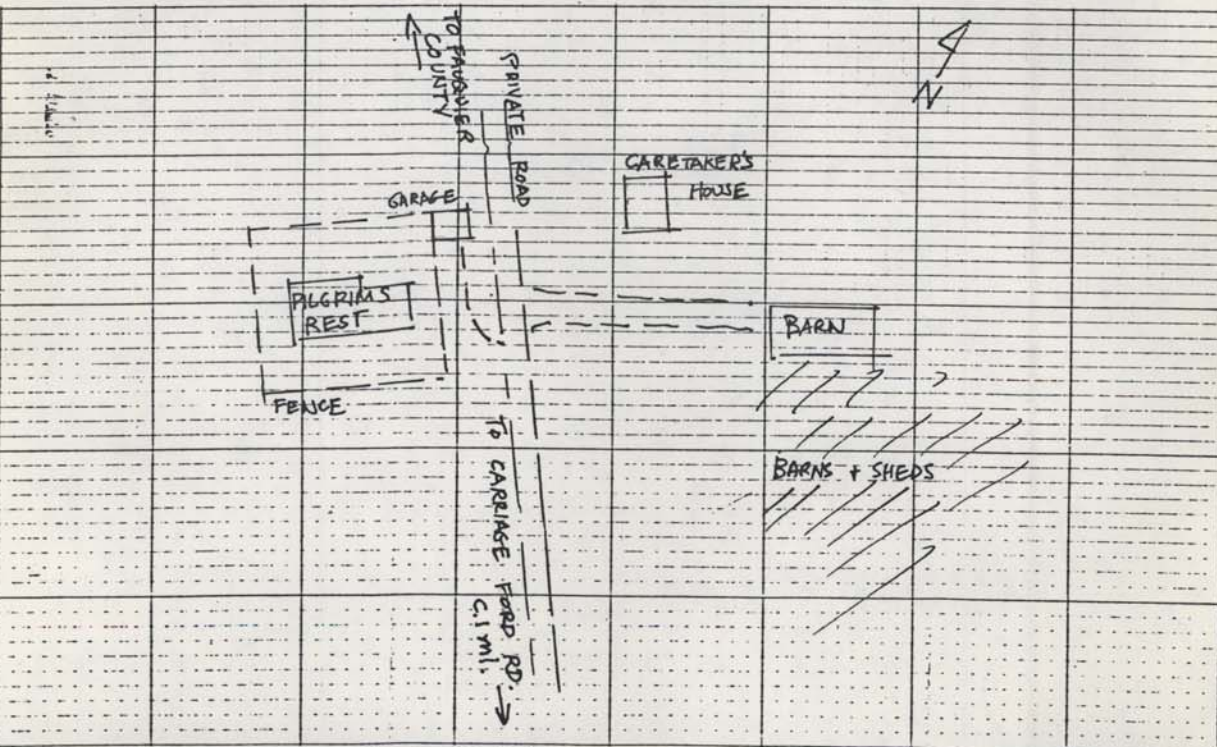
Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Owner, Mrs. Colvin

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Name, address and title of recorder Frances Jones, Architectural
Historian - Surveyor, NVPDC

Date NOV 1979.

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Architectural Description (con't)

some restoration. Replacement sash windows throughout main house. Cornice, 1st floor main house, said to be original. Reproduction front and rear doors, possibly using old panels. These doors have replacement H-L hinges, lock, knob, and barholder. Doors to living room and back bedroom are old, and may have early H-L hinges. Reproduction doors to kitchen, dining room, and door to exterior from 1st floor bedroom.

Living Room. Window to left of fireplace may have replaced a door. Reproduction or replacement overmantel paneling; replacement mantel shelf; replacement cupboards to right of fireplace. Hearth and firebox rebuilt.

1st Floor Bedroom. May have been former location of dining room. Twentieth C. door to closet under stair. Two squares of old paneling over stair closet door. Mantel shelf atop moulded cross-piece is recent.

