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Alexandria Gazette 17 Jun 1865

An election of County Officers was held in Prince William County, Va., on the 1st inst., which resulted in the entire success by a handsome majority of the Conservative Ticket. F. C. Cannon was elected Sheriff; Aylett Nicol, Commonwealth's Attorney; John Camper, Clerk of Circuit Court; M. B. Sinclair, Clerk of County Court; J. S. Stork and W. C. Merchant, Commissioners of the Revenue; and Silas Butler, Surveyor. There was no election for delegates to the general Assembly.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Jul 1865

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY -- We were informed some time since and so stated that the election in Prince William County, held on the 1st of June last, for county officers, had been set aside. We were misinformed, however, and we have learned to day that the magistrates are receiving their commissions, and strong efforts are being made to organize the County in civil jurisdiction, by holding a County Court on the 1st Monday in August. As there is no judge elected for this judicial district, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, we presume will not be able to qualify within the time prescribed by law, and probably another election for that office will be held.

Who are Entitled to Vote in Virginia -- Thomas R. Bowden, Attorney General of Virginia, gives it as his opinion that there are two classes of voters, and their votes should be received by the Commissioners: 1st. All persons in other respects qualified, (i.e.) white citizens over the age of twenty-one, and resident in the county or town in which they offer to vote six months preceding the election, unless they have held offices, civil or diplomatic, under the so-called Confederate Government, or otherwise embrace in the first twelve exceptions and the fourteenth exception of President Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation. 2nd. Persons who have held civil office under the so called Confederate Government, or who are otherwise embraced in the said exception of President Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation, may, nevertheless, vote, if they have been specially pardoned by the President.

Alexandria Gazette 09 Nov 1865

PUBLIC SALE -- Will be sold at auction, on the first Monday in December, that being court day, the VALUABLE PROPERTY, known as WAVERLY, containing three hundred acres, forty of which are in timber. This estate is one mile-and-a-half from Bristoe Station on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, and six hundred yards from Nokesville, Prince William Co., Va.

TERMS: -- One half down, and the balance in one, two and three years, to suit the purchaser. -- L. B. Norvell

Alexandria Gazette 22 Nov 1865

FOR RENT. -- A beautiful FARM, on the Carolina Road, in the upper end of Prince William County, Va., adjoining the lands of Josiah T. Carter. esq., Mrs. Tyler, and others, containing TWO HUNDRED and FORTY ACRES, of which two hundred acres are in the finest grass -- blue grass and timothy -- most of it sod of 15 or 20 years. Standing enclosures good, improvements ample for a small family, consisting of a

DWELLING, requiring some little repairs, good out buildings of every description. Orchard, Pump of good water, Garden &c. Wood convenient, and the whole farm well watered.

This farm presents the best opportunity for profitable grazing known in this region; about 38 or 40 acres for cultivation next spring. The neighborhood remarkably healthy, refined, and agreeable. Terms: Four Hundred Dollars for the year 1866, including the residue of the present year, one half in advance, the balance at the end of the year 1866. Possession given at once.

Any person desiring to rent, and wishing to see the premises, can call on Dr. George S. Hamilton, or Josiah T. Carter, esq., both of whom live near, and will show the same, or can address the undersigned at Salem, Fauquier County, Va.

Richard H. Carter, Administrator of W. L. Carter, deceased.

N. B. -- Four hundred sheep could be wintered and grazed on this farm, with little or no cost for wintering, the grass at present being so fine.

R. H. C., Adm'r -- Fauquier County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Dec 1865

VIRGINIA -- At rules held in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Prince William county, on the 4th day of December, 1865, John F. Johnson, plaintiff, vs. Basil Brawner and Melinda, his wife, Redman F. Brawner, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of William Brawner, whose names are unknown, defendants -- in chancery. The object of this suit is to obtain a deed for a certain tract of land in the county of Prince William, near Manassas Junction, containing about one hundred and two acres, purchased by the plaintiff of the defendant, Redman F. Brawner, attorney in fact for the defendant, John H. Sullivan. The defendants, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of William Brawner, whose names are unknown, defendants -- in chancery. The object of this suit is to obtain a deed for a certain tract of land in the county of Prince William, near Manassas Junction, containing about one hundred and two acres, purchased by the plaintiff of the defendant. Redman F. Brawner, attorney in fact for the defendant, John H. Sullivan. The defendants, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of William Brawner, whose names are unknown, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county. A copy teste.

M. B. Sinclair, Clerk,      A. Nicol P. Q.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Dec 1865

VIRGINIA -- At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on the 4th day of December, 1865, Edith A. Norvell, Penelope C. Norvell and Mary T. Norvell, plaintiffs. vs. James C. Goods and Margaret A. Goods, his wife, defendants in chancery. The object of this suit is to obtain among the parties a

partition of a tract of land, containing about 100 acres lying, and being in the county of Prince William, adjoining the lands of John C. Weedon and others. The defendant James C. Goods, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county. A copy teste. M. B. Sinclair, Clerk, A. Nicol, P. Q.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Dec 1865

VIRGINIA --- At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on the 4th day of December, 1865, John Y. Cundiff and Lewis B. Butler, administrators of Thomas B. Gaines, deceased, plaintiffs, vs Phillip D. Lipscomb and Lewis C. Osmun, defendants -- in an action of debt to recover the sum of twelve hundred dollars. The defendant, Lewis C. Osmun, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county. A copy teste. M. B. Sinclair, Clerk, A. Nicol, P. Q.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Dec 1865

MARRIED - On the 6th of December, at Harmony Grove, Fauquier County, Va., by Rev. J. S. Trone, CHAS. W. HAZEN and Miss MARY E. daughter of Wm. Colvin, esq., of Fauquier county. By the same, at Buckland, Prince William, County on the 7th December, THOS. W. NALLS and Miss FANNIE KEYS.

Alexandria Gazette 29 May 1866

INFORMATION WANTED -- The subscriber desires information of her children, JAMES, JANE, and LOUISA HARRIS, formerly belonging to Mr. Frederick Foote, of Prince William County, and who have been in the South for several years, and of whom their mother is anxious to hear some tidings. Any information will be most thankfully received.

Fanny Harris, care of Samuel Gregory, No. 12, St. Asaph Street

Alexandria Gazette 01 Nov 1866

LAND SALE -- By virtue of a decree in the Circuit Court of Prince William county, October 11, 1865, in the suit of Evans vs Atkinson, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at Neabsco Mill, in said county, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of November, 1866, between the hours of 12 and 3 o'clock, if fair, if not between the same hours of the next day, the FARM owned by Wansford Evans containing about THREE HUNDRED AND

TWENTY FIVE ACRES, in said county, on Neabsco Run, one and a half miles above the telegraph road, leading from Occoquan to Dumfries, and two miles from a wood landing on tide water. It adjoins the land of John Clarke, Richard Stonill and others; is a very desirable tract of land; quality of soil good; timber good and is well watered; buildings ordinary; Alexandria & Fredericksburg Railroad to pass through a corner of it. Any one who wishes to purchase had better examine it and attend the sale.

TERMS: -- One third cash on the day of sale; the balance in equal installments, of one and two years; bonds to be given with interest from the day of sale, and the title to be retained until the bonds are paid. Further particulars made known on the day of sale. Basil Brawner, Commissioner, Neabsco Mill, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 02 Nov 1866

By Virtue of a Deed of Trust from Joseph Curl to John T. Williams, dated 19th October 1858, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Prince William County Court, for the benefit of Aylett Nicol, I shall, on the First Monday in December next, that being Court day, proceed to sell before the Court House door of the County of Prince William, at public auction to the highest bidder, the Tract of Land, in said deed of trust mentioned, supposed to contain three hundred and fifty acres, situated in said county, in a few hundred yards of the county seat, upon the following terms, to wit; One third cash, and the balance upon a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, the deferred payments to be secured by bonds with good personal security, and deed of trust on the premises. This is an improved tract of land, and has a valuable copper mine upon it. -- John Williams, Administrator of John T. Williams, deceased of Brentsville, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 21 Dec 1866

By Virtue of a Deed of Trust from Oliver P. Chappel and wife, dated on the 16th day of October, 1865, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Prince William county, Va., the undersigned; as trustees, in said deed named, will sell, at public auction, at Brentsville, Prince William co., Va., in front of the Court House, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1867, (that being the first day of the County Court of said county,) at 12 o'clock m., all that Tract of Land, situated about two miles east of Brentsville, which was conveyed to the said Oliver P. Chappel by Richard Windsor and wife; the same being a portion of the property known as "Walnut Hill," and containing three hundred acres of land, and on which Amanda Keys now resides. There is a comfortable House on the land, and a good orchard. The land is said to be well timbered. Terms Cash, Westel Willoughby, Albert Stuart, Trustees

Alexandria Gazette 31 Jan 1867

In the Court of Appeals, on Tuesday, Ferdinand A. Weedon vs. Peter D. Lipscomb, from a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County. This is an appeal granted some time back. On motion of the appellees, the appellants were ordered to mature their cause on or before the 18th of April next, otherwise the Court will dismiss the said appeal, unless good cause is shown to the contrary.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Feb 1867

Rare Chance for a man with limited means to make money! A STORE and BLACKSMITH SHOP for sale, at a regular depot on the Orange and Alexandria R. R., within 40 miles of Washington, where a good business can be done. A regular Post office is connected with the Station. The property will be sold reasonably if applied for soon. Reason for selling out --- other business to attend to.

SAM CHILDRES, Nokesville Station, O. & A. R. R.

Alexandria Gazette 09 Mar 1867

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. Under authority of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, Va.; rendered at the June term, 1860, in the suit of Carter vs. Look and others, the undersigned, Commissioners therein named, will, on Monday, the 18th day of March, 1867, at 12m. (that being Court day,) at the front door of the Court House of said county of Fairfax, offer, at public auction, that portion of the valuable tract of land called "RED HILL," containing, by recent survey, 960 ACRES. This land lies partly in the county of Fairfax and partly in the county of Prince William. The portions situated in the respective counties will be sold separately. The projected independent line of the Manassas Gap Railroad passes by, or through the tract, and it is near a contemplated depot. The land is considered the very best and most productive in that region of country, and is of the red clay soil, there held in such high estimation, and is well adapted to the production of all kinds of grain and grasses. There is an abundance of wood on the land and it is proverbially healthy.

Alexandria Gazette 09 Mar 1867

NOTICE -- Pursuant to a deed of trust from George Trimmer to the undersigned, trustee, for the benefit of Redman F. Bradfield, dated the 11th day of April, 1866, and of record in the clerk's office of Prince William, in liber No. 26, page 238, I shall proceed to sell, at public auction, at Manassas Station, in the said county of Prince William, on the 6th Day of April, 1867, if fair, if not the next fair day, those TRACTS or PARCELS of LAND, named in said trust, for cash, to the highest bidder, viz: One tract of one hundred and forty acres, and one of ninety seven acres, being the same land conveyed by the said Bradfield and wife to the said Trimmer. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p.m. F. J. CANNON, Trustee, Brentsville, March 6.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Mar 1867

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY --- We learn that the farm known as "GOLD RIDGE," in Prince William county, owned by Lebius Ewell, has been sold by Mr. A. Nicol of Brentsville, for \$15,000 to a company from New York, which will in a short time commence working the rich veins of gold-bearing quartz found thereon. Mr. Nicol is now organizing a company to work the quartz veins found on a farm adjoining Gold Ridge, owned by himself and Mr. Jas M. Sinclair. He has also in his hands for sale a number of mineral lands, embracing gold, copper and Pyrites. From present indications old Prince William will be found to be rich in the precious metals. All that she seems to require is the developing hand of enterprise. WARRENTON INDEX

Alexandria Gazette 12 Mar 1867

TO BASIL BRAWNER AND MALINDA, his wife, Redman F. Brawner, Stephen E. Meade, John H. Sullivan, and the heirs of William Brawner, deceased, whose names are unknown: Take notice, that on Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1867, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, of that day, at the law office of A. & C. E. Stuart, in the town of Alexandria, Va., I shall proceed to take the depositions of Charles E. Stuart and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf, in a certain suit in chancery, now pending in the County Court of Prince William county, Va., in which I am plaintiff and you are defendants; and if from any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and continue from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed. Yours, &c. John F. Johnson

Alexandria Gazette 25 Mar 1867

DIED ---- On the 15th instant, in Prince William County, VA., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Hutchison, JOHN BAYLY, Sr., in the 88th year of his age.

Alexandria Gazette 25 Mar 1867

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND. --- By authority of a deed of trust from George W. Norris. and Lydia C. Norris, his wife, bearing date the 29th day of June, 1857, and recorded in the office of the clerk of Prince William County Court, in Liber No. 24, page 113, the subscriber being the trustee named in said deed, will sell, at public sale, at the Court House, at Brentsville, Prince William County, Virginia, on Tuesday, August 6, 1867, at the hour of 12m., all that Valuable Farm, in Prince William County, Va., known as "PIEDMONT," and supposed to contain 600 ACRES of LAND, more or less, being the same land which was conveyed to said George W. Norris, by Ralph Randolph Wormely and wife, by deed dated the 7th day of April, 1851, and duly recorded. This valuable farm is situated about four miles north of Haymarket, on the road leading from Brentsville, via Haymarket, to Aldie, in Loudoun County.

TERMS -- Cash, on day of sale, Jas. W. Tyson, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 27 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA NEWS. -- J. G. Mason, esq., as Commissioner, sold last week 360 acres of the "Spring Hill" farm in King George County, part of the Dade tract, to Mr. Ewell of Prince William County for \$10,000. This leaves about 350 acres still in market, three fourths of it well wooded with oak, and contiguous to the river.

The Potomac fisheries have been yielding poorly up to the present. It takes two hauls to fill a cart! This is a sad yield. Seines that used to bring thousands to the shore at each haul, are now regarded as doing well if the count by hundreds.

FREDERICKSBURG HERALD

Warrenton True Index 30 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1867 Lafayette and Alexander L. Pettitt

and Susan his wife, Against Matilda Maddux, Josephine E. Maddux, and Mary Bell Maddux, defendants, IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a partition of the real estate of which James Maddux died seized and possessed; but if not susceptible of partition, then a sale thereof and the proceeds divided among the parties entitled thereto. The defendants, Matilda Maddux, Josephine E. Maddux, and Mary Bell Maddux, not having entered their appearance and given security, according to law and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on the first day of the next County Court.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk -- Nicol P. Q.

Warrenton True Index 30 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4nd day of March, 1867 Thomas K. Davis who sues for the benefit of Aylett Nicol Against George W. Seydell and Harriet, his wife, H. Kincheloe, and Eppa Hunton in Chancery

The object of this suit is to subject the tract of land containing 217 acres conveyed to George W. Seydell by Richard Windsor and wife, situated in Prince William county, to the payment of a judgment for \$385,00 with interest from 1st January 1859, till paid and \$6.91 costs, which is a lien on the same.

The defendants George W. Seydell and wife, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on the first day of the next County Court.

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VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4nd day of March, 1867, John N. Tolson plaintiff, Against Clara McNair and her husband whose name is unknown, Stephen McNair, Fred McNair, Henry McNair, Dolph McNair, and Robert McNair, and Robert McNair, and Francis J. Cannon late Sheriff of Prince William County, Committee Administrator of John McNair deceased, defendants, IN CHANCERY:

The object of this suit is to obtain a decree for the sale of the real estate in Prince William County of which John McNair was the owner at the time of his death, and the proceeds thereof applied in payment of the debts for which he is liable. The defendants Cora McNair, and her husband whose name is unknown, Stephen McNair,

Frederick McNair, Henry McNair, Dolph McNair and Robert McNair not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on the first day of the next County Court.

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Warrenton True Index 30 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1867. Sarah E. Brawner, administratrix of William Brawner deceased, plaintiff, Against John H. Sullivan, defendant, IN CHANCERY:

The object of this suit is to attach 122 1/4 acres of land situated in Prince William County, the property of the defendant, and subject it to the payment of a debt of \$22, with interest from 1st June 1859 till paid. The defendant, John H. Sullivan, not having entered his appearance and given security, according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

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Warrenton True Index 30 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1867: Lebius Ewell, plaintiff, Against Albert N. Doane, defendant, IN CHANCERY, In which an Attachment has been issued.

The object of this suit is to attach the farm of the defendant in Prince William County, adjoining the lands of Thomas N. Berryman, Phillip F. Brill and others, and to subject it to the payment of a debt of \$87 58, with interest from 12th day of March 1856, due by defendant to plaintiff. The defendant, Albert N. Deane; Court, and not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

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Warrenton True Index 30 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4nd day of March, 1867. Aylett Nicol, agent for John Williams and others, plaintiffs, Against Charles T. Jardella, defendants, In Chancery:

The object of this suit is to attach defendant's interest in a house and lot in Brentsville, Prince William County, Va., known as the "Tavern Lot," and subject it to the payment of a debt of \$125., with interest thereon from 7th day of July 1860 till paid. The defendant, Charles T. Jardella not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on the first day of the next County Court.

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Warrenton True Index 30 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4nd day of March, 1867 Spotswood Childress, plaintiff, Against James Nokes, defendant in an Action of Covenant, in which an Attachment has been issued:

The object of this suit is to recover from the defendant the sum of \$1238.52, with interest from \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 18\_\_ till paid \_ damage \$2000. The defendant, James Nokes, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on the first day of the next County Court.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk -- Hunton & Sinclair p. q.

Warrenton True Index 30 Mar 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 4nd day of March, 1867 Thomas K. Davis who sues for the benefit of Aylett Nicol plaintiffs, Against George W. Seydell and Harriet, his wife, H. Kincheloe, and Eppa Hunton, defendants, IN CHANCERY.

It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that one of the Commissioners of this Court do enquire and report to the Court, any and all liens, by deed of trust, judgment or otherwise binding upon said tract or parcel of land, together with their amount and priorities, and report the same to the court with any other matter deemed pertinent by himself or required by any party; and said Commissioner do give notice for four successive weeks of the time and place of making said enquire in some newspaper

published in the town of Warrenton.

An abstract -- Teste, John Camper, Clerk.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Brentsville, July 6th, 1867 -- All parties interested in the above cause, will take notice that I have fixed Friday, the 16th day of August, 1867, at my office, in the town of Brentsville, to execute the requirements of the decree of which the above is an extract.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, this 6th day of July, 1867

R. A. Sinclair

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The object of this suit is to obtain a decree of the Court for the sale of the real estate of which Jane Williams died seized and possessed, and application of the proceeds to the payment of the debts for which it is liable. The defendants, John Williams, John

Taylor Williams, John W. Lipscomb, Wm. J. Hixson and Margaret his wife, Thomas W. Abington and Sallie L. his wife, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on the first day of the next County Court.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk -- Nicol P. Q.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Apr 1867

Letter from Prince William County -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -- BRENTSVILLE, April 2, -- The April monthly term of our County Court adjourned yesterday, having dispatched the business before it in one day. Nothing was done worthy of a special notice. The attendance was large; and farmers report the wheat crop in the county generally as promising. The severity of the past winter is unparalleled with the memory of the oldest inhabitant. On account of weather and high water we had no courts in February and March. The destruction of the bridge over Cedar Run, near this place, causes serious inconvenience to the people of the lower end of the county, and is detrimental to all, in retarding the public business. It is to be hoped that the county authorities will take measures, at the next levy term, to provide for the construction of substantial bridges over Broad and Cedar runs, so as to render the county seat at all seasons accessible. In these tight times the "ways and means" are the only difficulty, and although your informant, a while back, stretched the blanket when he told you that squirrels here were "good for drinks," it is not the less true that money don't grow on our trees, just at this time? Our criminal docket for the Spring term of Judge Thomas's Court will be small. Mr. Chas Wright, our efficient jailor, has only two boarders at present. Davis, charged with assault with intent to kill, and McCall, sent on for horse stealing. By the way, Mr. Wright is the only public officer in the county who "held on" during the war, barring a few alternations between the outside and inside as the fortunes of war changed. Good order prevails among us, which is the desideratum under a military regime. We have few open political agitators. Intimidations are whispered of a petition to General Schofield, in circulation among some malcontents, requesting him to supersede the county authority. Such a proceeding has no justification in anything which has occurred, or is likely to occur, and can only emanate from those who suppose that General Schofield's present officials that of an exterminator, and that they are the beneficiaries under the trust which he holds. From all we can learn, the General does not so understand it, but regards the existing Provisional Government as "of the people, and by the people, for the people" -- to be abolished only in case of a gross and general failure of the ends of justice under it, and only to be controlled in individual cases of patent outrage and wrong. In other words that he desires to exercise his extraordinary powers as a friend, not as an enemy, and military propagandist of political opinion. If so, we have reason to felicitate ourselves upon the lucky hit which gave the General to District No. 1.

