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Surrounded by tall trees and mature boxwoods, La Grange commands a prominent position on the side of a slope in the foothills of the Bull Run Mountains, ^{which} rise behind the house on the northwest. High Point Mountain, with an elevation of over 1,000 feet, forms a scenic backdrop to La Grange, a formerly large farm of ~~approximately~~ over 380 acres in the Antioch area. Farming at La Grange has practically ceased, and the land ~~has~~ in recent years ^{has} become ^{potentially} valuable for ~~residential~~ development. The completion of I-66 through Prince William County has probably enhanced the value of the land in the ^{County's} western end for development.

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La Grange, a two-story, gable-roofed brick residence, exhibits a 4-bay front and a central hall plan. A $1\frac{1}{2}$ -story wing on the west end of the main house contains the kitchen and is connected to the main block by an arched breezeway. The brick walls are laid up in flemish bond on the front and 5-course American bond on the sides and rear (of both the main house and the wing). The ~~raised-seam~~ tuck-pointed lime-sand mortar has been repaired with Portland cement in some places. Exterior decorative details include a moulded brick cornice, glazed headers in the brick walls, and jack arches over the windows. Three gable-roofed dormers project from the roof of both the front and rear facades of the main block. The kitchen wing has two dormers per side. There are three exterior, brick end chimneys on the main house, one on the east end to serve the sitting (living) room, and two on the west end serving the present dining room. The chimneys in the main block have tiled weatherings and

corbelled caps. The kitchen wing has an interior chimney on its west end containing a formerly large cooking fireplace and bake oven. There is also a small stack for a corner chimney in the present family dining room. The replacement $\frac{9}{16}$ sliding sash windows are flanked by reproduction paneled shutters. Architrave trim surrounds the exterior door and window openings.

There is a 4-light overhead [above both the front and rear doors. Both of these entrances have a reproduction 6-panel door.

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(square columns)

A one-story, metal-roofed porch supported by  spans the rear, or ~~so~~ north side of the main block. An enclosed, shed-roofed, sheltered entrance ^{on the north side} opens onto the arched breezeway connecting the main house with the kitchen wing.

A small gable-roofed porch supported by pairs of square columns shelters the front entrance, on the south side. This porch, with its elliptical arch opening, is ~~that~~ probably a 20th century replacement of an earlier porch. The double segmented arches with ~~the~~ fan lights on the south side open onto the breezeway connecting the house's two sections. Repairs in the brickwork at the center point of the two arches suggest that ~~the two~~ there may formerly have been a single, large arch opening here.

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La Grange's interior was remodeled in 1941, the house having been vandalized, according to the HABS Virginia Catalog, sometime before 1936. The mantels, door and window trim, doors, windows, and stairways are reproduction work. The floors are replacements. ~~There is no mantel in the kitchen fireplace. The plan of the~~ The interior has a central hall plan with a two-flight, single-landing, open-string staircase. The east room in the main block has a single fireplace, while, for some reason, the west room  or present dining room has two hearths separated by the doorway opening onto the passage to the kitchen wing. [Tradition has it that Benoni Harrison, who owned La Grange from the late 1820s to after the Civil War, had the extra fireplace installed because he would not sit at the same hearth with his wife, Catherine.]

In the kitchen, which is on a ^{lower} level than the main house, there is a large

fireplace containing a bake oven.

Benoni Harrison and others are buried in the cemetery at La Grange. This cemetery, a short distance west of the house and near the ~~south-west~~ barn, contains about 10 markers ^{recently} moved from the two cemeteries marked on the U.S.G.S. map. The cemetery contains markers for Harrisons, Norvilles, Gossoms, Whites and Jordans.

A small stone outbuilding just south of the main home and visible from the road marks the location of La Grange's spring. ~~at the~~

A small, hip-roofed frame outbuilding beside the ^{Kitchen} ~~home~~ may be old and is used for storage. A ^{c1920} tenant house and collection of barns are located west of the house.

A large barn ^{and a tenant house} on the property burned in 1973. The plat showing the division of La Grange in 1827 revealed three houses on the estate which then totaled 277 acres, and mention ~~it~~ was also made of a blacksmith shop and a shoemaking shop.