Stairway. Closed, winding stair. Steps may be replacement. Plain round rail (walnut?) attached to wall with brass brackets. Nosed treads, 8" risers.

2d Floor. Plan, 2d floor, may have earlier consisted of a large hall and two bedrooms, with the bedrooms, but not the hall, heated. Reproduction doors on bathroom and small, back bedroom. Plain box trim and plain baseboards in these rooms.

Master Bedroom and Bedroom. Old floors, chair rail (some reproduction), and doors with H-L hinges. Reproduction locks and knobs. Rebuilt firebox. Old doors on chimney closet in master bedroom (butt hinges). New clothes closets.

3d Floor. Two finished rooms in garret, reached by box stair in small back bedroom. Under eaves storage space, front and back. Old floors (in part) with some wrought nails.

Garage, tenant's house (20th C.), and farm buildings also on property, including tool shed, barns, ice house, hog house, and corn crib.

Historical Significance (con't)

have built Pilgrim's Rest, according to one source. His two sons, John and Thomas, are thought to have lived on this tract, and Pilgrim's Rest was the home of Thomas Fitzhugh (1725-1768). The house appears on the survey plat of Bertram Ewell made in 1759 under the name Thomas Fitzhugh: Pilgrim's Rest passed to Henry Dade Hooe, and in 1843 it passed to Alexander S. Grigsby. In 1849 Rev. Levi H. Hazen, a Methodist minister acquired Pilgrim's Rest and renamed it Mount Wesley. Melvin Colvin Hazen, a grandson of Mr. Hazen and a president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, acquired the estate and restored the older name. In the 1930s, three of M.C. Hazen's nephews bought Pilgrim's Rest on 240 acres. In the 1940s, one of the nephews, H. Lynn Colvin, bought out the others and in 1956 he and his wife restored the home, adding the one-story wing. Mr. Colvin, a Washington, D.C., pediatrician, died in 1974, and since then his widow has occupied the house. After Mr. Colvin's death, his son Bruce acquired 160 acres of farmland on Pilgrim's Rest, which he sold, along with a newly-built house, in 1978.

Restoration directed by Williamsburg restoration architects.

Property located partly in Fauquier County.

This house is popularly known as the "second oldest house in Prince William County," and whether this is true or not, the house is included in every important publication available on historic houses in Northern Virginia or Prince William County, and appears, because the property is partly located in Fauquier County, in that County's histories. The distinctive end chimneys, the painstaking and expensive restoration, the house's excellent condition, its location and setting in rural Virginia surrounded as it is by distant farms, and the house's historical associations all add up to a property suitable for listing on the National and State Landmarks Registers.