In politics non sunt. I heard more political talk at Fairfax, the other day, than I have heard for a long time. There they have a colored candidate for the Legislature (whenever the election occurs) in the person of Mr. Thos. Sinkfield, who has warm supporters. Mr. Sinkfield is said to be conservative and rejects with scorn the pretensions of the radicals as false negrophilists. He denounces the radical appeal for the suffrage of his race, and the pretense that the conquering federal army was an army of liberators. In his poor child's case, (which case was reported to me) he mournfully urges that they sought to bind even the spirit of the dead.

So it goes "from grave to gay, from lively to severe." Great days are the days we live in! L'Inconnu.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Apr 1867

NEWS OF THE DAY -- "To show the very age and body of the times" -- The property known as the Gold Ridge Farm, in Prince William County, Virginia, was disposed of, the other day, to G. A. Wheelock, for \$63,000, or \$100 per acre.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Apr 1867

COURT NOTICES -- To Clara McNair and her husband, name unknown, Stephen McNair, Fred. McNair, Henry McNair, Robt. McNair, Dolph McNair, Geo. W. Brent, and Francis J. Cannon, Sheriff of Prince William Co. Committee Administrator of John McNair, deceased

Take notice, that I shall on the 15th Day of April, 1867, at the law office of Aylett Nicol, in the town of Brentsville, Prince William Co., Va., between the hours of 6 a. m. and 6 p. m., of that day, proceed to take the depositions of WM. E. LIPSCOMB and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in equity, depending in the Circuit Court for the said county of Prince William, wherein I am plaintiff and you are defendants; and if from any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, or if commenced be not concluded on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and continued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

Frances A. T. Davis. Prince William Co. Va., Mar 12, 1867

Warrenton True Index 13 Apr 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1867: George W. Larkin, John F. Larkin, James E. Larkin, Julia A. Larkin, Lucien A. Larkin, Rozier D. Larkin, William W. Larkin, Thomas N. Larkin, Harriet P. Larkin, and Josephene E. Larkin, Plaintiffs, Against William Florence and Louisa Florence his wife, Elizabeth Clark, Charles F. Larkin, William P. Hereford, Richard D. Larkin, Hephestian Smith, and Penelope V. Smith his wife, Defendants, IN CHANCERY:

The object of this suit is to obtain a sale of a tract of land, containing 127 acres, situated in Prince William County, and a division of the proceeds among the parties entitled thereto. The defendants William Florance and Louisa Florance his wife and Elizabeth Clark not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence

that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County on the first day of the next County Court.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk -- A. Nicol & G. W. Larkin p. q.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Apr 1867

MANASSAS GAP RAILROAD . -- The repairs to the track, and the relaying of the rails on the Manassas Gap Railroad, from Manassas Station to Piedmont, a distance of thirty-four miles, was completed on Monday last, and that portion of the road is now in excellent condition, and will have trains passing over it as soon as the switches and turn outs are adjusted, to accomplish which, will require, it is supposed, but three or four days, at the utmost, because arrangements have been made to bring the stockholders of the Company, residing along the line of the road, over it, to this city, prior to Wednesday, the 24th inst., when their called meeting will be held. Another section of this road, between Strasburg and Timberville, thirty five miles long, is with the exception of the bridges, also in good condition, the road bed and rails having been undisturbed since they were originally laid. The running stock of the road now consists of six locomotives, fifty freight cars, thirty box and twenty gondola, and one mail and baggage car.

Warrenton True Index 04 MAY 1867

MARRIED - ON THE 17TH OF APRIL BY ELDER T. W. NEWMAN, MR. JAMES WILLIAM RILEY AND MISS AUGUSTA SOPHRONIA SMITH, ALL OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA.

Warrenton True Index 04 May 1867

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, To the Sheriff of Prince William County: Whereas an action on the case has been depending in the county court of Prince William, between P. D. Williams and P. D. Lipscomb, joint merchants and partners trading under the firm and name of P. D. Williams & Company, against Daniel Osmun, and before judgment was given or verdict rendered therein, the said P. D. Williams died, the said P. D. Lipscomb him surviving, and afterwards the said P. D. Lipscomb died, having first made and published his last will and testament, and thereof appointed Eppa Hunton his Executor, who hath proved the said will and taken upon himself the burthen of the execution thereof; and he has applied for a scire facias against the defendant; and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that the defendant is out of the Commonwealth, by reason thereof, according to the statute in such case made, the scire facias may be served on the defendant's agent or attorney in fact, if any he have in the Commonwealth; or if he have no such agent or attorney known, by publication for four weeks successively, previous to the return day of this writ, in some newspaper published in this Commonwealth; Therefore, we command you that you make known according to the statue aforesaid, that the said Daniel Osmun the

defendant aforesaid be before the justices of our county court of Prince William, at the Court House of said county, on the 1st Monday in June next, to show cause, if any he can why the said action should not proceeded in to a final judgment. And have then there this writ.-- Witness, M. B. Sinclair clerk of the said court at the court house aforesaid, this 26th day of April, 1867 and in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.  
Hunton, p. q. M. B. Sinclair

Warrenton True Index 11 May 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County May 6th, 1867. John H. Austin and Ann his wife, Milly Manuel, Moses Hixson, Benjamin Hixson, Sarah Hixson, Alice Hickey, by John Hickey her father and next friend, and George Hixson, plaintiffs, Against David Hixson, William J. Hixson, John Petty and Elizabeth his wife, John F. Johnson, Isaac Florence, Francis Robertson and Dorcas his wife, Defendants, IN CHANCERY:

The object of this suit is to obtain assignment of dower and a sale of the residue of the real estate in Prince William County formerly belonging to William Henry Hixson deceased, and distribution of the proceeds to those entitled. The defendants David Hixson, William J. Hixson, John Petty and Elizabeth his wife and John F. Johnson, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk -- Chas. E. Sinclair p. q.

Warrenton True Index 11 May 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County Court, May 6, 1867 Phillip Wemburg, plaintiff, Against Lafayette Maddox, defendant, ACTION OF DEBT.

In which attachment issued to recover \$37.50 with interest from 22nd day of May 1866, till paid; and the defendant Lafayette Maddox not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk -- Chas. E. Sinclair p. q.

Warrenton True Index 11 May 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County Court, May 6, 1867. Alice Hickey, by John Hickey her father and next friend, John H. Austin and Ann his wife, Milly Manuel, Benjamin Hixson, George Hixson, and Priscilla Hixson, plaintiffs, Against Moses Hixson, William J. Hixson, David Hixson, John Hixson, John Petty, and Elizabeth his wife, defendants, IN CHANCERY,

The object of this suit is to obtain a sale (partition being impracticable) of the real estate in Prince William County belonging to the heirs of William Hixson deceased, and to distribute the proceeds to those entitled. The defendants William J. Hixson, David Hixson, John Hixson, John Petty, and Elizabeth his wife, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk -- Chas. E. Sinclair p. q.

Alexandria Gazette 13 May 1867

OBITUARY --Died, at "Liberia," Prince William County, the Residence of his son, May 8th 1867, of pneumonia, William J. Weir, esq. in the 75th year of his age. The deceased was native of Spotsylvania county, but in early life moved to Prince William, where he resided until a few years past, and was on a visit to his son from his residence in Fluvanna county, when attacked with the disease to which he fell a victim. Enfeebled by age, and possessed of a delicate constitution, he could not stand the ravages of so dangerous a malady as pneumonia, and from the first inception of the attack his physical strength rapidly gave way. Mr. Weir was a gentleman, whose personal worth was acknowledged by all who knew him; possessed of strong sense, an amiable disposition, and a kind benevolent heart, he was greatly beloved, not only by his immediate family, but by a large circle of friends and acquaintance. We much doubt whether he ever had an enemy. Our deceased friend had been for many years a worthy member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and had, in an eminent degree, that unobtrusive piety, gentle disposition, and the "charity which thinketh no evil," combined with an integrity of soul, which stamped him as "an honest man, the noblest work of God." During his last illness he bore his sufferings with great patience and resignation to the Divine will, and a few hours before his departure he repeated, to a friend standing near his bedside, the cheering words, "all is well." and calmly, quietly, and without a struggle he passed away from earth to the Paradise of God. Truly, Richmond, Southern Churchman, and Fredericksburg papers please copy.

Alexandria Gazette 14 May 1867

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE, SEVENTH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA, ALEXANDRIA, MAY 10, 1867. -- The list of annual taxes for the counties of Alexandria, Fairfax and Prince William, is now ready for collection.

Payment of taxes in Alexandria county may be made at No. 96, Prince Street, Alexandria.

Payment of taxes in Fairfax County may be made at Fairfax C. H., to H. M. Fitzhugh, Deputy Collector.

Payment of taxes in Prince William county may be made to H. M. Fitzhugh, Deputy Collector at Brentsville, at May Court, or afterwards at Fairfax C. H.

If not paid within thirty days from date, five per cent will be added, together with one per cent for each month's delay thereafter.

T. L. SANDBORN, Collector 7th District, Virginia

Alexandria Gazette 21 May 1867

Letter From Prince William County - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette ---- Brentsville, May 17, -- Our Circuit Court, Judge Thomas presiding, adjourned on Thursday. Only two criminal cases engaged the Court at this term.

John McCall, indicted for horse stealing, was found guilty, and the term of his imprisonment in the penitentiary fixed at one year. In the case of the Commonwealth against Davis, charged with maliciously wounding his father, Samuel Davis, with intent to kill, the jury found him guilty, and fixed his imprisonment at two years; but the verdict was on motion set aside by Judge Thomas, the testimony showing, in the opinion of the Judge, that the assault, although an aggravated one, was unlawfully but not maliciously committed. Seven military officers, among them Col. Lee, of your city, were present at the trial of Davis, it having been represented that he could not procure a fair trial in this county on account of his having been in the Federal Army during the war. The prosecution was conducted by Col. Aylett Nicol, Commonwealth's Attorney, and the prisoner was defended by Judge Charles E. Sinclair.

A good deal of civil business was transacted, but none of striking or general importance. Judge Thomas makes a most acceptable officer among our people. It would be a great loss to be deprived of his eminent fitness and ability, by any change in the government. His long public service, and knowledge of public men and affairs, render his services invaluable at this critical juncture of the times. Every class here has confidence in his uprightness and impartiality as a Judge, and appreciate his good qualities as a man and a citizen.

We are having cool weather for the season; but the crops are said to give fine, fine promise.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jun 1867

FOR RENT -- THE NEABSCO MILLS PROPERTY, consisting of grist and saw mills, lately put in repair, miller's house, commodious store-house, blacksmith shop and 13 acres of land, belonging to the estate of the late R. Atkinson, deceased, situated in Prince William County, VA, midway between Occoquan and Dumfries, near the telegraph road. This is a fine place for business. There is also a post-office kept at the

store. To a good tenant the rent would be moderate. apply either to Gen. Eppa Hunton, Warrenton, Va.; or Dr. Richard Wheat, Dumfries, Va.; or E. F. Atkinson, 273 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va. - Possession given immediately.

Warrenton True Index 06 Jul 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County Court, July 2nd, 1867. Cassius Carter, plaintiff, Against M. J. Carter, Robert Beverly and Jane his wife, Loughborough Carter, C. Shirley Carter, John C. Carter and Eliza R. Carter the last an infant under the age of twenty one, defendants, IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain an assignment of dower, and partition of the residue of a tract of land in Prince William County known as Falkland, containing about 1400 acres, among those entitled thereto; the defendants Loughborough Carter not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk

Warrenton True Index 06 Jul 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County Court, on Monday, the first day of July 1867, Susan Ann Garner, Plaintiff, Against William E. Garner, Defendant, IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant. And it appearing by affidavit that diligence has been used by the plaintiff to ascertain in what county the said defendant is, without effect; It is ordered, that the said William E. Garner do appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk

Warrenton True Index 06 Jul 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County Court, on Monday, the first day of July 1867. L. A. Larkin, Plaintiff, Against F. Belcher and William S. Fewell, Defendants, IN CHANCERY:

The object of this suit is to attach a tract of fifty acres of land at or near the junction of the Orange and Alexandria and the Manassas Gap Rail Road sold to said Belcher, by said Fewell, and to subject it to the payment of two bonds of one thousand dollars each payable on the 1st January, 1865, and 1st January 2, 1866 respectively.

The defendant F. Belcher not having entered his appearance and given security

according to law, and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State; It is ordered, that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County at the next term.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk

Warrenton True Index 16 Jul 1867

VIRGINIA -- In the Circuit Court of Prince William county, May 15th 1867. Elias E. Conner Administrator of George B. Bradfield deceased, Plaintiff, Against Francis J. Cannon, Sheriff of Prince William county Committee Administrator of John Mayhugh deceased, Susan Mayhugh, Robert Mayhugh and John T. Mayhugh, (the last two of whom are infants) and Eliza Bradfield, Willie Ann Bradfield, Edward Bradfield and Alfred Bradfield, the last three of whom are infants, Defendants, IN CHANCERY.

It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that a Commissioner of this court enquire and ascertain the amount to be paid by John Mayhugh to George B. Bradfield for the land in the bill mentioned and what part of said purchase money is still due and report, and that he make report thereof to the court. An abstract --Teste, John Camper, Clerk.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Brentsville, July 6th, 1867. All parties interested in the above cause will take notice that I have fixed Monday, the 12th day of August, 1867, at my office in the town of Brentsville, to execute the requirements of the decree of which the above is an extract.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, this 6th day of July, 1867. R. A. Sinclair

Warrenton True Index 16 Jul 1867

VIRGINIA -- In the Circuit Court of Prince William county, May 15th 1867. John D. Corse, and Montgomery D. Corse, late partners trading under the firm name of Corse Brothers, Plaintiffs, Against John E. J. Fuller and others children and heirs at law of Ruth Fuller deceased, whose names are unknown, H. B. Clagett, and Francis J. Cannon Sheriff of Prince William County, Committee Administrator of Ruth Fuller deceased, Defendants, IN CHANCERY.

It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that one of the Commissioners of this Court do take an account of the outstanding debts due and owing by the said Ruth Fuller deceased, with their priorities, and that said Commissioner do also make a settlement of the Administration account of Francis J. Cannon Sheriff of Prince William county, Committee Administrator of Ruth Fuller deceased and that said Commissioner do also take an account of the real estate with its annual and fee simple value notice of the time and place of taking said account to be published once a week for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in the town of Warrenton which said publication shall be equivalent to personal service, and said Commissioner is required to report said account to the Court with any matter deemed pertinent by himself or required by any parties. An abstract -- Teste, John Camper, Clerk.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Brentsville, July 6th, 1867 -- All parties interested in

the above cause, will take notice that I have fixed Friday, the 16th day of August, 1867, at my office, in the town of Brentsville, to execute the requirements of the decree of which the above is an extract.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, this 6th day of July, 1867  
R. A. Sinclair

Alexandria Gazette 01 Aug 1867

PUBLIC SALE -- By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Prince William County entered on the 1st day of July, 1867, in a suit therein pending, in which George W. Larkin and others are plaintiffs and Chas. F. Larkin and others are defendants, the undersigned Commissioners will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on the 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1867, (that being Court day) at public auction to the highest bidder, a TRACT or PARCEL OF LAND, known as THE COTTAGE, containing 127 acres, situated in the county of Prince William, about 1 mile from Bristoe Station, adjoining the lands of Howson Hooe and others, on the following

TERMS: Ten per cent cash, and the residue on a credit of one and two years, with interest from day of sale; the purchaser to give bond, with approved security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security for the same.

This tract of land is of good quality, and contains about 30 acres of timber.

George W. Larkin, A. Nicol, Commissioners -- Prince William County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Aug 1867

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Gainesville, VA, August 3, -- Supposing a few lines from this interesting section of the country during the present dull season, will not be unacceptable to you. I have determined to jot down an item of the past week, hoping you will consider it worthy a corner in your very useful and excellent journal.

On Thursday, the 1st inst. the young people of this neighborhood determined to enliven the monotony of the times by reviving, in a measure, the chivalry of the middle ages, and give us a specimen of equestrianism in the shape of a tournament. Ten knights entered the list to prove by their skill and gallantry their admiration of and devotion to the fair sex. As nearly as I can recollect they rode in the following order: Mr. Meredith, as knight of "Sylvia"; Mr. Green as Knight of "No one to Love"; Mr. Fitzhugh as Knight of "Waverly"; Mr. Steele as Knight of "Octorara"; Mr. Selma Marsteller as Knight of "Mid Lothian", Mr. Grayson as Knight of "Old Dominion"; Mr. Emlyn Marsteller as Knight of "Redclyffe"; Mr. Norris as Knight of "Mantua"; Mr. Massillon Marsteller as Knight of "Lammermoor"; and Mr. Jones as Knight of "Ivanhoe";

Mr. Selma Marsteller, the successful knight, crowned the lovely and graceful Miss R., of Alexandria, Queen of Love and Beauty; Mr. Green crowned the beautiful Miss G. of Fredericksburg, 1st Maid of Honor; Mr. Meredith the pretty and fascinating Miss Sylvia C., 2nd Maid of honor, and Mr. Grayson, the accomplished Miss B., of this county, 3rd Maid of Honor.

Previous to the riding, col. S. Simpson addressed the knights in a short but very

pretty and interesting speech, detailing in a clear and lucid style the origin and history of tournaments in the past ages, which was received by the knights with three hearty and appreciative cheers.

Capt. J. E. Herrell, as Marshall on the occasion, acted in his usually gentlemanly and efficient manner. Mr. Hunton, and Messrs. Tyler, Leachman and Shirley, by their impartiality gave entire satisfaction as judges. After the performances on the field, the party adjourned to the house of Dr. Marsteller, a most urbane and hospitable gentleman, where they proved their devotions to the Terpsichorean Goddess by tripping it off on the light fantastic, &c.&c., till the eastern horizon would have been tinged with the first rays of the rising god, had it not been a cloudy morning. Altogether, every thing passed off most agreeably, and the ladies, God bless 'em, went home, I dare say to sleep and dream upon images and thoughts first seen and engendered on this memorable night, and "long may they wave."

The corn in this section, looks well, and taken, all in all, I think the farmers' prospects are brightening.

Wishing you a great deal of happiness and prosperity, and your time-honored paper a wider circulation than ever.

I remain, most truly, yours, -- "More Anon."

Warrenton True Index 24 Aug 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, on the 5th day of August 1867. Hamden A. White, surviving partner of himself and Edwin Smith late merchants &c, trading under the name and style of H. A. White & Company, plaintiff, Against Collins L. Macrae, defendant, IN AN ACTION OF DEBT, on bond for \$166.64 with interest from 2nd day of September 1856, in which an attachment has been issued. The object of this suit is to attach the interest of Collins L. Macrae in real estate (MEADOW FARM,) conveyed by J. W. F. Macrae, to Z. Collius Lee in trust for benefit of his wife and children.

The defendant Collins L. Macrae not having entered his appearance and given security according to the Act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk -- W. H. Payne p. q.

Warrenton True Index 24 Aug 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, on the 5th day of August 1867. George A. Bowling and Emily E. his wife, plaintiffs, Against Sallie Rolls, James Hensey and Ann his wife, Benjamin Able, Levi Able, Seymour Able, Elijah Able, Henry Able, George Able and William Able, Defendants. IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a safe of a tract of land, lying and situated in Prince

William county, containing 74 acres, and a partition of the proceeds among the parties entitled thereto.

The defendants, Sallie Rolls, James Hensey and Ann his wife, Seymour Able and William Able not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk -- Chas. E. Sinclair p. q.

Alexandria Gazette 30 Aug 1867

VIRGINIA NEWS -- A white man, named Garner, stole a horse from Mr. Bryant Galleher, near Brentsville, in Prince William County, on Friday night last. The horse being missed next morning, immediate pursuit was instituted and at noon on Saturday, Garner was overhauled in Leesburg, in possession of the coveted animal, and after an attempt to escape, was sent to jail.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Aug 1867

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Brentsville, September 4, -- Our monthly term of the County Court for September, adjourned on Tuesday. The usual routine of county business was gone through with. Wm. E. Garner was arraigned for horse stealing, (from Bryan Gallaher) and demanding to have his trial in the Circuit Court, his case was removed under the provisions of the act of the Legislature, passed at the last session, amending and reforming the procedure in criminal cases. A contract was entered into by the Court with G. S. Coleman, of Washington, for rebuilding the bridge over Cedar Run, near this place. It is to be completed by the 15th of November. Contract cost of rebuilding, one thousand dollars. This will supply a pressing want of our citizens residing below Cedar Run, and ensures the regular sessions of our Courts, which have, of late, been frequently interrupted by high water.

There is quite a stir in politics here just now. On the 17th of August, a meeting was held of the "patriotic Union men" of the county, and the following invitation had been previously extended by public notices: "All who are opposed to secret oath bound organizations, and midnight conclaves, and who are willing to come out in open day and by the practice of true Union sentiment inculcate harmony and promote reconciliation among the people, are invited to attend." George W. Sexsmith, esq., was called to the chair, and Lewis Mackey, esq., appointed Secretary. On motion of M. M. Roseberry, esq., the meeting adjourned to the first Monday in September, when it again assembled with an increased attendance, the former chairman and secretary officiating. The object in view was explained by the chairman in an appropriate and sensible address; whereupon the following resolutions were introduced by Rev. John Sexsmith, who prefaced them by an able and eloquent speech:

Resolved, by the citizens of Prince William County Va. in public meeting assembled

to consult upon the present political condition of our state and country:

1. That we are unchanged in our attachment to the Union of the States, under the Constitution of our fathers, and that we believe that such a union, administered by wise and just laws, will best secure domestic tranquility, and elevate us to a just position and commanding influence among the nations of the world.

2. That we are utterly opposed to the idea that this union is a consolidation of States; consolidation will lead to corruption, and corruption will lead to the destruction of our liberties, and the ruin of our nationality.

3. That we are in favor of a restoration of Virginia to her place in the Union, and that we are ready to make any just sacrifice on our part to secure so desirable a result, believing that our domestic, social and material interests demand a speedy restoration of the State of Virginia to the Union, with her rights, as a State, unimpaired.

4. That if a Convention is assembled to form a State Constitution and government, it should be so constituted as not to sacrifice the honor or future peace of the State of Virginia,

5. That we are in favor of securing to the Freedmen all their just rights, subject alone to such legal enactments as will prevent the abuse of political privileges and thereby disorganize society and bring ruin upon the State of Virginia.

This is a movement originating with the Union men exclusively, those who adhered to the United States during the war, many of whom are of Northern birth, and its declared object is hostility to secret combinations between the colored population and the ultra-radical whites, who have been organizing "Union leagues," and their adjunct societies throughout the country. The meeting adjourned to meet again at Manassas on Saturday, the 14th instant, when several addresses are expected from distinguished speakers, who have been invited and have promised to attend. CIVIS

Alexandria Gazette 21 Aug 1867

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Prince William County, Va., August 19, 1867 - The sojourner in this county finds few things to chronicle, that would interest the general reader. Politics are at a low ebb, save amongst the few radicals who are endeavoring to instill into the minds of the colored population the peculiar political ideas of their party. The only prominent leaders and promoters of party strife here, are, as with you, imported for the purpose, or hired by promise of office, under the new regime. The few men who are prominent in drilling the colored people into the radical maneuvers are, without exception, men of Northern birth. The active spirit of these malcontents is one \_\_\_\_, a Northern man, who held an office in Washington during the war, and who now aspires to be a leader of the "new party" - i.e., the blacks arrayed against the whites. Marshaled by him, the Negroes hold secret meetings, and form "loyal leagues," being promised, according to their own confession, "forty acres of land, if they vote the radical ticket," and as an additional inducement to activity and faithfulness, they are told that unless the radicals carry the State, the old slave party will get into place and power, and remand them (the colored people into slavery!!

The result of these teachings is to foster a bad spirit on the part of the blacks toward the whites; and a distrust and suspicion has arisen, injurious to both races.

Documents are freely circulated amongst the colored people, exhorting them to stand by the party that redeemed them from slavery, documents headed with questions like this: Question. Who freed you? answer. Abraham Lincoln. Q. Who was Lincoln? A. A Republican the leader of the radical party. Q. Then as the radicals freed you, for whom should you vote? A. For the radical candidates. From all these things the native whites stand aloof, deploring but not interfering in any way.

Registration was conducted here in a manner peculiarly original. Many who presented themselves were met with the question: "Did you sympathize with the rebellion? and if an affirmative answer was given, the applicant, without further questioning was peremptorily rejected. One applicant was rejected on the ground that he had bought goods from a blockade runner during the war. But on the proof being produced that the blockade runner was a prominent Union man, and had been allowed to register without question, the objection was overruled!

Crops are looking fair, the late rains having produced a marked effect on the corn. The people here struggle against many difficulties, unreliable help being a drawback to extensive agricultural efforts, as it is useless to plant, unless help can be obtained to cultivate and harvest. Money is scarce, the produce raised being nearly all required for consumption on the spot. The county is very slowly recovering from the devastating effects of war. Fencing is slowly being restored, and building in a few cases erected; but the supply of labor is limited, and precarious, from the preference the colored people have for "doing for themselves" which "doing" amounts to living in a hovel, and raising vegetables, and existing as best they may; being frequently driven by want to theft. But they are free!       OBSERVER

Warrenton True Index 24 Aug 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, on the 7th day of September 1867, Duff Green, plaintiff Against Charles E. Butler Administrator of W. H. Hixson and John H. Austin and Ann his wife, Milly Manuel, Moses Hixson, Benjamin Hixson, Sarah Hixson, George Hixson, John Hixson, Wm. J. Hixson, David Hixson, John Petty and Elizabeth his wife, Isaac Florence, Francis Robertson and Dorothy his wife, John F. Johnson, and Alice W. Hickey the last being an infant by guardian and litem, defendants, IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to restrain and enjoin the defendants Charles E. Butler, and George Hixson, and all others from cutting or carrying away any wood or timber from a tract of land not far from Manassas, in the county of Prince William containing about one hundred and thirty acres belonging to the estate of W. H. Hixson, and subject it to the payment of a debt of two hundred and thirty dollars with interest from 25th June, 1852, and six dollars and forty one cents costs, subject to two credits of fifteen dollars and thirty-four cents as of 17th September, 1852, and of sixty dollars and twenty nine cents as of 15th December 1852. The defendants John Hixson, Wm. J. Hixson, David Hixson, John Petty and Elizabeth his wife and John F. Johnson not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this

order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk -- B. H. Shackelford p. q.

Warrenton True Index 07 Sep 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, on the 2nd day of September 1867, Francis Hanna plaintiff, Against William Musser, defendants, IN CHANCERY.

In which an attachment has been issued.

The object of this suit is to attach a tract of about 468 acres of land, part of the DEEP HOLE TRACT in Prince William county the property of the defendant and subject it to the payment of a debt of \$40.63 due plaintiff by defendant with interest thereon from 26th December 1863. The defendant William Musser, not having entered their appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, M. B. Sinclair, Clerk --A. Nicol p. q.

Alexandria Gazette 26 Sep 1867

ELECTION NOTICES -- Public Meeting in Prince William County. -- A meeting of the citizens of Prince William opposed to Radicalism, will be held at Brentsville on the First Monday in October, (Court Day) for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the election district of Prince William and Stafford in the approaching State Convention. Our friends in Stafford County are earnestly invited to unite with us in the meeting, as the time is too short for a regular convention, and harmonious co-operation is necessary to success.

MANY VOTERS Prince William County, Va.

Warrenton True Index 28 Sep 1867

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. -- By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by Joseph Bowers and wife on the 1st day of January 1856 and of record in the clerk's office of Prince William County Court and for the purpose therein declared, I shall, on Monday the 4th day of November, 1867, that being court-day at Brentsville in Prince William county, offer for sale, for cash, a tract of land lying on Little Bull Run, containing 326 ACRES, more or less, being the same land conveyed to said Bowers by John B. Grayson. This land lies within a few miles of Gainesville, a depot of Manassas Gap Railroad and is considered very good land.

Selling as Trustee I shall only convey such title as is vested in me by said deed, which is believed to be unquestionable.

EPPA HUNTON, Trustee - Sept. 26, 1867

It is believed that arrangements will be made to sell the above land for one-third cash, the balance in one or two years satisfactorily secured. - Eppa Hunton Sept. 28  
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Warrenton True Index 12 Oct 1867

VIRGINIA -- At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, on the 7th day of October 1867 Charles Bragg, plaintiff Against Mason Bates, Ann F. Speake and Eleanor Davis, Defendants, IN CHANCERY

The object of this suit is to restrain and enjoy the defendant Ann F. Speake from entering upon or otherwise interfering with a tract of land lying in the said county of Prince William near Dumfries, containing about seventy acres and now in the possession of the defendant Eleanor Davis, and to restrain all of the said defendants and their agents from cutting wood, timber or other natural growth from or upon said land and from committing any waste thereon until the further order of the said Circuit Court.

The defendant Mason Bates not having entered his appearance and given security according to the Act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this state, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk -- W. H. Payne p. q.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Oct 1867

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE PRINCE WILLIAM LAND. By virtue of a decree of the County Court for Prince William county, Virginia, rendered at its August term, 1867, in the cause of Oliver P. Chappell vs L. Hirsh and others, the undersigned as Commissioner of Sale therein named will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the Court House at Brentsville, in said county, on MONDAY, the 4th day of November, 1867 (court day) at 12 m., all that TRACT OF LAND, situated about two miles east of Brentsville, which was conveyed to Oliver P. Chappell by Richard Windsor and wife; the same being a portion of the property known as "WALNUT HILL," and containing THREE HUNDRED ACRES. There is a comfortable House on the land and a good orchard. The land is said to be well timbered.

TERMS - One tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in four equal installments, at 6, 12, and 24 months, with interest; the bonds of the purchaser, with good security, to be taken for the deferred payments, the title to be retained until the entire purchase money is paid.

ALBERT STUART, Commissioner - Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 04 Nov 1867

AUCTION SALES -- PUBLIC SALE -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Prince William, entered on the 15th day of October, 1867, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Mary A. Lipscomb and others are plaintiffs and John Williams and other are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner, will sell before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY the 2d day of December, 1867, that being Court Day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the HOUSE and LOT, in the town of Brentsville, known as the "TAVERN LOT," lately occupied by Mrs. Holland as a hotel, upon the following terms to wit; Ten per cent cash, and the remainder on a credit of 6, 12, and 18 months; the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bond and security therefore, and the title to be retained as a further security for the same.

Said property is well adapted to the purpose of a boarding school, and Brentsville is a most excellent location for one.

A. Nicol, commissioner - Brentsville, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Nov 1867

AUCTION SALES --THOROUGHFARE MILLS FOR SALE ON THURSDAY, the 5th day of December, 1867, by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced at the October term, 1867, in the suit of Horner, et. al., vs Chapman, the undersigned, as Commissioners of sale, will offer to the highest bidder, at Manassas Station, at 12m., that splendid MILL BUILDING and WATER POWER; also the Saw Mill Building and Water power; known as the THOROUGHFARE MILLS, lately the property of John Chapman, deceased. Said property is situated at Thoroughfare Gap, immediately upon the Manassas Gap Railroad, with switch, &c., for loading and unloading cars, 42 miles from the city of Alexandria, and in direct communication by railroad with the cities of Washington & Baltimore.. The building is five stories high, with a basement, and can be easily converted into a factory for cotton and woolen goods, and is surrounded by a large wool growing country. The stream is never failing, and the whole is considered one of the most eligibly situated and desirable pieces of property in the State of Virginia.

The attention of persons desiring either a factory or merchant is particularly called to it.

Terms of Sale -- Ten per cent cash, and the residue in three equal annual installments, the credit payments to bear interest, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the Commissioners; title to be retained until the last payment is made; the property subject to be resold under an order of Court, in event of the failure to meet the payments.

At the same time and place, and , and upon the same terms, will be offered for sale, TWO TRACTS OF LAND, about THREE HUNDRED ACRES each, on, adjoining the described Mills and lying on the south side of the Manassas Gap Railroad, partly in Fauquier and partly in Prince William counties, said land being also the property of the late John Chapman, divided into two tracts to suit purchasers. Each tract has a small DWELLING HOUSE upon it, and other buildings, with a sufficiency of water and timber, and is partially enclosed.

For further information apply to John S. Chapman, No.68 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va. -- John S. Chapman, Rice W. Payne, Eppa Hunton, J. B. Brooks, Commissioners

Alexandria Gazette 04 Nov 1867

DESIRABLE MILL PROPERTY FOR SALE -- On Thursday, the 5th day of December, 1867, by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, Va., pronounced at the October term, 1867, in the suit of Horner and wife vs Chapman, the undersigned as Commissioners of Sale, will offer to the highest bidder, at Manassas Station, at 12 m., the UPPER MILL, at Thoroughfare Gap, the property of George Chapman, Jr., deceased. Said mill is situated in Fauquier County, Va., on the Manassas Gap Railroad, 42 miles from the city of Alexandria. It is four stories high, and is constructed for grinding wheat, corn and plaster; and is supplied by a never failing stream without the aid of a dam.

TERMS OF SALE -- One third cash; the residue in equal installments of six. twelve and eighteen months, the credit payments to bear interest and to be secured to the satisfaction of the Commissioners; title to be retained until the last payment is made; property subject to resale under an order of Court, in event of failing to meet the payments. John S. Chapman, George Horner, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Nov 1867

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Brentsville, Nov. 11th, 1867. To the creditors of W. J. Weir, Deceased, and all Others Concerned.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed, at the request of Walter Weir, Executor of the estate of the said William J. Weir, deceased, the 25th Day of November Next, at my office, for receiving proof of debts or demands against the said decedent, or his estate, at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner of the County Court of Prince William County, the day and year aforesaid.

R. A. Sinclair , Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 08 Dec 1867

PUBLIC SALE -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the 15th day of October, 1867, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Elias E. Conner, Adm'r of George B. Bradfield, deceased, is plaintiff, and Susan Mayhugh and others are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioner, will sell before the front door of the Court House of said county, on Monday, the 2nd day of December, 1867, that being Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, a TRACT OF LAND, containing 120 acres, upon the following terms, to wit: One -fourth cash, and the remainder on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale; the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

Said tract of land is situated on Occoquan, near Sprigg's Ford, in Prince William County, about three miles from the village of Manassas, and is well timbered.

A. Nicol, Commissioner, Brentsville, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Dec 1867

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND IN PRINCE WILLIAM. -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County entered on the 15th day of October, 1867, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Richard M. Allen and others are plaintiffs and John A. Harrison and others are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioners, will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1868, that being Court day, TWO TRACTS OF LAND, in the said county, lying near the Potomac River, one containing about 133 1/3 ACRES, and the other about 66 2/3 ACRES. These lands are unimproved with buildings and for farming purposes, but are well set in timber of chestnut and other growth, and are chiefly desirable as timber lands, near water navigation.

Terms -- One fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash and the residue in two equal installments, at one and two years, the purchaser to give bond, with approved personal security, to bear interest from the day of sale, and the title to be retained as security for the deferred payments. Eppa E. Sinclair, Eppa Hunton, Prince William Co.

Warrenton True Index 04 Jan 1868

BUCKLAND WOOLEN FACTORY -- The undersigned having become the owners of the "Buckland Mills," Prince William county, Va., two and a half miles from Gainesville Station on the Manassas Gap Railroad, have put the same in thorough repair, and now prepared to fill all orders for the BEST WOOLEN FABRICS.

By the addition of new and improved machinery they hope to manufacture goods that will compete with the best, both in the texture and finish, in the markets. They have engaged as superintendent a gentleman who has had an experience of twenty years in the best woolen mills of England, and is known to be thoroughly skilled in the business. Every effort will be made to make their establishment worthy of the support and encouragement of those who desire the development of the manufacturing interest of the State, and the undersigned hope to receive a generous support in the undertaking.

The highest market price will be paid for wool, either in money or cloth.

John B. Hunton & Company, Prince William County, VA. 25 Oct 1867

Warrenton True Index 04 Jan 1868

TRUSTEE'S SALE!!! - A Fine Farm of 289 1/2 Acres!! - Terms Easy! By virtue of the powers reposed in my deed of trust from Josiah T. Carter and wife, dated the 26th day of May, 1866, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Prince William County. I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at the residence of Josiah T. Carter, near Haymarket, in the county of Prince William, In Thursday, the 13th of February, 1868, if fair, if not, the next fair day, all that tract and parcel of land called "CARTER'S GREEN," in the County of Prince William, about six miles from Gainesville, on the Manassas Rail Road, containing 289 1/2 Acres, more or less; and the personally by said deed conveyed, consisting of Horses, Stock, Farming Implements. &c.

The farm is under fencing and in a good condition; well wooded and watered. It has upon it stables, barn, out houses and dwelling house containing four rooms and in good repair.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten per centum of the purchase money in cash upon the day of sale; the residue in three equal installments payable respectively in one, two, and three years, bearing interest from date said interest payable annually.

N. B. -- This farm can be purchased at private sale, Mr. Joseph T. Carter, who resides upon the premises will show them to persons wishing to examine and give such information as may be desired.

Those desiring to purchase will address the undersigned at Warrenton, Fauquier County, Va. -- R. T. Scott, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 04 Feb 1868

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND IN PRINCE WILLIAM -- By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Prince William, rendered at the December term, 1867, in the suit of Austin and others vs Hixson and others, the undersigned, Commissioners of Sale, under said decree, will offer for sale at public auction, before the front door of the Court House of Prince William county, at Brentsville, on MONDAY, the 2d day of March, 1868, Court day, a TRACT OF LAND, in said county, containing about one hundred and thirty-four acres, formerly the property of William Henry Hixson, deceased. This land lies about three miles from Manassas Station, on the Orange Railroad, and has on it a small DWELLING. About one half is taken in timber, pine and oak growth. It will be sold subject to the dower assigned in said suit to the widow of the said William Henry Hixson, deceased, viz: forty seven acres, including the dwelling house.

TERMS -- One fourth of the purchase money in cash, and the residue in equal annual installments, secured by bond of the purchaser at one and two years, with interest from the day of sale; the title to be retained until the terms of sale are complied with, and the property to be resold at the risk of the purchaser, should he fail to complete the purchase. Stamps and conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

EPPA HUNTON, CHARLES E. SINCLAIR, commissioners, Prince William Co.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Feb 1868

PUBLIC SALE -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County pronounced on the 15th day of May, and on the 15th day of October, 1867, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Thomas Cole is plaintiff, and James W. Cheshire is defendant, the undersigned, Commissioner, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder on MONDAY, the 2d day of March, 1868, that being court day, before the front door of the Court House of said county, a LOT of FIFTY-SIX ACRES OF LAND, or thereabouts, situated in the county of Prince William, on the waters of Quantico Creek, adjoining the lands of Sandy Dowell, Thomas Chapman and others on the following

TERMS -- Ten per cent cash, and the residue on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

A Nicol, commissioner, Prince William County, Va.

Warrenton True Index 22 Feb 1868

The Commonwealth of Virginia - To the Sheriff of Prince William County -- Greetings. Whereas an attachment has been pending in the Circuit Court of the said County in which John Naglee Jr., is plaintiff and Isaac Newton and John Underwood defendants, and before the plaintiffs claim was established or judgment given therein the said Isaac Newton one of the defendants died, and Isaac Newton Jr. and G. Bolton Newton have been appointed Executors of the estate of the said Isaac Newton deceased, as by the records of our County Court manifestly appears.

These are therefore in the name of the Commonwealth to require you to summon Isaac Newton Jr. and G. Bolton Newton, executors as aforesaid to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for the county of Prince William at the Court House of the said county on the first day of the next term, to show cause, if any they can, why the said attachment should not be revived and proceeded in, against Isaac Newton Jr. , and G. Bolton Newton, Executors of Isaac Newton deceased, and have then there this writ.

Witness John Camper clerk of our said Circuit Court at the Court House aforesaid this 26th day of November, 1867, and the 92d year of the Commonwealth. John Camper, Sinclair and Hunton p.g.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Feb 1868

MARRIED -- On Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Staunton, by the Rev. Francis McFarland, Doctor Carter Berkeley, of Prince William, formerly of Staunton, to Miss Lovie, second daughter of the late William Gilkerson.