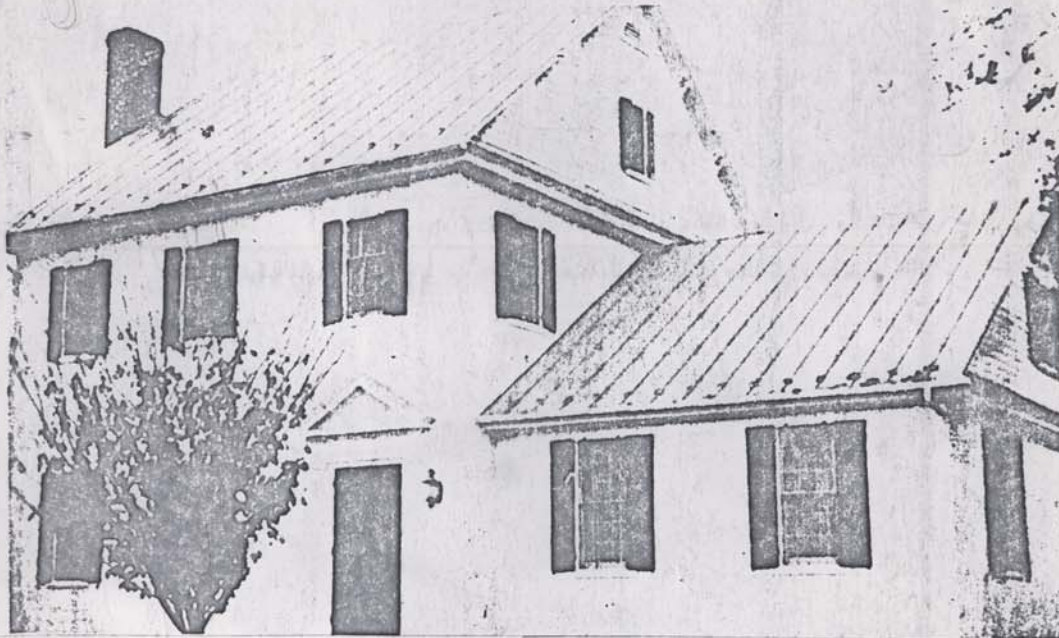
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PILGRIM'S REST, now the home of Mrs. Lynn Colvin, is one of the oldest houses in Prince William. No one knows the exact date that it was built, but it does appear on the survey plat of Bertram Ewell made in 1759 under the name of Thomas Fitzhugh. In 1734 Richard Foote III conveyed 1,000 acres of his share of the Brent Town Tract to Henry Fitzhugh, but, when the survey of the Brent Town division was made, it was found that the 1,000 acre parcel was in the Hayward quarter, and another deed had to be recorded. Henry Fitzhugh conveyed the parcel to his sons John and Thomas — Thomas lived at Pilgrim's Rest.