Warrenton True Index 22 Feb 1868

VIRGINIA -- At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, on Monday the 3rd day of February, 1868. Sarah M. W. Vowles, in her own right and as Guardian of her children Fanny T. Vowles, J. Slaughter Vowles, Edwin Vowles and John Vowles, plaintiffs, Against Edwin W. Latimer, Aylett Nicol, Bernard L. Cannon, John H. Butler, William F. Spittle, Elias E. Conner Administrator of George B. Bradfield deceased and Charles W. Latimer, Defendants, IN WHICH AN ATTACHMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED.

The object of this suit is to attach the house and lots in Brentsville belonging to the defendant, Edwin W. Latimer, (and is the same property purchased by him of the plaintiffs) and all the debts due or to become due the said Edwin W. Latimer by the defendants, Bernard L. Cannon, John H. Butler, William F. Spittle, Elias E. Conner, Administrator of George B. Bradfield deceased, and Charles W. Latimer and any and all estate of said Edwin W. Latimer and any and all estate of said Edwin W. Latimer in their hands respectively, and subject it to the payment of a debt of \$800 due plaintiff by defendants, Edwin W. Latimer with interest thereon from 1st January 1862. The defendants Edwon W. Latimer, not having entered his appearance and given security according to law, and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State; It is ordered, that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their

interest in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the "True Index" a newspaper published in the town of Warrenton, once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County at the next term.

A copy -- teste, John Camper, Clerk

Warrenton True Index 22 Feb 1868

The Commonwealth of Virginia - To the Sheriff of Prince William County -- Greetings. Whereas an issue to try the right of property has been pending in the Circuit Court of said county between B. H. Berry, Trustee of James Guy, plaintiff and Isaac Newton defendant and before verdict was rendered or judgment given therein the said Isaac Newton the defendant died, and Isaac Newton Jr., and G. Bolton Newton, Executors as aforesaid, to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for the county of Prince William at the Court House of said county on the first day of the next term, to shew cause if any they can, why the said issue to try the right of property, should not be revived and proceeded in, against Isaac Newton, Jr. and G. Bolton Newton, Executors as aforesaid; and have then there this writ.

Witness John Camper, Clerk of our said Circuit Court at the Court House aforesaid this 26th day of November, 1867 and in the 92nd year of the Commonwealth.

John Camper, Clerk -- Hunton p.g. Feb. 8, 1868

Alexandria Gazette 24 Feb 1868

AUCTION SALES - PUBLIC SALE OF PRINCE WILLIAM LAND. -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the \_\_\_ day of October 1867, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Thomas K. Davis, for the use of A. Nicol, is plaintiff, and George W. Seydell and wife and others are defendants, the undersigned Commissioners, will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 6th day of April, 1868, that being court day, at public auction to the highest bidder, the TRACT or PARCEL of LAND, containing 217 acres, situated about 4 miles south of Manassas, and 2 1/4 miles from Brentsville, the county seat, adjoining the lands of John Arnold and others. This tract of land is well watered and timbered, and from its proximity to the railroad, the timber is very valuable.

TERMS -- One fourth cash, and the residue on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

EPPA HUNTON, commissioner, Prince William County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Feb 1868

PUBLIC SALE of PRINCE WILLIAM LAND -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the \_\_\_ of October 1867, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Lucien A. Larkin is plaintiff, and F. Belcher and William S. Fewell are defendants, the undersigned, commissioner, will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 6th day of April, 1868, that being

court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the TRACT or PARCEL of LAND, containing 50 acres, situated in the county of Prince William, at or near the junction of the Manassas and Orange & Alexandria R. R., and binding on said roads.

TERMS -- One fourth cash, and the residue on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

A. Nicol, commissioner, Prince William County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 28 Feb 1868

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF PRINCE WILLIAM LAND -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, rendered at the February term, 1868, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in the name of John Underwood vs Henry Baker, and others, the undersigned, commissioner, under said decree, will offer for sale, at public auction, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1868, that being court day, a TRACT of LAND, in said county, containing about ONE HUNDRED ACRES, lying on the Occoquan Road, adjoining the lands of Pembroke Reid and others, and about 3 1/2 miles from the town of Occoquan. A portion of the land is newly cleared, and the remainder well taken in fine timber.

TERMS -- One fourth cash, and the residue on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

A. Nicol, commissioner, Prince William County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Mar 1868

TRUSTEE'S SALE -- By virtue of a deed of trust, dated April 18, 1866, from Ann E. Nicholson, of record in the clerk's office of Prince William County Court, the undersigned, Trustee, will proceed to sell, in the village of Manassas, in Prince William County, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of March, 1868, for cash, the TRACT or PARCEL OF LAND, upon which the said Ann E. Nicholson at present resides, near Manassas, containing about NINETY-THREE ACRES. The tract of land lies about four miles from Manassas, is well watered and timbered, and has a COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE upon it.

E. E. Conner, Trustee, Prince William County, March 7, 1868

Alexandria Gazette 16 Apr 1868

Public Sale -- By virtue of the Circuit Court for the County of Prince William, entered on the 15th day of October, 1867, in a suit of chancery therein pending, in which Mary A. Lipscomb and others are plaintiffs, and John Williams and others are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioners will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 4th day of May, 1868, that being Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the House and Lot, in the town of Brentsville, known as the "TAVERN LOT," lately occupied by Mrs. Holland as a hotel, upon the following

TERMS -- Ten per cent cash, and the remainder on a credit of 6, 12, and 18 months, the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give

bonds and security therefore, and the title to be retained as a further security for the same.

Said property is well adapted to the purpose of a boarding school, and Brentsville is a most excellent location for one. A. Nicol. Brentsville, Va., April 6

Alexandria Gazette 11 May 1868

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION AT MANASSAS - There was, on Saturday last, as stated by telegraph in the Gazette of that day, at the village of Manassas, a goodly collection of the residents of the adjacent country, and some visitors from the cities of Washington and Alexandria, to witness the dedication of the beautiful cemetery, which the ladies of the Memorial Association of that place, have with much difficulty and expense, prepared for the reception of those Confederate braves whose unconfined remains lie, for miles around that historic place, in mounds, almost unhonored, and unknown.

After a brief visit to the cemetery, which is finely situated on the line of the railroad, about a quarter of a mile from the village, to the west, the crowd collected around the platform, built for the occasion, and became attentive listeners to the eloquence of the orators of the day, Dr. Tebbs, of Prince William; Judge Chas. E. Sinclair, of Brentsville, and Mr. Jas. F. Clark, of Luray.

At the close of Mr. Clark's speech the audience were invited to partake of a collation, which the ladies of the association had prepared, and through Virginia may have been impoverished by the war and her families broken and scattered, there is no one who was present on that day but will declare that the hospitality of the Old Dominion is unchanged.

The ladies of the association gave to all present every attention that could be desired, and the actions of their quest showed that their kindness was highly appreciated.

After dinner all again returned to the seats around the rostrum, and were beautifully and feelingly addressed by Major J. W. Daniel, of Lynchburg, and Judge Moore, of Alexandria.

To close the ceremonies of the day, Judge Sinclair read the beautiful poem written by the Rev. Father Ryan for the Memorial Association of Richmond.

The ladies of Manassas deserve the thanks of every Christian mother and of every brave oldier for the zeal with which they are laboring to preserve from desecration the bones of those who fell in defence of a cause which was so earnestly espoused by them, and they confidently look for the aid of every Southerner in their labor of love.

Among the attendants at the memorial celebration were many colored people from the neighborhood, and they seemed to take as much interest in the ceremonies as their white friends.

The occasion was one of the mournful interest, and nothing occurred during the whole day to mar the solemnity and impressiveness of the proceedings.

The officers of the Association are: Mrs. L. N. Fewell, President; Mrs. Carter Berkeley, Vice President; Mrs. B. D. Merchant, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Sallie Johnson, Treasurer; Mrs. H. N. Johnson, Recording Secretary.

Alexandria Gazette 16 May 1868

THE MANASSAS MEMORIAL - To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette - Wishing to return our thanks to the public generally, for their liberal donations and kind assistance on the 9th of May, we know of no better manner of giving it publicity, than through your valuable paper.

To the gentlemen who so kindly encouraged and assisted us we tender our heartfelt thanks. To our orators Dr. Tebbs, Judge Sinclair, Mr. James F. Clark, Maj. J. W. Daniel and Judge Moore we would say that words are inadequate to express our admiration and high appreciation of their eloquent and beautiful addresses.

The occasion was one of deep and mournful interest. 'Twas on this field that laurels of victory first crowned the efforts made by our illustrious Beauregard. On the 21st of July, 1861 (that ever memorable day) the plains of Manassas were enriched with the blood of the brave, and hallowed with hecatombs of gallant dead, and we thought it meet that this sacrifice should be duly commemorated, that the great and good and many of the South should come together upon this hallowed ground to honor the braves who died in what they believed to be the cause of liberty and independence. In behalf of the Association: Miss Sallie E. Johnson, Miss Josie S. T. Cockrelle, Miss Mollie H. Weedon, Manassas Va., May 14, 1868 -- The Warrenton, Culpeper, Luray and Lynchburg papers are respectfully requested to copy the above.

Alexandria Gazette 17 May 1868

LAND AGENTS -- Thomas A. Hall, Grayson Tyler, LAND AGENCY, OFFICES - Gainesville Depot, Manassas Gap Railroad, and Buckland, Prince William County, Va.

The subscribers having associated themselves for the purpose of buying and selling lands in Fauquier, Prince William and adjoining counties, are prepared to offer to purchasers a number of farms, containing from 200 to 1000 acres, at prices ranging from \$5 to \$40 per acre. -- Parties desiring to locate in this state, will do well to examine the lands we offer before purchasing elsewhere.

Will attend the depot at Gainesville, and at Buckland daily, and be prepared to take care of and show parties the property we offer.

This immediate vicinity offers great inducements in the way of rail and turnpike roads to the markets of Alexandria, Georgetown and Washington, distant 35 to 40 miles, and from 5 to 8 miles from Warrenton, on the Orange and Alexandria R. R., the county seat of Fauquier.

No section of the State possesses greater advantages for grazing, fruit culture and farming, its nearness to market enabling producers to place in the above market daily the surplus products of fruits, vegetables, &c.

Flour and grist mills are numerous. At Buckland, 3 miles from Gainesville, a large woolen factory is in successful operation, affording a home market for wool and other products. The water and health of this section is unsurpassed.

We will be glad to furnish information to all parties desiring it, with full descriptions of the lands. Terms of sale will be liberal.

Address Ball & Tyler, P. O. Gainesville Depot, Prince William County, Va.

References -- R. W. Downman, esq., Washington, D.C.; Gen. Daniel Ruggles, U. S. Land and Immigration Company, New York; M. B. Washington, esq., Warrenton, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 02 Jun 1868

Letter from Prince William County --- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Dumfries, May 29th -- About five hundred acres of woodland, in two tracts, situated in lower Prince William, four and six miles from navigation, were recently purchased by a gentleman from New Jersey, at about six dollars per acre, cash.

Although the regular fishing season is over, a few grillers are up to this date fishing off the mouth of Quantico Creek. The nets catch from 500 to 1000 fish on a drift. The fish are of the finest glut herrings. I obtained a supply on the 26th at \$8 per thousand.

A late number of the Alta California, published in San Francisco, contains a description of a residence recently built for Mr. H. F. Williams, President of the South San Francisco Dock Company, at a cost of \$18,000. It is one of the most complete and elegant residences in the style of an Italian villa, in California. Mr. Williams, the owner, was born in Dumfries, in this county, and emigrated to California, in the fall of 1848.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Jun 1868

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA. -- At a meeting of the Conservative citizens of Prince William County, held in the Court House, in the village of Brentsville, on the 1st instant.

On motion of Colonel A. Nicol, Captain C. W. C. Dunnington was called to Chair, and Lucien A. Davis appointed Secretary.

The chairman, in few appropriate remarks, explained the object of the meeting. Col. B. Brawner offered the following resolutions, which were adopted without a dissenting voice.

RESOLVED, That we cordially approve and endorse the action of the late Conservative Convention at Richmond, and pledge our cordial support to the nominees for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Congressman at large; but above all do we pledge our best exertions to defeat that abominable thing, so-called a Constitution, regarding time or means.

RESOLVED, That a committee of four from each magisterial district be appointed by the Chair, to nominate a candidate to represent the county in the next general assembly; also, to select delegates to the Alexandria Congressional Convention, to convene on the 5th of June, 1868, and delegates to the Senatorial convention, which convenes in Warrenton, on the 12th of June, 1868.

The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen in accordance with this resolution, viz:

1st District - Dr. R. W. Wheat, Edwin Nelson, John C. Weedon and Lawrence Cole.

2d District- Hugh Hammill, Dr. J. S. Powell, Colonel B. Brawner, and Warren Davis.

3d District-Allen Howison, Col. A. Nicol, Maj. W. W. Thornton, and A. F. Woodyard.

4th District-W. L. B. Wheeler, J. H. Smith, B. F. Lewis and John Y. Cundiff.

The Committee retired, and after a brief consultation reported the following named gentlemen, whose nomination was unanimously confirmed by the meeting, viz:

To represent the county in the next General Assembly: Capt. C. W. C. Dunnington.

DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

1st District-Capt. C. W. C. Dunnington, E. Nelson, J. H. O'rear, A. H. Keys

2d District-Dr. M. A. Ish, Col. B. Brawner, Richard Stonnill, Hugh Hammill  
3d District-Col. A. Nicol, W. S. Fewell, Major W. W. Thornton, J. R. Purcell  
4th District-T. A. Smith, Colonel E. Berkeley, J. T. Leachman, B. F. Lewis.

DELEGATES TO THE SENATORIAL CONVENTION

1st District-Capt. C. W. C. Dunnington, E. Nelson, J. H. O'rear, A. H. Keys

2d District-Dr. M. A. Ish, J. H. Hammill, Dr. J. S. Powell, Z. A. Kankey

3d District-F. A. Weedon, Allen Howison, Judge C. E. Sinclair, W. A. Bryant

4th District-Samuel Simpson, Dr. G. W. Hunton, Logan Hunton, Crawford Cushing.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Secretary send a report of the proceedings of the meeting to the Alexandria Gazette for publication, and request the Conservative papers of Richmond and Warrenton to copy. On motion the meeting then adjourned.

C. W. C. Dunnington, Chairman, Lucien A. Davis, Secretary

Alexandria Gazette 17 Jul 1868

PRINCE WILLIAM LAND FOR SALE - By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date on the 24th day of January, 1859, and recorded among the land records of Prince William County, in Liber No. 25, page 3, the undersigned, the Trustees therein named, will offer for sale, by public auction, in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of August next, at 12 o'clock m, one undivided moiety, or half of a TRACT OF LAND, called BLOOMS GROVE, situated in the county of Prince William, State of Virginia, containing five hundred acres. There is a valuable red sand stone quarry on the land, and the Orange & Alexandria Railroad passes directly through it. Terms cash. -- EPPA HUNTON, W. ARTHUR TAYLOR, Trustees

Alexandria Gazette 21 Jul 1868

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS -- Special Dispatches to the Gazette - Memorial Celebration Manassas, July 21, 3.30 p. m. - the Memorial Celebration at Manassas has been quite a success. Large numbers of persons from Washington, Alexandria and the surrounding country are present. Mr. Weir, of this county, and Mr. Clark, editor of the Page Valley Courier, made eloquent addresses. The Tournament is now going now. A ball will take place to night. About 500 persons are in attendance.

Alexandria Gazette 23 Jul 1868

MANASSAS CELEBRATION -- Reported for the Gazette -- Manassas, July 22, - As stated by telegraph in the Gazette on Tuesday last, the Memorial Association of Manassas celebrated the anniversary of the first great bloody contest held on its plains, seven years ago, in a style befitting the peaceful hours which are now enjoyed, and for a purpose sacred to the hearts of all in whom a spark of civilized feelings lingers.

Large numbers were present to participate in the ceremonies of the day, or to view the ground whereon the two great armies of the country had met in deadly strife. among them could be seen the faces of some of Baltimore's Washington's and Alexandria's fairest daughters, who had come to show their respect to the memory of many a loved one, whose body had found a resting place beneath the sod of the blood-stained fields.

The ceremonies were inaugurated by Walter Weir, esq., an efficient lawyer of this county, who delivered a beautiful address to one of the most attentive and select audiences that could be gathered in the country. He spoke of the cause for which they had assembled, and of the sad scenes which had been enacted on the fields about; of noble sacrifices of the women of Manassas, and of the duties which now devolved on all.

Shortly after the address of Mr. Weir, a tournament was commenced, which gave great satisfaction to all.

The charge of the Knights was delivered by James F. Clarke, esq., of Luray, in such style as the assemblage had never heard surpassed. He spoke to the Knights of the days in which, under the Southern Cross, they had upon that very field, joined in a contest where every thought was but of victory or death; and of the result of their trials and dangers; then of that flag under which they now lived, and of the noble men who had supported it, and the various celebrated battle fields over which it had waved; and lastly, he charged them as men of Southern chivalry to do their utmost in the coming contest to display the respect which they had for those ladies who were sacrificing time and money to erect a suitable monument for their former brothers in arms.

After the delivery of the charge the joust commenced, Major W. W. Thornton acting as First Marshal, and Capt. R. H. Hooe as Assistant Marshal, Mr. R. J. Reid as Herald. Numerous Knights contested for the prize, the principal of whom were Knight of Fairfax, Lucian Lynn; Knight of Memorial Association, Alb. A. Gaines; Knight of Ivanhoe, Arthur Sinclair;-----

After a severe contest of seven rounds the following Knights were declared by the Judges -- Capt Robert Tyler, George Tyler, and Amos Fox - as the successful competitors; Knight of Fairfax, and they chose the following ladies: As Queen, Miss Jennie Ayre; 1st Maid of Honor, Miss Sallie Johnson; 2nd Maid of Honor, Miss Belle Summers.

The riding was excellent, and no accident occurred to mar the pleasure of the scene.

The officers of the association, Mrs. L. N. Fewell, President; Mrs. B. D. Merchant, Vice President; Miss Mollie Weedon, Treasurer; Miss Josie Cockrell, assistant Treasurer; Miss Sallie Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Georgie Weedon, Recording Secretary, desire to return their most sincere thanks to the officers and employees of the railroad for the kindness and good management with which they endeavored to assist them in their undertaking.

The ladies of the association have enclosed with a beautiful railing a large space of ground to which they hope to transfer the bodies of some 2,500 Confederate dead, whose remains are scattered over the fields of Manassas.

Nothing shall be said of the hospitality of the ladies of the association, for all who know Virginians know that in such matters they cannot be excelled, and the ladies of Manassas are among the noblest of the daughters of the Old Dominion.

Wednesday was totally devoted to speaking. among the orators were Judge Sinclair, of Brentsville; Judge Moore, of Alexandria; Judge Botts, of California; James F. Clark, esq., of Luray, and Hon. B. H. Shackelford, of Fauquier County, Va., all of whom delivered able addresses to a large and attentive audience.

Mr. Rillet, of the Washington Gymnasium, gave, twice during the day, for the benefit of the association, performances on the tight rope, and acquitted himself of the self-imposed task in a manner that could not be surpassed. He walked with perfect ease a rope 40 feet from the ground and 80 feet in length, stopping occasionally to perform some of the daring feats learned in the gymnasium.

During Tuesday and Wednesday, Prof. Cook, with his band from Washington, "discoursed sweet music to the admiring crowd," at all times, with his usual urbanity, he showed himself ready to do all in power to please.

The reporter returns his thanks to Mr. Varnes, the proprietor of the Manassas Hotel, for his kind attentions, and has met but few hotel keepers better calculated to please than that gentleman.

To the ladies of Manassas he can only say may his lot always be cast with such.

Alexandria Gazette 30 Jul 1868

TRUSTEE'S SALE -- By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me on the 12th of December, 1866, and of record among the land records of Prince William county, I shall, at Brentsville, before the Court House door of the said county, for the purpose of paying off the debt thereby secured, expose for sale, at public auction, on the 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 1868, that being court day. A TRACT OF LAND, particularly described in said trust, containing 669 acres, 3 roods and 28 poles, except 148 acres, 1 rood and 30 poles, conveyed to A. Nicol, by deed dated January, 1855.

This land has a COMFORTABLE HOUSE, a good barn and stable upon it, a young and thrifty orchard, and a well of good water convenient to the house. This land is easily improved, well adapted to the growth of grain and grass, and could be made in a short time a comfortable home. E. HUNTON, Trustee, Prince William Co.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Aug 1868

TAKE NOTICE -- Sealed proposals will be received until 12 o'clock noon, on the 28th day of August next, for the lease of PLUMB TREE FISHERY for the term of three or five years. The Fishery is situated on the southwestwardly side of Occoquan Bay; it has heretofore been successfully fished by Messrs. L. Cook and Charles Guy.

Persons making proposals for the lease will name satisfactory reference as to their ability for placing an outfit on the shore and fishing the same, or security will be required for the performance of the contract.

Direct to Messrs. BRENT & WATTLES, Attorneys, Alexandria, Va. or to JOHN NAGLEE, Neabsco Mills, Prince William County. Va.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Aug 1868

PRINCE WILLIAM LAND -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the 12th day of May, 1868, in a suit in Chancery therein pending, in which Joseph J. Cockrell and others, are plaintiffs, and William Coleman and others are defendants, the undersigned Commissioners will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 7th day of September, 1868, that being Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following TRACTS or PARCELS

OF LAND to wit:

A TRACT OF SEVENTY ACRES, situated on the road leading from Bradley to Blandsford, adjoining the lands of Jason Ketchum and others, about 3 miles from the village of Manassas, and is covered with wood and timber.

A TRACT OF SEVEN ACRES, situated on Piney Branch, adjoining the lands of John Fair and others, about 3 1/2 miles from the village of Manassas, and is covered with wood and timber; and

A TRACT OF TWENTY-EIGHT ACRES, adjoining the lands of Joseph J. Cockrell and others, about 3 1/2 miles from the village of Manassas, about one half cleared, and the remainder in wood and timber. On the following

TERMS - One fourth cash, and the remainder on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

F. A. Weedon, J. J. Cockrell, A. Nicol, Commissioners - Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 04 Aug 1868

BY GREEN & WISE, REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND AUCTIONEERS, --  
Commissioners' Sale of a Valuable Tract of Land and Fishery, Known as "COCKPIT POINT FISHERY," in Prince William County, Va. -- By virtue of decrees of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, Va., in the case of William Cleary against William Woodward and others, the undersigned, Commissioners under decrees in said case, will, on SATURDAY, the 8th day of August, 1868, at 12m., proceed to sell, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, Va., a VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND and FISHERY, situated on the Potomac River, in the county and State aforesaid, called and known as "COCKPIT POINT," containing by estimation about FIVE HUNDRED and TWENTY -FIVE ACRES.

TERMS -- One -tenth of the purchase-money to be paid in hand, and the residue in six, twelve and eighteen months, from the day of sale, with interest from that time, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with good personal security, and the title to be retained until the purchase money is fully paid, the property being liable to be resold for failure by the purchaser to comply with the terms of sale. Stamps and conveyancing at the cost of purchaser, with good personal security, and the title to be retained until the purchase money is fully paid, the property being liable to be resold for failure by the purchaser to comply with the terms of sale. Stamps and conveyancing at the cost of purchaser. FRANCIS L. SMITH, GEORGE WILLIAM BRENT, CHARLES E. SINCLAIR, Commissioners of Sale, Prince William Co.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Aug 1868

TAKE NOTICE -- Sealed proposals will be received until 12 o'clock noon, on the 28th day of August next, for the lease of MARSH HALL FISHERY for the term of three or five years. The Fishery is situated on the Potomac River, north of the junction of the Neabsco Creek, and between Freestone Point and High Point, and has heretofore been a profitable fishery.

Suitable and convenient buildings will be erected prior to the 1st of February, 1869, at the cost of the owner.

Persons making proposals for the lease will name satisfactory reference as to their ability for placing an outfit on the shore and fishing the same, or security will be required for the performance of the contract.

Direct to Messrs. BRENT & WATTLES, Attorneys, Alexandria, Va. or to JOHN NAGLEE, Neabscó Mills, Prince William County. Va.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Aug 1868

MAYFIELD STONE COMPANY - The Mayfield Brown Stone Company, whose quarry is located on the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad, twenty six miles from this city, is now prosecuting operations vigorously. The first cargo of stone received in Washington last week, and stone cutters, after careful examination, have at once given large orders. The price at which this stone is sold, is so much cheaper than that of the famous brown stone of Connecticut, that it is thought the latter will be thrown almost out of the market. The Prince William Stone is further recommended by its superior adaptability to all manner of building purposes, being easily fashioned into all shapes of useful and ornamental character. It is believed that the company will derive great profit from its operation.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Aug 1868

MEMORIAL FESTIVAL - The Ladies of the Manassas and Bull Run Memorial Association have made arrangements for a grand festival to be held on the battlefield on the 29th of this month, and have invited several distinguished speakers to deliver addresses on the occasion. The object of the festival is to raise funds for the removal and re-interment of a number of bodies of deceased Confederate soldiers.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Aug 1868

VIRGINIA NEWS -- HELD TO BAIL -- Alfred Payne and his two sons, Jacob and John, for assault on a colored man named Albert Davis, near Manassas Station, on the 18th ult., by which Davis was severely injured and his life put in danger, have been held to jail in the sum of \$50 each, for their appearance at Prince William Court.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Aug 1868

PUBLIC SALE OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY LAND. - By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Asher W. Gray to me, on the 10th day of January, 1858, I shall, in execution of said trust on Monday, the 7th day of September, 1868, that being court day, at the front door of the Court House of Prince William County, offer for sale, at public auction, for cash, the VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND, conveyed by said deed of trust, containing 352 acres, adjoining the lands of Dr. Hamilton and others. This land lies within two miles of Haymarket and four of Gainesville, a depot on the M. Gap R. R. The improvements are comfortable and the land very good. It is considered one of the finest farms in that region of country. Purchasers are invited to examine this farm, which offers many inducements to those wishing to buy. Selling as Trustee, I will convey only such title as is vested in me as such, which is believed to be unquestionable. Eppa Hunton, Trustee, Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 11 Aug 1868

PRINCE WILLIAM LAND -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the 15th day of October, 1867, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Elias E. Conner, Adm'r of George B. Bradfield, deceased, is plaintiffs, and Susan Mayhugh and others are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on Monday, the 7th day of September, 1868, that being Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, a TRACT OF LAND, containing 120 acres, upon the following.

TERMS -- One fourth cash; and the remainder on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale; the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore. Said tract of land is situated in Occoquan, near Spriggford, in Prince William County about three miles from the village of Manassas, and is well timbered.

A. Nicol, Commissioner, Prince William County, August 1, 1868

Alexandria Gazette 14 Aug 1868

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY -- Correspondence to the Alexandria Gazette. Near Dumfries, Va., August 12. - We are without news here. The corn never looked better in this vicinity than at present. The oat crop was short, but fair crops of wheat and rye were made.

A great many persons failed to register last fall, but will do so whenever they have another opportunity. I think we can increase the Conservative vote 50 per cent, in the county. The Radical vote will not be enlarged and, I believe, even a portion of the colored vote will be given to the Conservatives or not polled. D.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Aug 1868

A Visit to Manassas -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. -- a flying trip to Manassas Station has proved of interest to your correspondent, which he has thought may be communicated to your readers. Manassas! what stirring recollections throng at the mention of the name. That historic plain, to the rebel arms iterum iterumque beatus stretching away in beauty to the fair range of hills which enclose it in their circling arms, suggests to the Southerner bayonet -- awed though he be, a poetic inspiration of pride and hope.

"The mountains look on Marathon, And Marathon looks on the sea, And musing there an hour alone, I dreamed that Greece might yet be free, For, Standing on the Persian's grave, i could not deem myself a slave."

That plain is our Marathon, and it saw an overthrow as glorious, and that might have been as complete. But "it might have been" is the melancholy refrain of the dirge of human hopes.

But it is of the Manassas of peace. ("let us have it" --ULYSSES,) not of war that I write, - The field twice crowned with the gory laurels of military triumph now exults in the green and wavy garb of summer, and the smoke arises from the shining roofs that have replaced those which sank amid the smoke of battle. Manassas -- the village now so-called, and formerly known by the appendage of "The Junction" - is one of the few places that have grown up in the South since the war, and doubtless owes the fact

to the fame of the battles that have made it immortal. Before these it was an ordinary railroad station, with a rough depot tank and a poor "hotel" (by courtesy) for the accommodation of travelers detained by stoppage or delay of trains, and a private house or two of small dimensions. All these buildings were destroyed during the war, as also the pretty grove which gave an idea of locality to the place now impossible to trace. And now a little higher up than the former station, has grown up a village of respectable size, regular streets, fine buildings, and thrifty trade.

On leaving the cars, the traveler discovers on either side of the road a hotel. The "Manassas" on the North, and the "Eureka" on the South side -- the former kept by Mr. H. B. Varns, a jolly host and a good citizen, and Democrat from Pennsylvania; and the other by Mr. Fewell, of Prince William, a Virginian of the old style, and well known to your readers, as an energetic and accommodating host and railroad man.

There are four large stores doing a good business, and Capt. Gates late of the F. B., is putting up an immense warehouse for sumac. Your correspondent did not measure it, but it looked to him of ample dimensions to contain not only all the sumac, but all the trees, of all descriptions left in Prince William! But the sumac is the staple of Manassas. Her other forts the toilsome hands of labor are demolishing fast with pick and plow and ponderous stroke, but this, her great forte, is growing, growing, growing, (with an army of men and boys, and girls, and women, busily, hourly, daily momentarily adding height to her ramparts) - faster than Jonah's gourd, or Hooker's lines in the night of Chancellorsville!

With all deference, however, to the Captain's "calculation," we think his warehouse will not long be needed for its designed purpose. The lands around Manassas are being bought up, and turned from old fields into farms. And the sumac bushes have, we hope, nearly "had their day," unless he should further discover that they are a profitable crop to cultivate, and subject them to the "hilling up," the "back furrow," &c. and then, O! then, Prince William, will his eyes behold thy salvation, and his glory!

The dwellings around give evidence of this growing prosperity, I speak of, and the trade in all the usual items of country produce is good. There is a dentist, a physician and a lawyer, resident, although the county seat (Brentsville) is four miles off -- but there has been strong talk of moving the same to Manassas the only place in the county claiming any title to it on account of its "size."

The sojourner at Manassas will be apt to fall into the company and conversation of Major Wilmer McLean, whose pleasant face invites the stranger to a question. He will get from him many reminiscences of war, of which he styles himself the Alpha and the Omega. This from these facts: the first battle of the war, of the dignity of a real fight, took place near his then residence at Blackburn's Ford, on the 8th of July, 1861, where your 17th regiment won its first laurels. His house was then our Hospital, and its yellow flag did not protect it from the cannon shots of the enemy, who claimed to treat it as a ruse. One shot entered the house and passed very close to Beauregard and Longstreet who were in consultation. The final surrender took place in his house at Appomattox C. H., whither he had taken his family for safety. He has returned to the site of his former home, like an old hare to his nest. Will the "dogs of war" ever rouse him again? We know not -- we can also say we hope not. The Major speaks like a true man, unrepiningly of the past, hopefully of his future, bitterly of the depredations

and wanton wrongs of our late foes, but praisefully of many of the Northern soldiers, who have visited his house at Appomattox since the war, and from whom he has always received politeness and consideration. He has found many of them anxious to settle among us, but deterred by the infernal lies of radical "peacemakers" as to our treatment of settlers.

If you think my recollections of interest you are welcome to them. The many blurred sheets before me admonish me of an old favorite in Roman monumental inscriptions, which I obey. And so, "SISTE. VIATOR."

Alexandria Gazette 20 Aug 1868

A TRIP ON THE MANASSAS R. R. to Mt. JACKSON, SHENANDOAH, CO. - Reported for the Alexandria Gazette. --- At half past eight o'clock, on Monday morning, a few gentlemen assembled at the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad, and embarked on a special train in charge of Conductor John A. Jones, to make the first trip over the Manassas Branch to Mt. Jackson. Slowly rising from the ashes of her prostate condition, our good old State stretching forth arm after arm, seeks to reunite the bonds that bound the Valley to the tidewater, severed rudely by the war. The recompletion of the Manassas Gap Railroad to its former terminus is one more link added to her strength, which may she soon regain in more than former vigor and energy!

The locomotive Alexandria, which attached to a mail and passenger car, fitted up in elegant style, and evidently with an eye to the wants of the party on board, moved slowly over the road, as if conscious of the precious freight she bore, in all some twenty persons.

Those having charge of the excursion party possessed in a marvelous degree a knowledge of the wants of human nature, and of excursion parties in particular, and had improvised the baggage car as a saloon for eating and its accompaniment, after a manner which did credit to their taste. It is needless to say that the end of the train was well patronized throughout the trip.

One feels singularly free from danger of collision on a train in company with such personages as were on board. They not only made the road; but self-interest, which holds a place in every heart, will prompt them to keep clear of all danger. And so the excursionists moved off from Alexandria in conscious security.

The crops on the roadside, attracted the attention of the party by their luxuriance or otherwise; the scenery, the verdure and foliage were commented on. The most striking new thing is a steam saw mill, about four miles above Fairfax Station, in process of erection by Mr. Otis, formerly of Washington, D. C. Mr. O. has also a large vineyard growing, proposing to embark in the wine business.

Near Manassas, on the railroad, is a Stone Quarry, operated by a company of gentlemen also from Washington. The stone is red free stone, and of a good quality, and in large quantity, equal to any Northern brown stone.

Manassas is still growing, and prosperous. The railroad company are building a "Y" at this place for convenience of shifting trains. The Confederate cemetery here looks neat and tasteful; the bodies are not yet interred in it, perhaps for want of funds. as the ladies are at work to raise means, it will not probably be long before their object is

accomplished.

The various way stations have been reinstated on the Manassas line, in a more or less reconstructed condition, being left by the war mainly in ruins. At several of them the train stopped, and the excursionists exchanged civilities with new, or greeted old acquaintances, recognized as former comrades in arms.

The fine mills at Thoroughfare are lying idle with the machinery in ruins, and the site for sale. On Broad Run, a never failing stream, these mills, a substantial stone structure, would seem a profitable investment to any capitalist, located as they are in a country abundant in some grain producing lands.

Gainesville, The Plains, Salem, Rectortown, Markham, were passed and paused at in succession, the party being joined at the latter place by Edward C. Marshall, esq., formerly President of the old line. Manassas Gap, from which the line is named, remained alone to pass, and the highest grade being reached; the descent into the Valley of the Shenandoah was begun. This Gap, it is said, takes its name from a Bonaface of the Hebrew sect, who in the days of stages, dispensed his bounty at a tavern on the roadside years before the shrill sheik of the locomotive disturbed the quiet of the valley through which Happy Creek flows, and from which a station takes its name. Soon after, Front Royal junction was reached, and the Shenandoah river, silvery and pellucid, was crossed on a bridge recently constructed, and seemingly of sufficient strength to sustain the important destinies committed to it. The track here follows the river bank for miles, which, fringed with silvery willows, flows as peacefully along the valley as though it had never been tinged with blood or reddened with carnage. From time to time the strength of the party was added to, from this to the end of the trip.

The excursionists were entertained on the route by information of a most instructive character, the subjects relating mainly to the war, Jackson's, Mosby's and Early's campaigns; Fisher's Hill was pointed out, and other objects of sad and melancholy interest revealed.

The rapidly shortening candle, and the deepening night reminds us that this journey on paper must draw to an end, and so leaving the cordial reception at Mt. Jackson and the comfortable quarters of mine host of Farra's Hotel, with much of interest on railroad affairs for another chapter, this must for the present suffice.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Sep 1868

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY -- Correspondence to the Alexandria Gazette. Manassas, Va., Sept. 8. -- In the County Court of Prince William, on Monday the 7th, the case of the Commonwealth vs. Keys, for outrage on his daughter, came up on an application for bail, upon the ground of the prisoner's ill health. After protracted argument the court refused to grant bail. Counsel for defence, Genl's Hunton and Payne, and Judge Sinclair; for prosecution, the Commonwealth's Attorney, A. Nicol, esq., assisted by James F. Clark, esq. the case comes up for trial at the November term of the court.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Sep 1868

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY -- Correspondence to the Alexandria Gazette. Prince William County, Sept. 12. -- The crops in our county, as a general thing, are pretty fair. Wheat turned out very well, and the corn crop, though not so good as the wheat, still was not an entire failure. Corn planted late was much benefited by timely rains.

The past summer has been extraordinarily gay in old Prince William. The young folks seem to give themselves up to innocent pleasures, and to become ardent devotees of the sprightly muse Terpsichore. They formed themselves into a dancing club styled the "Blue Cockade Club." The main feature of the club was that they should all meet at the house of some member every Thursday evening, and there engage in the "giddy mazes of the dance." They succeeded beyond their anticipations in their efforts to abolish those notions which some people have with regard to dancing. One of the best features of these club meetings was that they were always conducted in an orderly manner, and never failed to end at a seasonable hour. wishing you, and the Gazette, all success, I remain very truly yours, SENEX

Alexandria Gazette 06 Oct 1868

PRINCE WILLIAM LAND -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the 12th day of May 1866 in a suit in chancery therein pending in which Ferdinand A. Weedon and wife are plaintiffs, and William Coleman and others are defendants, the undersigned Commissioners, will sell before the front door of the Court House of said county, on Monday the 7th day of September, 1868, that being Court Day, at public auction to the highest bidder, the following TRACTS of LAND or PARCELS to wit:

A TRACT OF FORTY ACRES, situated on Piney Branch adjoining the lands of Mrs. Emily E. Johnson and others, about 3 1/2 miles from the Village of Manassas; on the following

TERMS -- One fourth cash, and the remainder on a credit of one and two years, with interest from day of sale, the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as a further security therefore.

The FORTY ACRE TRACT is covered with wood and timber principally oak. The TRACT OF ONE HUNDRED AND NINE ACRES is fine arable land with about twelve acres of superior oak timber. F. A. Weedon. J J. Cockrell, A. Nico, commissioners

Alexandria Gazette 15 Oct 1868

RAILROAD CASE CONTINUED -- Brentsville, Prince William County, Oct. 13, -- In the Circuit Court of Prince William County, (Judge Thomas,) to-day, the motion to quash the writ of possession lately issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alexandria County, to Jas. S. French, in the case of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad, against the Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Rail Road, was continued until Thursday, the 22d inst., at Leesburg, Loudoun County, to be held in chambers. The motion to continue was advocated by Messrs. Claughton and L. B. Taylor, and opposed by Messrs. Dulaney and Ball.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Dec 1868

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, --- Brentsville, Nov. 29, Mr. William E. Goodwin, the efficient and vigilant Sheriff of this county, took special charge of the jail here, this evening, and placed a guard of five men to watch the prisoners confined therein. Mr. Goodwin had some reason to suspect that Charles Wright, the sub-attendant at the jail, had arranged a plan for the escape of John T. Keys, who is confined under indictment for rape on his daughter. It is currently reported since Mr. Goodwin's action in the matter that Wright had bargained to release Keys for the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, and (if the report to be correct) scarcely any one familiar with the circumstances can entertain a doubt as to the final success of the scheme, but for the opportune arrival and prompt action of the Sheriff. The jail keys are now in the keeping of the guard. The other prisoner is a Negro charged with stealing another Negroes boots. The County Court has its December session in a short time, beginning on Monday next, and then permanent arrangements will be made for the safe custody of the prisoners. Keys having demanded to be tried in the Circuit Court will be tried at the May term of that Court in this county. K.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Dec 1868

AUCTION SALES - By virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the 14th day of October, 1868, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Sarah M. W. Vowle's and others are plaintiffs and Edwin W. Latimer and others are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioners, will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1869, that being Court Day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the BUILDINGS and the LOTS thereto attached, situated in the town of Brentsville, lately occupied by Dr. Edwin W. Latimer, on the following

TERMS, to wit: -Ten per cent of the purchase money cash, and the residue on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale, the deferred payments to be secured by bond and personal security, and for further security therefore the ritle to be retained until the last payment is made.