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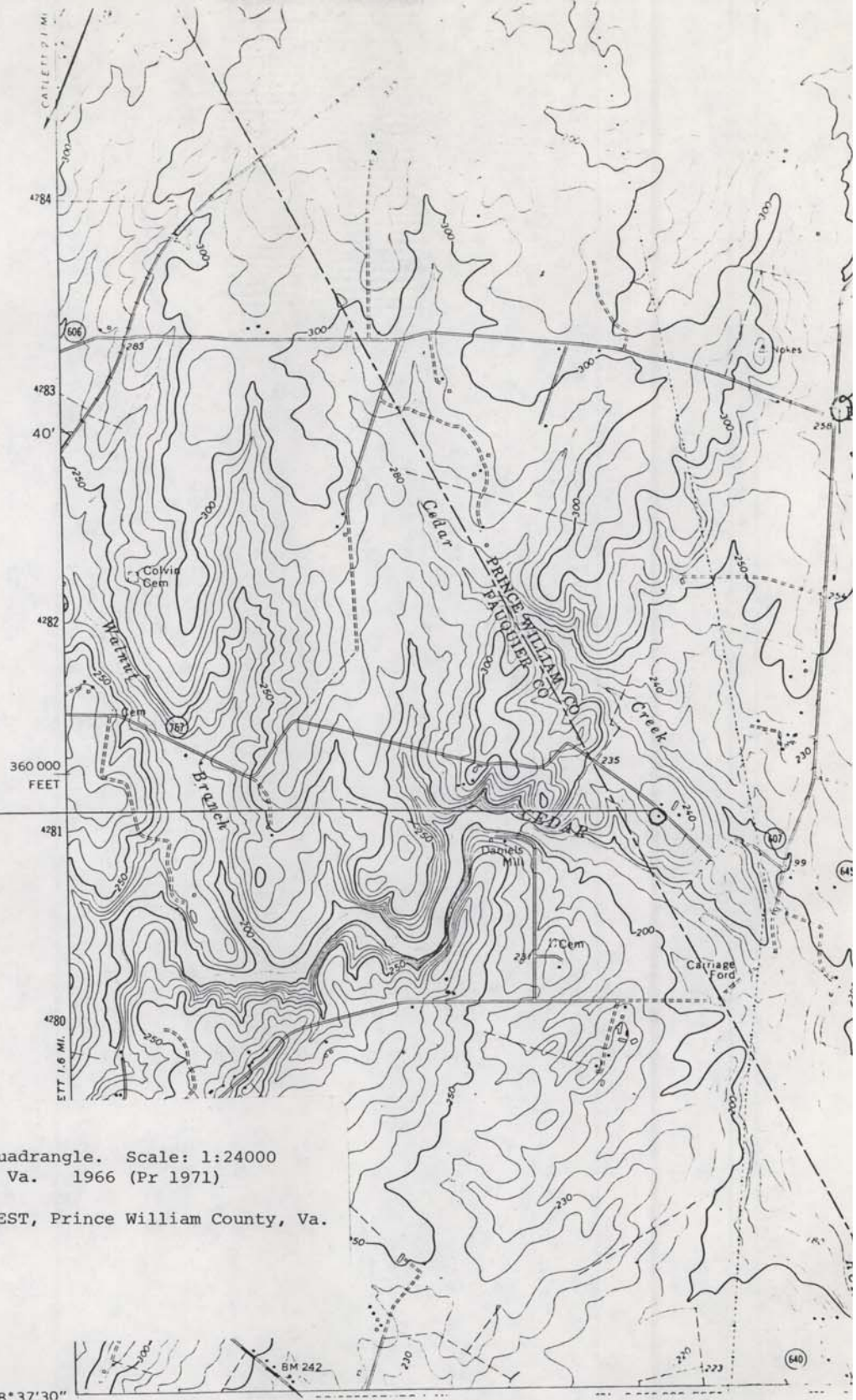
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ADDRESS Carriage Ford Rd., Nokesville, Va.		Class 4	S 400,000	MLS No. 1500
PROPERTY NAME: Pilgrim's Rest		Cty Prince Wm.	Z & MC 17G2	
TYPE FARM Estate		TM: Page 041	District Brentsville	Parcel 1
MAIN HSE 1st Floor	2nd Floor	EQUIPMENT	No	Yes
LR 17x19	BR 13x16	Stove Dbl. Oven		X
DR 13x19.6	14.6x19 (17)	Refrig.		X
KIT 10x15	9.6x13.6	Dishwasher	X	
ESIK yes		Disposal	X	
Bath 6x8	Bath 9.6x17	Ven. Blds./Shades		X
BR 13.6x16	3rd LEVEL	W/W (0 %)	X	
Centr Hall)	BR 13x13.6	Washer/Dryer		X
9.6x31)	14x15.6	Storm Wind. & Doors		X
AGE 229	Bath	TAXES 1,579 (Land Use)		
HEAT Elec.	Firepl. 4 (3 usual)	HOW SHOWN		
WATER well	SEWER Septic	POSSESSION Settlement subj to lease		
1st Trust S "AC	Int. --- %	Pmt. S - ---	Holder ---	
2nd Trust S ---	Int. - - %	Pmt. S - - -	Holder ---	
New Financing: Cash Required S 400,000.		Owner will hold S ---	No. Years ---	
Interest --- %		Terms - - -		
Total Acres: 82.167	Cropable all	Pasture	Woodland	Other
Terrain: Rough	Sloped	Level	Rolling 100%	Hilly
Predominant Soils				Marshy
Frontages Paved Road	Dirt Road 1907'	Water 2720'	Water Sources Spring fed-Cedar Br.	
Occupant: Owner	Phone No. c/o Lister	Broker Code Key04	Comm. 10%50/50	
OWNER c/o Lister	Lister Altman/Coleman			
REALTOR Key Properties, Inc.	Co. Phone No. 369-7700	Lister Phone No 363-4663/788-4990		

(Above Memoranda for Broker's convenience only from sources believed reliable, but, NOT guaranteed)

REMARKS: A link with History, pre-revolutionary colonial. Built 1750. A true treasure, COMPLETELY RESTORED. Rear porch 7x13.
REALTOR'S Opinion of Condition and Best Use: Excellent Cond, Residential Estate.
DIRECTIONS FROM: Key 04 to 28S to Nokesville, Left on Fitzwater Dr. right on Aden Road to Carriage Ford to entrance of Pilgrim's Rest on right.



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

PILGRIM'S REST, Prince William County, Va.