A. Nicol, Chas. E. Sinclair, commissioners, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Dec 1868

PRINCE WILLIAM LAND - By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, entered on the 14th day of October, 1868, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which Alexander P. Lynn and others are plaintiffs and Cordelia Lynn and others are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioner, will sell, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1869, that being Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, a TRACT OF LAND, containing about 138 acres, 1 rood and 2 poles, situated on the south side of the road leading from Brentsville to Occoquan, about 7 miles from Manassas, and is part of the

estate of the late Benson Lynn, deceased, on the following

TERMS, to wit- Ten per cent cash, and the residue on a credit of one, two, and three years, with interest from the day of sale; the deferred payments to be secured by bond with approved personal security, and as a further security therefore the title to be retained until the last payment is made; and in the event of the purchaser failing to comply with the terms of sale, the ten per cent to be forfeited and the land resold at his costs.

The above tract is partly cleared and partly in timber.

A. NICOL, commissioner - Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 15 Jan 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, --- Brentsville, Jan. 13 -- The County Court for this county had its January session last Monday and Tuesday. No business of importance was transacted except the order of the Court allowing the route from this place to Manassas, known as Fewell's route, which route embraces the old country road from this place to Mr. F. A. Weedon's Bar, and thence directly across to the village of Manassas.

Two searches have been made for the man Duval, who left suddenly after being indicted for assault with intent to kill, but the searches were fruitless.

S. C. Round qualified as attorney at this Court. He lives at Manassas, and has been appointed Notary Public by Gov. Wells. It is supposed that Round (head) expects to get the office of attorney for the commonwealth. To fill the vacancies that will probably be made by Gen. Stoneman, in the clerk's offices of this county, it is reported that he named Charles T. Howard and John C. Poor as applicants with a fair chance of success.

For the sheriffalty, if Mr. Goodwin be ousted, there are several supposed applicants among Fitts, Campbell and Cunningham, of Manassas, are aspirants.

It is "nip and tuck" with the truly lo-il here to get the lean emoluments of our thankless offices, and as there seems to be so great a rush the citizens are waiting to see the result. It seems to be the quarter stretch with them and all are under whip.

Plenty of mud here, and the roads seem to be in the same condition in which Dean Swift found them and on which he wrote his celebrated couplet.

Alexandria Gazette 30 Jan 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Brentsville, Va., Jan. 29. -- An unfortunate difficulty occurred a few days ago between Mr. Reuben Reid and Mr. William Smith, both citizens of this county, in which the latter named gentleman was quite severely cut. The two, with a brother of Mr. Reid, were surveying the land of one or the other of the gentlemen, and were running the line between their farms, when some difficulty arose about the line, the lie passed, and the personal difficulty ensued which resulted in the cutting. The wounded man is in a critical condition, and it is said by some that he cannot live. The weapon used was a pocket knife. No arrest as yet. The affair is deeply and generally regretted, happening as it has with near neighbors and men of much respectability and worth.

Our county is suffering from a general drought in the news line. The weather is exceedingly pleasant and favorable to farming operations. Some of our farmers are getting their grounds ready for the spring crops.

The monthly term of our County Court will commence its February session next week.

Alexandria Gazette 06 Feb 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Brentsville, Feb. 4. --- Our County Court has been in session for the past three days, closing yesterday evening.

But two cases of any importance were tried. Jewell vs McCullough -- in debt and attachment -- attachment quashed. Judge Sinclair for plaintiff, Gen. Payne for defendant.

Maurice Duval, who was indicted at the last term of the Circuit Court for this county for shooting, with intent to kill, a colored man named Daniel Bombrey, and who upon the calling of the case at the December term forfeited his recognizance, came up voluntarily on Monday, and pressed for a trial. The Court set the case for trial on Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, and the trial lasted from that time till yesterday evening. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of assault and battery, and assessed the prisoner in a fine of fifty dollars. A. Nicol, Commonwealth's Attorney, and J. F. Clark for the prosecution; Judge Sinclair and Gen. Payne for the prisoner.

As yet no changes have been made in our county officers, and it is to be hoped, for the cause of justice, that our able and efficient Attorney for the Commonwealth, and our competent and accommodating clerks and other county officers will be allowed to hold their positions.

Mr. Reid, who I informed you in my last communication, had stabbed a man named Smith, has not yet been arrested. I understand two searches have been made for him, both of which proved fruitless.

Snow fell here day before yesterday and night before last to the depth of several inches. Yesterday it rained very nearly all day, and the snow has, in consequence, greatly diminished.

C.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Apr 1869

Prince William County, Va., To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette -- I noticed a few days ago that you invite correspondence, giving statistics, &c. of the counties of this section of Virginia. Although I am not prepared to give an accurate statistical account of the resources of this county, yet believing that the county of Prince William is very much underrated by many. I will venture to trouble you with a word or two in its behalf.

The county of Prince William extends from the summit of the Bull Run Mountains on the West, to the beautiful Potomac on the East; a distance of about forty miles. Its Northern boundary is Bull Run. -- a stream of warlike and bloody memory. On the South and West is Cedar Run, which unites with Broad Run near the centre of the county, below Brentsville, forming the bold Occoquan, which empties into the Potomac at the village of Occoquan. These streams afford most excellent sites for mills and manufactures. Indeed the water power of the county is unsurpassed.

The face of the country, as it stretches from the Occoquan to the Blue Mountains is the distance, presents the picture of an inclined plane, beautifully undulating. The stranger is forcibly impressed with the beauty of the landscape -- and the mountain scenery is on nobling and elevating.

The soil consists principally of the red sand and free stone varieties. It is easily cultivated and susceptible of the highest state of improvement.

There is an abundance of silt, good water, and the health of the county is unsurpassed.

The major line of the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad passes through the middle of the county from the Northeast to Southwest, and the Manassas Gap Branch Railroad diverging at Manassas from the main road, penetrates the centre of the county to its Northern boundary, passing out at Thoroughfare Gap.

By means of these railroads, the county enjoys peculiar advantages and its market facilities are unsurpassed.

Twenty-seven miles from Alexandria, I located the new and thriving village of Manassas, on the O. & A. R. R. This village was entirely destroyed during the war; not a vestige of its former self remained. The wild dog howled on the lonely hill tops around, and the night owl made its home where was once the habitation of man. Late in the summer of 1865, a solitary stranger, whose rough, bold physiognomy indicated the place of nativity, accompanied by his fearless wife, with rash temerity, came amid these rebel wilds in search of a home! This intrepid stranger, wandering alone, like the "Solitary Horseman," may be termed the founder of Manassas! He and his wife, who worked with him, built for themselves a sort of "Fancy Shop," where all sorts of "viands, wares and merchandise" were displayed for sale in the most tempting manner. Such was the origin of the present Manassas, which is now "quite a town," full of stores and hotels, and the like, with a steam saw and grist mill and sumac factory in successful operation. Not the least sign of the rapid improvement of Manassas is the advent in its midst of a real live newspaper editor. This enterprising gentleman proposes establishing his newspaper here on a permanent basis. -- It is to be published once a week, is not to be a partisan sheet, but independent in politics. You will extend to him your sincere sympathies and well wishes.

Three miles from the Manassas Gap Railroad is the flourishing village of Buckland, in the upper part of the county. There is here a manufactory of woolen goods, which is a great success.

Gainesville is a prosperous station on the Manassas Gap Railroad.

On Broad Run are located several merchant mills, which manufacture the best flour. I might enter more fully into detail, but forbear for the present.

Since the war a good many from the North have settled in this county; many of them are good citizens doing all they can to help to build up the waste places. To all such a welcome hand is extended by the old residents. They bid them "come! And just here we will take occasion to say to all who are in quest of good investments in real estate. This is the place to come to!" Here you get comparatively, very cheap lands; the best soil (or as good as any) and a genial climate - and many other advantages, some of which we have endeavored to point out in this article. While good men have come amongst us, yet we are not at all startled to see the inevitable "carpet - bagger!" Like

the vulture he scents the carcass. And we suppose his crow is soon to be fully gorged.

Altogether, old Prince William seems to be in a prosperous condition, in spite of the impediments in the way of reconstruction in our "Old State." We trust the time will soon come when the storm and the pestilence (and the carpet-bagger) will no longer be felt in the land! Then we will have peace, and the bells will peal forth a joyful anthem. -- Yours -- GUY

Alexandria Gazette 28 Apr 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Brentsville, Prince William County, Va., April 26, 1869. -- A colored man named Wm. Tuell, living near the town of Dumfries in this county attempted yesterday, to kill his father. It seems there had been some dispute between William Tuell Jr., and another black man, in which the father of the former, also named William Tuell, interfered, and his son took a double barreled gun and shot him in the top of the shoulder near the collar bone. They were sitting at the supper table when the difficulty occurred and the shot fired, and the load is still in him. His recovery is generally despaired of as his wound is a very severe one and at last accounts was bleeding profusely.

The criminal was arrested by Marshall Davis, esq., Deputy Sheriff, on a warrant issued by William Frazier esq., and was this evening brought to this place by Mr. Davis and lodged in jail. I understand a pistol and a very long knife were also found on Tuell's person.

This case will come before the grand jury at our Circuit Court, the second Monday in next month.

I am informed this is not the first offence of Tuell, but that he stabbed a white man some time before he attempted to kill his father. TYRONE

Alexandria Gazette 06 May 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette ----- The County Court was in session here yesterday, and the business usually coming before that tribunal at its May term was transacted such as granting licenses to ordinary keepers and liquor merchants.

H. W. Cunningham, the newly appointed sheriff, qualified.

Commissioners were appointed to examine and report upon the best site to erect bridges on Broad Run and the Occoquan, a necessity for which has long been felt.

The Court also appropriated \$150 to aid in the building of a bridge across Kettle Run, at the ford between Brentsville and Bristoe Station, two-thirds of the amount necessary having been already provided by private subscription. J. F. Clark and W. W. Thornton were appointed commissioners to let out the contract.

Several administrations and guardians to wards were also appointed by the Court.

But I've saved the most important feature for the last. From District No. 1, in which Harvey Hyde has been lately appointed a magistrate there were six colored men returned by Hyde as jurors for the ensuing year. From District No. 3 there have been five colored men, chosen by the justice from that district, and from district No.4 there have been three colored selected. In this last district Mr. Fairbanks, the justice who sent in the white names, it seems did not send in the names of these blacks, but the

latter were inserted by some other person.

I am not in political affiliation with this Court or its out-door coadjutors. With it in political character I am utterly at war, and its action I shall not criticize, except in so far as it has warped the performance of its judicial duties with political passion and prejudice.

The laws of this Commonwealth, which these magistrates swore, in my hearing, to administer, establish the juries, that are qualified to act, upon an exclusively white basis. "All free white male citizens, who are twenty one years of age, and not over sixty, shall be liable to serve as jurors except as hereinafter provided," is the language of the statute, and when these magistrates say that blacks "are of sound judgment, and free from legal exception," and return them as competent, under the laws of this Commonwealth, to sit as jurors in the Courts of this State they either act under the inspiration and teaching of a higher law, or if they pretend to act under the statute of Virginia they are either ignorant of its requirements, or they don't know the sanctity of their official oaths.

Prince William County never did this deed. The Radical party in the county have brought their produce from afar, and the first to set on foot such a state of affairs here, and the man who returned, as this article states, six colored men's names as jurors is of outside extraction. He followed during the war Sherman's army, and his son was a lieutenant in a colored company. After the war he bought a piece of wilderness in this county. The whole thing would be simply a farce were it not that the interests of us all are thus imperiled. Mr. A. F. Dunn and Mr. Fairbanks, two justices, deserve credit for being able to find white men in sufficient number in their districts to enable them to send in the names of white men alone as the law, which they conscientiously took an oath to administer, emphatically requires. They deserve the thanks of our people, and when men, in these days of political corruption, are seen to stand firm in the discharge of their official duties, I feel like saying of them as did Demetrius of Cato -- "It must be a pleasure to Jupiter himself to look down from Heaven and see Cato amidst the ruins of his country preserving his integrity."

The names of the blacks from the first magisterial district selected as jurors are : Henry Cole, Daniel Cole, Albert Cole, Jesse Bates, Robert and John Williams; from the third district they are Howson Pierce, sr., Hampton E. Pierce, William Chinn, Alexander Harris, and William Lomax; from the fourth district, James Robinson, B. L. Gaskins, and Joseph Thomas.

The three last are from Mr. Fairbanks's district, but they were added to the list by a man who came to the county some few months ago, and forgot his trunk.

I am no longer "rectus in curia," for the Court has ceased to be intimately acquainted with herself." God Save the Commonwealth - Brentsville, May 4, 1869 TYRONE

Alexandria Gazette 14 May 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -----  
The Circuit Court for this county has been in session here since last Monday morning, Judge Willoughby presiding. A great deal of business has been transacted, and many important, old and highly litigated cases have been tried.

Our new Judge performs, with the strictest impartiality, the onerous duties of his office. Particularly in his rigid adherence to the established rules of his court, does he commend his judicial administration to the favorable notices of us all.

His conduct in Court plainly shows that he does not intend a case to go untried where one party is ready and the other has not brought himself within the rule of the Court, and the judge's strictness in this particular will produce eagerness and solicitude on the part of counsel and clients to have their cases ready for trial.

R. A. Sinclair, esq., qualified as deputy on motion of W. S. Chase, the newly appointed clerk. George C. Round qualified as attorney by taking the usual oaths.

Indictment against William Tuell, jr., for assault, with intent to kill, was found by the grand jury a true bill. Indictment against August Harteman for grand larceny, was ignored by the grand jury. Whereupon A. Nicol, prisoner's counsel, moved his discharge, but the Court at the instance of the Commonwealth's Attorney, ordered his retention in jail to answer further charges that may be preferred against him. Subsequently the prisoner was examined before Justice Ketcham for petit larceny, but discharged, and upon a warrant afterwards issued. Harteman was reexamined and committed by the same justice to answer, on information, for petit larceny at the next term of the County Court. General Hunton appears as assistant prosecutor.

Harteman was a laborer on the farm of Delaware Davis, esq., in this county, and it is alleged he stole \$20 worth of bacon from Davis. The prisoner has a helpless wife and four small children. The case has elicited considerable feeling on both sides.

Commonwealth vs. Manly was continued for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. J. T. Keys was continued and prisoner bailed in the sum of \$500 to appear at the next term of the court for trial. P. B. Stilson, esq., assisted the Commonwealth's Attorney. In the absence of the prosecutrix and under instructions from those who employed him. J. T. Clark, esq., withdrew from the case as assistant prosecutor. W. H. Keys, the prisoner's father became his security in his bail-bond.

The estate of Steuart G. Thornton was committed to the sheriff. Childress vs. Nokes et al., on forthcoming bond -- judgment for plaintiff. P. D. Lipscomb's ex'r vs. F. K. Davis and same vs J. R. Purcell, adm'r of James Purcell, deceased -- both on supersedes to judgment of County Court; Judgment reversed. Roseberry vs. Fitts -- in case -- jury -- verdict for plaintiff. Motion for new trial, and by consent said motion is to be argued before Judge Willoughby at the Court House in Alexandria at some future day. Arnold vs. Norville -- dept -- verdict for plaintiff. Nevett vs. Carter -- dept -- case dismissed. Nicol vs. Carter and Carter -- debt -- judgment for plaintiff. Purcell vs. Naglee -- continue -- verdict to plaintiff. Joel C. Clark's adm'r vs. E. J. T. Clark -- in covenant -- verdict for plaintiff.

There was a colored man arrested by the jailor here a day or two ago named Wm. Allen. Committed by Justice Ketcham for shooting, with intent to kill, another colored man.

The Court is now in session, and its subsequent proceedings will be sent in my next letter. TYRONE Brentsville, Va. Prince William County, May 13

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jun 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -----  
The "negro-jury torpedo" prepared by several of our new iron clad magistrates, to which I have in a previous communication alleged, will likely explode next court. The jurors drawn and summoned to attend the next term include two colored men, William Lomax and Robert Williams.

Lomax is a specimen of his race that I've never seen, but am informed, from all accounts received of him, that such a "specimen" could only be selected from a "lower deep," and, therefore, I dismiss him. What must we think of the magistrate who selected such! I cannot speak in two high commendation of William Chinn, a colored man living near here, who was selected as a juror but has the mauliness and good sense to decline to serve. He will raise himself high in the estimation of all whose good opinion is worth having if he holds his ground, and will find his reward in an approving conscience, and increased number of friends.

The Negro Man Pinn whose claims are presented for the Postmastership at Manassas. I understand, "is a cat with a long tail" in the more advanced stages of Radicalism here. It is said that he is patronized by the Radical candidate for Congress. He took Pinn to Washington and showed him all the sights besides giving him an introduction to the Postmaster General, and advocated his cause in the post office line. Our new Commonwealth's Attorney, and several others of his kind and color, are signers of Pinn's petition it is said. Such men need not fear any loss in using their signatures. They have no influence with any body but Negroes, and as for the intrinsic value of their autographs, I am sure if they were all to endorse a note for five hundred dollars it wouldn't bring ten cents if sold to the highest bidder.

There will likely be two or three candidates on each side for the Legislature from this county. Already two on each side have stated their willingness to serve the public, and one Radical Pinn man has been nominated. I wish I was in President Grant's shoes about an hour, I'd give some of the Prince William radicals foreign missions. For instance, I'd sent the new Commonwealth's Attorney, in this county, to the Dry Tortugas as a resident minister for life. And Pinn should certainly be postmaster on the Peak of Teneriffe, in mid-ocean, 13,000 feet above the level of the sea. "The colored troops fought bravely." TYRONE, Brentsville, Va. May 20th 1869

Manassas Gazette 05 Jun 1869

RUSTIN HILL FOR SALE -- The subscriber is authorized to sell the above named farm lying in the county of Prince William, about one mile from Manassas Station. Said farm contains 228 ACRES, mostly red soil, well enclosed, and in a tolerable state of improvement, has on it a small dwelling, the principal buildings having been destroyed during the war. About fifty acres in beautiful timber; an abundance of water, and a splendid Orchard and grove where the old mansion stood, a nice location for a building site. The land is susceptible of the highest state of improvement and offers many inducements to those in want of homes in a healthy and bountiful country near

Manassas, which is fast improving and from all appearance, destined to be a considerable town.

The subscriber living at Manassas will take pleasure in showing said land, and giving information in regard to the same. Price Twenty-Five dollars per acre. -- see F. J. Cannon & Company

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For Assembly from Prince William County, Virginia. Isaac L. N. Hazen is respectfully requested to stand as a candidate for the Assembly of the State of Virginia, and he will receive the cordial support of Many Friends.

Manassas Gazette 05 Jun 1869

A Seasonable Present - Mrs. Summer Fitts, near our village, will please receive our thanks for a supply of beautiful early strawberries. It is pleasant to know that we the printers, are kept in remembrance by the ladies and that our efforts to entertain the minds of others through the columns of the Gazette, receives in response something agreeable to our palates.

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A. NICOL, Attorney at Law, Brentsville, will practice in Prince William and the adjoining Counties.

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BRADFIELD & HIXSON, Manufacturers of Light and Heavy Wagons, and Agricultural Implements. Also, UNDERTAKERS. Funerals attended at the shortest notice. They keep a full supply of all kinds of Yellow Pine Lumber on Hand, which we are selling at the lowest market price. -- Manassas, Virginia

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VIRGINIA - At rules held in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County Court, May 3rd 1869. Walter Weir Administrator of John B. Grayson, deceased, Plaintiff, against Albert W. Gray, Defendants, -- Action of Debt -- In which attachment issued to recover \$43.09 with interest from the 1st September 18-- till paid, and the defendant, Albert W. Gray, not having entered his appearance, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this Commonwealth. It is ordered that he appear here within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Manassas Gazette, a newspaper published in the County, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County, at the next term of said Court. -- A Copy Test; John C. Poor, Clerk, Walter Weir, Plaintiff.

Manassas Gazette 05 Jun 1869

To Persons Having Farms FOR SALE --- F. J. Cannon & Co., of Manassas, are offering great inducements to those having LAND for Sale in any part of Virginia. All lands put in their hands for sale, will be advertised in their "Real Estate Bulletin," which

will be extensively circulated through the Northern States.

Our Real Estate Paper will be published in a few days and we therefore advise those who wish to dispose of lands to put it in our hands as early as possible, so as to appear in the first issue of our paper.

To those wishing to purchase land in Virginia we would state that we now have on hand a great number of desirable farms, improved and unimproved, which we are offering at low prices and easy terms.

We have also a number of fine Building Lots in Manassas for sale on the very best terms.

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A Household Necessity!! The National Sewing Machine! \$20 ! \$20 !! \$20 !!! Only \$20 Complete! The Simplest and most Complete Family Sewing Machine Now in use!!! This Machine combines all the advantages of the advantages of the best and most popular SEWING MACHINE, as regards its work for family use, while in simplicity of construction and ease of management, it is far superior to any now in use. EVERY FAMILY NEEDS ONE ! and its Cheapness Brings it within the REACH OF ALL, So little machinery that it cannot be got out of order.

It is labor saving, ornamental, and supplies a want felt in every HOUSEHOLD. IT WOLL STICH, HEM, FELL, TUCK, BIND, BRAID, and EMBROIDER in a beautiful manner.

It will sew anything from Swiss Muslins, up to the heaviest Beaver Cloth, or that which can't be Sewed on any high-priced machine, just as nicely and as rapidly. It can be used with or without a tredle, and is so simple, a child can use it with perfect success.

EVERY MACHINE WARRANTED FOR THREE YEARS, Four Needles, Clamp, Screw Driver, Hammer, Gauge, Oiler, and full directions accompany each Machine, free of charge.

Those desiring to see the Machine and its work, and be convinced of its merits and all that is claimed for it can be gratified, by addressing me, giving name and location, when they can be called upon at their homes where they can test it to their entire satisfaction.

Do not fear troubling me for it is a pleasure to show the machine to all. Any number of lessons desired, given free at the houses of those purchasing. -- Address by note.

Also, agent for BRADY'S FAMILY CORN SHELLER -- \$5.00. Tables with Tredles, always on hand, at extra cost. -- P. M. Riley, Haymarket, Gainesville, or Manassas.

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End of a long Litigation -- On Friday last; Judge Purcell, of the Orphans' Court, received a dispatch from Richmond notifying him that his suit against the Gibson heirs, that has been pending in the courts for nineteen years, has been decided in his favor. the estate lies in Prince William County, Va., embracing the Fleetwood and Flatbush estates, with thirty years rents due. The estate is estimated to be worth \$200,000. --- National Intell.

Manassas Gazette 05 Jun 1869

Monday at Brentsville -- We are to have a lively time at Brentsville on Monday, if the report is true. It is said W. D. Wallach and Chas. Whittlesey, two opposing candidates for Congress, will argue, their respective claims for the support of the people of the 7th District on that day.

The Conservative Convention will meet to nominate a candidate for the legislature; and the county court will be in session.

Manassas Gazette 05 Jun 1869

Public Sale Of Land -- By virtue of a decree pronounced by the County Court of Prince William, in the suit of Stedman and wife vs Matthews, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, in front of the court house door, in Brentsville, on Monday the first day of June Court, 1869, a tract of 75 ACRES, lying on the road from Dumfries to Brentsville. This tract has a very comfortable house, and most of it in timber.

TERMS of SALE -- One third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue, divided into two equal installments, for which the purchaser will be required to execute his bonds payable in twelve and eighteen months with interest, from the day of sale. The title to be withheld until all of the purchase money is paid. Land subject to resale at the purchaser's risk. -- Charles S. Sinclair, Wm. H. Payne, commissioners.

Manassas Gazette 05 Jun 1869

BRIDGE ACROSS THE OCCOQUAN RUN, Plans & Proposals for building a substantial County Bridge across the Occoquan Run near Bland's Ford at the site of the old military bridge, will be received by me on or before the 1st Monday in June. Said bridge to be built with one stone pier in the middle of the Run, 22 feet high above the bed of the stream; and with stone abutments on each bank on a level with the centre pier. Any other plans will receive careful consideration. Said plans and proposals will be submitted to the County Court for its approval, H. W. Cunningham, Chairman Board of Commissioners.

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BROAD RUN BRIDGE -- Proposals are invited for building a bridge across Broad Run at Cootr's? Ford near Brentsville. The bridge to be --- feet long and 14 feet wide and about 20 feet above the bed of the stream; and --- feet of Trusel work on each bank resting on the stone and earth work necessary approach the bridge either way including a good railing. The work all to be done in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and subject to the approval of such inspectors as the Court shall appoint. Plans can be seen by calling on the undersigned, or persons proposing may furnish plans. Isaac P. Baldwin, Chairman of Commission

Alexandria Gazette 07 Jun 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- There are certainly two, and probably three, colored registrars appointed for this county. Jesse Bates, 1st precinct. (He's a "nice one," I tell you.) H. E. Pinn, 3rd precinct. (Pinn is the "heir expectant," of the post office at Manassas.) Summer Fitts is

the President of the Board of the 3rd precinct. Fitts was nominated here in March, I think by eight Republicans(?) for the Legislature. He cannot be registrar if he is a candidate. Which are you, Fitts, candidate or registrar? In the language of Shakespeare, "Whence and what art thou, execrable shape?" Josiah Thomas in the 4th precinct, may be a colored man for all I know. I have never heard of him before. Fitts better stick to his military appointment. He'll never be elected to any office. Nothing but the devil will ever catch Fitts in this country.

Mr. Thomas L. Burrows, a very gentlemanly republican, has a petition in circulation, I understand, for the Manassas post office. It is signed by a number of republicans, and the most prominent business men of the place and vicinity. Under the head of republicans in the petition there is one name that sorter surprises me. I'll not call it, but if I can I'll send you a copy of the petition. I hope Mr. Burrows will get the position, because he is a fair man, and the people want him to have it, but the idea, just the idea, of one man who signed the petition under the first heading, calling himself a Republican. When did he become one? Why didn't he say he was one when he ran for office, last? He'll be ashamed to say it when he runs again, which he is sure to do, for he would die if out of office. The black republicans say that Pinn's appointment is a "political necessity." The blacks will leave the radicals here "with the bag to hold" if Pinn is not appointed postmaster. TYRONE. Prince William County, June 5, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 14 Jun 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette ---  
The June term of our County Court closed yesterday evening. The most important cases tried or otherwise disposed of were the following:

Commonwealth vs. Whaling - unlawful trespass - nolle proscqui entered.  
Commonwealth's Attorney said J. F. Clark, for the prosecution; Gens. Hunton and Payne for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Hartman -- larceny -- nolle prosequi entered. Nicol for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Tuell -- assault with intent to kill -- case continued. --- Nicol for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Reid -- assault with intent to kill -- nolle proscqui entered.  
Commonwealth's Attorney and Gen. Payne for prosecution; Hunton and Clark for defence.

Commonwealth vs. Fewell -- assault and battery -- verdict guilty, and fine \$25. J. F. Clark for defence.

Twelve deeds were admitted to record; two wills probated; county levy not yet completed; bridge across Bull Run, at Buckland, allowed, and nine hundred dollars appropriated for the purpose of having it built; bridge across Kettle Run, between Brentsville and Bristoe, allowed, and two hundred and fifty dollars appropriated towards having it built. A road case occupied two full days of the Court Baldwin and Round for applicant, and Geo. Hunton opposing.

A gentleman remarked during Court that the Radical Party is control of affairs here at present intended to commence the fight all along the line on the 6th of July, and that they had already given us a very small Round. Oh! Round got his license, I

understand, last December in New York, and with such experience as he must have under the circumstances he don't hesitate to take the Code of Virginia laws, and shoots in every direction; and his face is as hard as an anvil.

The county Radicals intend to have a bridge across Bull Run in readiness for the next war.

On the first day of Court, Wallach and Whittlesey harangued the people. Wallach was frequently cheered. His speech was well received. Each of the contestants applied to the other the most opprobrious names, and when they finished B. H. Shackelford, esq., being called on, addressed the meeting for at least an hour. He said Wallach had branded Whittlesey as utterly unfit to be trusted in Congress, and Whittlesey had returned the fire, and for his part he was disposed to believe both told the truth. His speech was enthusiastically cheered.

If the Convention to meet in your city on the 18th instant nominates a Conservative candidate some think he would pile up the votes in this county.

Mr. McKenzie was here on Tuesday, and made a few remarks. he stands well, in case no candidate of the Conservative party is brought out.

Wm. A. Bryant, esq. a very clever gentleman, was nominated for the Legislature from this county, and the previous nomination, by primary meetings held in Fauquier, of Thomas N. Latham for the State Senate, was confirmed by the Conservative meeting held here on Monday last. The county will be thoroughly canvassed before the election.

The registering board in the lower part of the county has hung fire, as one of the board who is white will not sit with the others.

It is generally understood that the county has been put under contract to Round, Baldwin, and a few others, who don't intend to "run the machine as they found it." The governors of the county and one or two of the Court seem to have road on the brain, if they have a brain! One has actually taken steps to have a road opened right square across his neighbor's farm, just because his neighbor keep his private roads for gentlemen, and won't permit a wolf in sheep's clothing to use them. Somebody may get into difficulty about this road business yet, and I wouldn't be surprised if it one of the Court.

Round, who don't own anything but his body endeavors to have the capitation tax reduced from two dollars on the head to one dollar, but failed. Better sell patent rights again, as he was doing five or six months ago, He can make more money signing Negro petitions than that. TYRONE -- Prince Wm. Co., June 12

Alexandria Gazette 17 Jun 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Your talented correspondent "Tyrone" being absent from Brentsville, it may not be improper in me to give you a few items of local news during his absence.

The round of the hammer has disturbed the usual quietude of the village, and on investigation it has been ascertained that a half for Masonic purposes is being rapidly completed. We further understand that on Thursday, 26th instant, a delegation of Masons from Mt. Carmel Lodge, No. 133, Warrenton Va., will be here for the purposes of instituting Lebanon Lodge, and installing the officers thereof. It is hoped the

ceremony, as far as consistent with the usages of the order, may be public. The opening of this lodge will supply a desideratum that has long been felt. It is useless to inform you that this step will materially advance the interests of every good citizen of Prince William. Whereover the order has been introduced it has always accomplished much good.

The writer of this communication has to-day been through what may be considered the poorest section of the county, in respect to the land, and can safely say that the average of the wheat and rye crops will compare favorably with any other section of the State. These crops really look very promising, and unless some unforeseen accident occurs, will produce an abundant yield.

I intend to give you some political news, but as you have such an able expositor of this subject in "Tyrone," and as I could only give you a dismal picture of our unfortunate situation. I will forbear.

EROS. Brentsville, Va. June 16, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 23 Jun 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette ---  
There was a gathering of the citizens of Dumfries and vicinity in Dumfries on last Saturday evening. Jas. F. Clark, esq., addressed the meeting in a speech of an hour and a half, urging a full registration and a large vote for the Walker ticket at the coming election. Harvey Hyde, Jesse Bates, (colored) and Verplanck, a white Radical! compose the registration board for the Dumfries district. Hyde is justice of the peace, a preacher, gets two hundred dollars a year from a society in New York to preach to the heathen? in Prince William, and has been under bonds to keep the peace nearly all the time since he brought his carpet-bag to this county. No wonder the Northern people think we are scarcely civilized, when such men as Hyde are sent here to preach the gospel as missionaries. It is not remarkable that nearly all these blatant Radicals, both white and black, that now occupy or seek to occupy our high places are pretended ministers of the gospel?

A delegation from Dumfries, of some fifteen or twenty gentlemen, went up to registrar the other day, and, while they all spoke very cordially to Jesse Bates, the colored member of the board, and shook him by the hand, they took no notice whatever of Hyde or Verplanck. Hyde stretched out his hand to speak to one of the gentleman, but the privilege was refused. Jesse is the only gentlemen of the party.

Mr. Clark will speak at Trennis's Store on Saturday, the 26th inst., at three o'clock p. m., at the urgent solicitation of the citizens of that community. Prince William will poll a large vote of the Walker Ticket. TYRONE, Prince William, Co. June 21

Alexandria Gazette 26 Jun 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -----  
A meeting of the citizens of Prince William was held at Cole's Store on last Wednesday evening. A. Nicol and James F. Clark, esqs. made speeches. The Conservative people are aroused to a sense of this danger that surround them, all will vote to a man for the Walker ticket and for Mr. McKenzie.

Messrs. Nicol and Clark will also speak at Trenis's Store to-morrow evening.

Harvey Hyde the Radical preacher and president of the registration board for the lower district in this county has been giving certificates of registration to applicants who have given notice of permanent removal from his district, and he has issued these certificates with only two names on them, his own and that of Jesse Bates. Hyde signs Jesse's name for him. Hyde told the persons applying for these certificates that two names were all that would be required, and yet the board at Manassas, composed of Fitts, Round, and Pinn, (all blacks, but Pinn is slightly the blackest) would not admit to their registration lists the names of these gentlemen because their certificates were signed by two only of the board. The consequence of such down right duplicity, ignorance or prevarication I can't tell which, will be to exclude from voting these gentlemen because they are Conservatives, and respectable in political sentiment.

It is thought that Fitts, the Manassas registrar will be a candidate to misrepresent us in the Legislature. He surely can't be a candidate unless Gen. Canby's order is ignored.

The ladies of the Memorial Association intend giving a tableau and dramatic entertainment at Manassas, in the course of ten or twenty days. Some able speakers will be selected to deliver the introductory address. Due notice of time and place will be given in the Alexandria Gazette and the Manassas Gazette. A large attendance is earnestly hoped for. The scenes and representations will be of the best and most entertaining character. TYRONE Prince William Co. Va., June 25, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 17 Aug 1869

VIRGINIA NEWS -- A letter from a Georgetown merchant in the Manassas Gazette, speaks of there being some talk of a Railroad being built connecting the Manassas section of the Country with Georgetown; the road to run across the Aqueduct Bridge, going through Falls Church, from thence to Fairfax Court House, passing near Centreville and connecting with the Orange A., & M. R. R. at Manassas.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Aug 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Stafford Court August term was held last Wednesday and Thursday. The following cases were called and tried.

Commonwealth vs. West -- assault and battery -- verdict not guilty. Clark for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Payne and others -- riot -- verdict guilty, and fined \$5 each and cost.

Commonwealth vs. Hickerson -- assault and battery -- rule issued against prosecutor to find security for the costs of the prosecution and in the event of his failure to give sufficient security by next term of the court, a nol pros ordered to be entered. Suttle for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Lucas -- assault and battery -- verdict not guilty, Clark for defendant.

The drought is very severe in this county, particularly in the lower portion of it. Scarcely any corn will be made. TYRONE, Prince William Co. Va., August 23, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 10 Sep 1869

VIRGINIA: At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Prince William Circuit Court on Monday, the 6th day of September, 1869: William H. Tayloe, plaintiff, against John Naglee, jr., Catherine M. Naglee, his wife; Phebe Warren Tayloe, John Dickinson Tayloe, Edward Thornton Tayloe, Mary C. Perry, Thornton Tayloe Perry, Edward Tayloe Perry, George B. Warren, jr., and E. P. Warren, his wife, formerly E. P. Tayloe; John Paine and Julia D. Paine, his wife, formerly Julia D. Tayloe, defendants: In chancery.

The object of this suit is to restrain and enjoin the defendant John Naglee, jr., his agents, employees and all other persons, from cutting the wood and timber of the tract of land in the possession of said Naglee and described in said bill, and from committing waste on said land, and from making use of, selling or removing from said land, or beyond the limits of the State of Virginia, any wood or timber already cut off said land, without and until the further order of the Court.

The defendants, Phebe Warren Tayloe, John Dickinson Tayloe, Edward Thornton Tayloe, Mary C. Perry, Thornton Tayloe Perry, Edward Tayloe Perry; George B. Warren, jr., and E. P. Warren, his wife, formerly E. P. Tayloe; John Paine and Julia D. Paine, his wife, formerly Julia D. Tayloe, not having entered their appearance and giving security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that they are not resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendants appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county on the first day of the next County Court. A copy, teste:

John C. Parr, Clerk. -- F. L. Smith, P. Q.

Alexandria Gazette 13 Sep 1869

Prince William County, -- During the recess of the Court on Monday, pursuant to notice, an Essay on Man was read by Miss Nichols. Those who heard it pronounced it a very superior and highly artistic production.

Mr. Robert W. Merchant has been appointed postmaster at Manassas, in place of Col. H. W. Cunningham, who resigned the office, he having been appointed sheriff of the county some time since. The appointment of Mr. Merchant is satisfactory to all.

The picnic on Thursday last, at this place, was attended by about three hundred ladies and gentlemen of this and the adjoining counties and the city of Alexandria.

Major W. W. Thornton sold this week 97 1/2 acres of land situated near Bristoe Station to Mr. Fountain, of New York, for the sum of \$2,000 cash. -- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 14 Sep 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Brentsville, Va. September 13 -- To correct an erroneous impression that appears to have been adopted by the press and the public in regard to the consequences of an affray at Morrisville, on the 2d instant. I would state that I saw the man wound in the

fracas on the 3d and 4th instant at Brentsville, and although he was cut in two places, yet both cuts had a kindly appearance and seemed disposed to heal by the first intention I am satisfied there were no serious ---- as far as the showman were concerned and the physician who examined the man did not seem to attach much importance to his wounds.

In regard to the "pugnacity" of the men, I was assured by Mr. Robinson that in no instance had his men been in a row where they were not mistreated in some manner, generally beginning through some one under the influence of "lightning whiskey", afterwards entangling not only respectable citizens but even the managers themselves. I suspect the lightning whiskey to be the main cause of all difficulties. The show was perfectly satisfactory in Brentsville, and the memory of the oldest inhabitant can recall no more quiet day and night than we had during the stay of the establishment here. The show gave satisfaction, the proprietors and managers were polite and affable, the men peaceable and orderly and --- of the jutegrity of the management, I would state that an excellent and esteemed physician of an adjoining county in purchasing tickets, received change for a \$10 note instead of a \$20 note, he discovered his mistake after the performance and mentioned the circumstance to Mr. Robinson. The Doctor had no idea of getting his money back, and yet after the tickets were counted, the money was refunded in full.

As it is seldom that a chance offers for praise on this subject, it is but justice to the company referred to, to state that they deserved at this place, all the praise that could be given. VERITAS

Alexandria Gazette 14 Sep 1869

LETTER FROM MANASSAS -- Correspondence of the Washington Republican. --- Manassas has improved wonderfully within the last year. It has now about eighty buildings, two churches, three schools, (one colored,) two hotels, one steam mill, one sumac mill, five stores, one tin shop, two shoe shops, two wheelwright shops, &c. A plat for a new town has been made and lots staked off about 300 or 400 yards from the depot. It is beautifully situated on the highest point between Alexandria and Culpeper, being 500 feet above tide water at Alexandria. Since the first day of January not less than \$300,000 worth of property has been sold to actual settlers. This new additions to the village was laid out by Messrs. McPherson, Stillson & Co., of Washington, and quite a large number of lots have been sold, upon which business houses and residences will be erected. Cannon, McLean & Co., real estate agents, have sold a large number of valuable tracts of land lately. They are located at the village. W. S. Chase, assistant assessor of internal revenue for Fairfax and Prince William, is located here, and the business of his department is increasing. They have a good weekly paper established here -- The Manassas Gazette published by Messrs. Whiting & Waters.

The cemetery, which is situated near the village, is in a beautiful spot, and reflects great credit upon the ladies of Manassas and of the county for the establishment of the cemetery. There are about two hundred Confederates buried here, only about forty of whom are known, and they are from the extreme Southern States. There are no bodies belonging to men of the Federal army buried here, all having been removed to

Arlington. There are still about forty of fifty Confederates buried in a field near the village, who have not been removed to the cemetery. It is proposed to remove them in a short time.

There are two fine hotels here and both well patronized -- one kept by Harvey Varnes and the other by Colonel Fewell, who emphatically know how to keep a hotel.

I have not heard politics mentioned since I have been here; the inhabitants appear to be all engaged in their different pursuits, and attending to their business instead of politics. The people in this section are almost unanimous in the opinion that Lewis McKenzie, of Alexandria, should be one of the U. S. Senators from Virginia. We hope their wishes may be gratified, as Mr. McKenzie is a Virginian all over, one who is well acquainted with the wants of the people, and would make a good Senator. Alexandria may well be proud of such a man. W.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Sep 1869

Prince William County, Va. Items. -- Since our last mention of the improvements about Manassas, there have been several others commenced. Mr. A. Z. Phillips, Mr. L. B. Butler, Col. P. B. Stilson, Mr. Bernard Bryant, and Mr. Wm. Hickson, are all building themselves dwellings, besides other of our citizens are building additions, and otherwise improving their premises. We also learn that some of our capitalists expect to soon engaged, in the manufacture of articles now in great demand in this and other portions of the country, there being an abundance of raw material in this county.

The Masonic Fraternity in this place is prospering finely; and is bidding fair to become a large lodge. We understand they intend putting up a three story building, the third to be used by the order, the second to be fitted up for offices and the first or ground floor for stores. District Deputy Grand Master George R. Head, of Leesburg, is here and visited the Lodge last night.

The long continued drought has had the effect of drying up many of the smaller streams causing owners of stock a little inconvenience in procuring a sufficient amount of water. At Manassas, although none of the wells have failed, yet the water in some has become so low that the owners have been compelled to get water for their stock elsewhere.

Mr. Wm. A. Ketchum, is engaged in building a residence on his farm near Brentsville. Col. Snow, who owns a beautiful farm near Nokesville Station, on the Orange & Alexandria R. R. , is engaged in rebuilding his residence which was destroyed during the war.

Mr. Seymour Johnson of the firm of Buckingham and Johnson, who purchased the farm of Col. H. W. Cunningham, arrived here a few days ago from Wyoming county, New York, having traveled the distance, 350 miles, in eleven days, with their team loaded with furniture. They have commenced work at their new home, and will get full possession the first of October.

Messrs. E. F. Pickett and James F. Pickett, both young men of this county, left here on Tuesday for the west. We should prefer they remained here and help to build up the waste places of old Prince William.

Cannon, McLean & Company, sold last Saturday, 827 acres of land near Gainesville, the property of Dr. Beverly Buckner of Louisiana, to Mr. Wm. Brown, of

Alexandria, for \$3,875. MANASSAS GAZETTE

Manassas Gazette 28 Jun 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -----

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Trennis Store, in this county, day before yesterday, in the evening. Messrs Nicol and Clark addressed the meeting.

Harvey Hyde, of whom I have made previous mention, gave a colored man a certificate the other day to register and vote in Loudoun County and also said to the man "I want to give you a piece of advice, if you vote the "rebel" meaning the Walker ticket, the rebels will have you in slavery again in less than two years." Mr. Hyde told a falsehood when he said that, and he knows it. He knows that the Southern people have no disposition to enslave the colored race, and wouldn't own slaves if those who originated slavery were to reopen the African slave trade and try to sell them to us. But Hyde, although a "messenger of peace," so-called, is utterly at war with everything like correctness and truth.

There is to be a political meeting at Bellefair Mills, Stafford County, on next Saturday, commencing at 10 a. m. Colonel Evans, of Richmond, Charles Herndon, of Fredericksburg, and A. Nicol and J. F. Clark, of Prince William, are expected to be present and address the meeting. A large attendance and a "big time" are expected.

TYRONE Prince William County, Va., June 28

Alexandria Gazette 28 Sep 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -----

At the last term of our county court a young man named Riley was tried for assault and battery, found guilty after some hesitation by the jury, and fined one cent. He was a stranger here, without money or monied friends, and has a mother in Baltimore dependent on his exertions for a support. The evidence showed that the assaulted party engaged Riley in a mutual fight, and for some time got the better of him, but Riley afterwards was the victor.

At the verdict of the jury the Court was not satisfied to stop, but they imposed on Riley an imprisonment for three months more, although he had already been in jail here five or six weeks before the trial. His counsel importuned the Court, and succeeded in getting it to lessen the term to two months. Before, however, the Court would do this, Riley must be brought before it, and suffer several minutes vilification at the hands of one of the Court. Thank God such proceedings are not common in a Prince William Court.

Riley is an ex Confederate; the assaulted party was an itinerant preacher, who blasphemously represented that he was sent by the Almighty in person to save the world. The preaching (?) mendicant is now in parts unknown, well and hearty; Riley is here in jail, was once a "Rebel," and "thereby hangs a tale."

The first act of the next Legislature should be to deprive these pretty little prejudiced and bigoted county courts, of the power to imprison, and let the juries of the land be the only competent power to determine how long a man shall be immured in our jails as a punishment for crime. What do many of these new light magistrates know about law? I could mention one particularly. He is not of Prince William growth; didn't spring

from Prince William stock; and has no right to be a member of the Prince William court.

The times are radically changing. A man looking like the general idea of a Ku Klux passed through our village a few evenings since trying to sell coffin linings and covers. He didn't sell any here. We politely declined. We are looking every day for a man peddling coffins, and graves already dug.

TYRONE                      Prince William County, Sept. 27

Alexandria Gazette 22 Sep 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -----  
The case of the Commonwealth vs. Teasdale on writ of habeas corpus before Judge Hill in special sitting came up yesterday, and resulted in Teasdale's discharge.

The prisoner was immediately rearrested and examined before Justice Baldwin, and was again discharged. Moore and Sinclair for the prisoner. Round, Commonwealth's main witnesses were absent. Young Teasdale is a son of one of the new modern magistrates of the county. The Justice refused to adjourn the examination for ten days to enable the Commonwealth to bring forward other testimony. TYRONE, Prince William County, Va., Sept. 21

Alexandria Gazette 25 Sep 1869

THE BUCKLAND (Prince William County) WOOLEN MILLS. -- We take pleasure in calling attention to the circular of Messrs. John B. Hunton & Co., of the Buckland Woolen Mills, which appears to-day for the first time in our paper as an advertisement. Accompanying this circular is a communication signed "Consumer," which was addressed originally to the editor of the Warrenton Index, and the views therein expressed are such as it seems to us should receive the endorsement of every man in this section, at least, of our State. How in this section, at least, of our State. How are we ever to become an independent people if we do not sustain our home enterprises of this character? Here is an important manufactory, established so near our city as to render it almost an Alexandria concern. It is reached in two hours from here by rail, and this proximity makes Alexandria its natural market. These gentlemen inform us that all the material used in building and establishing their factory, that could be found in Alexandria, was purchased here, and that a large amount will be expended annually by them here, for such articles as they consume in manufacturing -- an additional reason why the enterprise should be fostered by our people.

As to the quality of the cloths manufactured, we refer our readers to their circular, which contains the opinions of those who are much better qualified than we are to pronounce judgment on them. For ourselves, we think we have never seen better goods of the class than they are making, and we have tested them by actual wear. We hope to see this season Buckland cloths on the shelves of all our merchants.

The following is the communication referred to:

"Mr. Editor --I notice with much satisfaction an article on the "Buckland Woolen Mill," and hope you will continue to bring this and all similar enterprises before the public, until our people are forced to look at the matter in its true light, and act to subserve the interests of our State, and thereby promote their individual interests. If you will pardon

me a line or two, I will make one or two brief suggestions, which, if adopted, will do more to build up Virginia and the South, than all the political reconstruction about which we have so much senseless clamor. An independent man is the one that is courted and sought after. So with an independent people. And if our people will stop running away from home to buy a pair of breeches, and every other article they find they need, and develop our own resources, start and sustain our own manufactures of every kind, and keep our money at home, where it is so much needed just now, how long do you suppose it will be before reconstruction will come as good as we want it? What government on earth could long tamper with the rights of such a people as we would be? And yet how slow our people seem to be in learning this lesson.

"Take the example of the Buckland factory, and see its operation on the material prosperity of the State, and especially of our own immediate section. Leaving out of view for the present, the great value to our sparsely settled country of a population of consumers for the products of our farms such as these factories aggregate, what amount of capital would be kept here in our midst that now goes abroad to pamper those who are seeking to crush us, if every man who buys cloth should purchase these Buckland fabrics? Not less, I suppose, than \$100,000 annually. And in doing this I doubt not, our people would save money directly to themselves, by purchasing a superior instead of an inferior article, for the rent in my garments bear testimony to the worthlessness of shoddy, and I see from the circular the proprietors of this establishment have issued, that they have eschewed it forever. Let me say in conclusion to the people of this section, you have the correction in your own hands. When you go to your merchants to buy a suit of clothes, ask for the "Buckland Goods." If answered, we don't keep them." go where you can find them.

"A Consumer."

Alexandria Gazette 04 Oct 1869

OCCOQUAN AND DUMFRIES, IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA. -- Occoquan is a business like, lively town of some thirty or thirty-five houses, and about two hundred and fifty inhabitants. Situated in a valley and surrounded by lofty hills, the village is not perceptible until you are fairly "on top" of it, and you catch the roar of the mill-wheel, the ring of the anvil and the mingled murmur of voices before the first house of the town can be seen. Occoquan river is certainly one of the most beautiful streams in the State. The scenery along its banks is wild and picturesque, on one side a noble forest stretching away as far as the eye can reach, on the other level and fertile plains which are yielding rich harvests to their owners. Above the village on the south bank of the Occoquan are the ruins of a cotton mill burnt by the citizens during the war; there was also at this point a bridge which spanned the Occoquan and which was destroyed by Southern troops. About 1000 cords of wood are lying on the banks of the river awaiting transportation to Washington.

Joseph T. Janney has a very large merchant mill here which turns out one hundred barrels of flour daily. He has lately added some very fine improved machinery joined with all the modern improvements; he has also constructed a saw mill and plaster mill.

Messrs. Hugh Hammill & Son are building a very fine steamer designed for freighting on the Potomac. It is 90 feet, length of keel, 24 feet beam.

Mr. A. T. Lynn keeps a comfortable house of entertainment for all who may favor him with their patronage. Improvements are being made by some of the citizens. W. H. Smoot, esq., is beautifying his residence. Mr. John Gregg has erected a very pretty cottage. John Underwood, esq., ex U. S. Marshall of Virginia, has a very fine farm and residence just below the village. The Lodge of Good Templars number about eighty members and are in a flourishing condition. The water power is unsurpassed in the State, and if it was in the hands of some corporation who would make good use of it, no doubt would bring forth untold wealth.

The town of DUMFRIES is one of the old historical relics of the past; a stranger entering the town unacquainted with its former history would little imagine that at one time it was a commercial town of considerable importance. Strolling through the place the eye rests upon the ruins of fine buildings that Dumfries once boasts of in its palmist days, glances along grass-grown and silent streets that once resounded with the hum and confusion of business, and you see even the former site of a bank that added to the prosperity of the old town. The main cause of the decreases of Dumfries was the filling up of the channel, debarring the navigation and thus destroying at one blow its name and fame as being one of the commercial ports of the country. It is rumored that the company that purchased the "Evansport" tract contemplate bringing about one hundred and fifty families, and building up a village at the mouth of the Quantico. Very likely the ancient town of Dumfries will move its site to the same point and be once more on the banks of the Potomac, where it will no doubt in time resume a portion of its former prosperity and power. Socially speaking, nowhere will be found a more hospitable or entertaining community than at Dumfries, while it enjoys unusual advantages in having at hand crabs, oysters, fish, and those delicacies, which we of the inland towns are deprived of -- MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 04 Oct 1869

MARRIED -- On Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, at the residence of the bride's mother, in Gainesville, Prince William county, by Rev. Mr. Temple, Mr. James A. Pattie and Miss Alwilda J. Shirley.

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Prince William County. -- The Cemetery under the supervision of the Ladies Memorial Association of Manassas, has, within the past three months been greatly improved. Mr. Newman having completed the painting of the boards, they have been placed at the heads of the graves with the name (where it has been possible to ascertain it) regiment, date, &c., neatly inscribed on each board; over the gates are two large inscriptions, "Confederate Dead." There are now interred in the Cemetery 208 bodies, of whom 170 are unknown.

We take great pleasure in announcing to our readers and more especially to our farmers that Messrs. A. P. Routt & Co. have established at Liberty Mills, Virginia, a manufactory for the turning out of farming machines of all varieties.

Messrs. Cannon, McLean & Co., Real Estate Agents at this place, have made the following sales of real estate during the past week: One hundred and fifty-two acres belonging to J. T. Leachman, to Messrs. E. and F. Cawthorn, of England, for \$3,000 in

gold. Tract containing 115 acres belonging to John R. Kincheloe, to Samuel L. Eggleston, of Tioga county, New York, for \$15 per acre cash, Tract containing 102 acres belonging to W. W. Trescot, to Harold J. Corney, of England, for \$2,500. "Sudley" Mill property belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ Sullivan, to Charles Thomas of Pennsylvania, for \$8,000. All of the above property is situated in the county, and has been sold to actual settlers.

The personal property of the late Benoni E. Harrison, of this county, consisting of farming implements, stock, hay, grain, household goods, &c., was sold at public auction on Tuesday last. The sale was mostly for cash and brought fair prices. A small lot of old corn sold at \$4.99; oats sold at 49 and 50 cents; yearling cattle sold at from \$7 to \$10, and two years old at \$11 to \$15; stock hogs brought full value. Robert R. Graham, esq., sold his farm near New Market containing 402 acres on Saturday last to Mr. F. O. Whitikin of New York City, for \$18 per acre; \$2,500 to be paid January, 1870, \$2,650 to be paid January 1, 1871, and the remainder in five years. -- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 08 Oct 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- The October term of the County Court was in session yesterday and day before. Below is some of the business done.

Commonwealth vs. Cornwell -- unlawful trespass -- verdict not guilty. Clark for defendant. The judgment of the Court for costs in this case sequent to the verdict was "therefore it is considered by the Court that the defendant go without day, and that the prosecutor pay the costs of the Commonwealth's witnesses." This order for costs in a misdemeanor case will be interesting to the legal profession. Hyde the prosecutor is an iron-clad magistrate. I make no comments. Hyde, a colored and a boy were the only witnesses for the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth vs. Barnets & Weedon -- assault and battery -- noll pross entered the defendants paying costs. Round & Clark for prosecution. Nicol and Sinclair for defendants.

Commonwealth vs. Fewell -- assault and battery -- jury hung -- juror withdrawn and case continued to next term. Sinclair and Clark for defendant.

Wellington Vaughn and H. M. Davis qualified as constables by giving bonds and taking usual oaths.

All gates across country roads were ordered to be removed by the 18th of January 1870.

All the justices were summoned to consider the enforcement of the stock law, but no action was taken so far as the records show. Well, the justices got three dollars apiece by the operation.

Four of the magistrates were appointed a committee to divide the county into school districts, and recommend school commissioners. They report:

1st district, Francis Boley, school commissioner; second, Wm. Frazier; third George C. Round, fourth L. P. Baldwin,; fifth Rufus Fairbanks.

This magisterial district they cut into two parts so as to give Round one bite and Baldwin one.)

The committee also recommend an appropriation of \$250 to establish these schools, and that the commanding General be interrogated as to the legality of the appropriation; but the Court ignored the last two recommendations. Why they did so is a mystery, for they certainly seem to be bent on a general administration on the estate of our almost ruined and impoverished country.

The best of all comes now. A very gentlemanly and able attorney had a decree entered in a friendly chancery cause, appointing commissioners for the sale of a tract of land, the decree starting that the sale was to be made after advertisement " in some convenient news paper." Our Commonwealth's attorney tried in the absence of the gentleman who prepared the decree, to get the Court to change the phraseology above used, and insert in the newspaper published at Manassas, but the counsel coming in, suddenly squelched little prosecutor and his motion "at one fell swoop.

He said I understand that some newspapers had been publishing communications abusing the County Court of Prince William; and it was at their interests his puny blows were aimed. How disgusting! For the communications over my signature your correspondent is personally responsible to any party aggrieved and he challenges a successful denial of the statements he makes. It would seem that the radicals here don't expect the new Constitution to go into effect very soon, judging from the Courts order in the free school business.

TYRONE -- Prince William, October 6, 1889

Alexandria Gazette 18 Oct 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette: The Circuit Court for this county, Hon. Lysander Hill presiding, has been in session here for the past week, ending Friday evening.

The Grand Jury found the following bills of indictment. One against William S. Fewell, assault and battery -- a true bill. Against Lewis Carney, assault with intent to kill -- a true bill. Against Rice Hooe, assault and battery -- a true bill. Against Wesley L. Teasdale, grand larceny -- a true bill. A good many indictments sent to the grand jury by Mr. Round were ignored. He seems to exert himself considerably to get up cases and indictments. The following cases were disposed of:

Commonwealth vs. William Allen, shooting with intent to kill, verdict, guilty of unlawful shooting and sentenced to ten-days imprisonment in the county jail, and fined one hundred dollars. Sinclair and Round for the Commonwealth, General Payne for defendant.

The Court admitted Lewis Carney to bail in the sum of \$1,000 after argument by counsel, Round for Commonwealth, Gen. Hunton and Clarke for defendant.

Seddon Hughes and Kate Hughes, colored children were brought before the Judge on a writ of habeas corpus, the petitioner being a colored woman named Roberta Hampton, who sought to get the children released from the custody of Jas. R. Purcell, esq., to whom they had been apprenticed by Marcus Hopkins, a Freedmen's Bureau officer in 1866. The judge requiring more evidence on the case its consideration was postponed. Judge Sinclair represented Major Purcell. Round and Roberta conducted the motion.

William E. Lipscomb, esq., qualified as an attorney and counselor at law by taking

the usual oaths.

Some few chancery and common law cases were tried but none that would interest the public abroad.

Judge Hill presides with dignity, is impartial in his decisions; is agreeable and affable to the officers of his court and the bar, and makes a most excellent judge. It is not possible in his judicial conduct here to discover any political or personal bias one way or the other. We wish him success in any sphere in which the fortunes of life may place him.

Dr. W. B. Leary sold his farm near Independent Hill in this county for \$10 per acre, cash, to a gentlemen from Baltimore.

TYRONE --- Prince William County, VA., Oct. 16, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 25 Oct 1869

Stafford and Prince William -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. -- Stafford County Court held its October term last Wednesday.

Commonwealth vs. Rails - assault and battery, case dismissed, Clark for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Embrey, assault and battery, continued to next term, Clark for the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Payne et al. - assault and battery, verdict not guilty, Little for the defendants.

Commonwealth vs. Johnson & Johnson, maliciously obstructing railroad, continued for next term and prisoner on bail, Clark for defence.

Some little chancery business was done.

The Fredericksburg bar was well represented, Politics not mentioned. Corn crop in the county short. Not much wheat seeded.

There is to be a meeting at Manassas next Wednesday of the Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Prince William to divide the county into school districts and to establish free schools.

Teasdale, in Prince William county, who was indicted at our last Circuit Court for horse stealing, has been searched for by officers, and is non est inventus. This is the man that Justice Baldwin discharged, and on the same evidence on which the grand jury found a bill of indictment against him. Teasdale when in jail here said all he wanted was a fair trial, and the evidence would establish his innocence. "Tell it not in Gath."

TYRONE Prince William County, VA., Oct. 23

Alexandria Gazette 26 Nov 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Isaac P. Baldwin, of this county, last year sold to a colored man named Robinson two horses, and this year a difficulty having arisen between Baldwin and Robinson, the latter sold one of the horses, whereupon Baldwin has had the man arrested, charged with stealing the horse, and the examination will take place at Manassas next Monday at one o'clock. Robinson alleges he has a bill of sale for the horses, and has other proof of his having purchased them, besides having had possession quietly for twelve months. Judge Moore and J. F. Clarke, esq., represent the defendant. --- TYRONE, Prince William County, Va. November 25, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 01 Dec 1869

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. The examination of Lewis Robinson, a colored man, charged with stealing Isaac P. Baldwin's horse, on the oath of said Baldwin, was had yesterday at Manassas, before Justice Isreal Jones and Thomas Burroughs and resulted in the honorable discharge of the accused.

Robinson was then immediately rearrested on a warrant, gotten out by Baldwin, charging him with stealing corn, and Round, Commonwealth's Attorney, objected to Messrs. Jones and Burrough sitting on the trial of the warrant, but the Court overruled his objection, and thereupon Round stated that no one would appear to prosecute, and the Court dismissed the warrant and again discharged the prisoner.

The evidence was that in October, 1868, Robinson purchased of Baldwin a pair of horses and harness, executed two notes for the purchase money, took from Baldwin a bill of sale for the horses and entered into a contract contemporaneously to work on Baldwin's farm, in partnership with Baldwin, in which contract the colored man was to furnish a pair of horses and half of the grain sowed or planted, half of the fertilizers, &c. &c. A difficulty having arisen between Baldwin and Robinson, originating it the trial of a warrant gotten by the former against the latter, and the seizure of the latter's pork, and its shipment to Alexandria for sale, the latter to prevent a like seizure of the horses by Baldwin sold one of the horses and thereupon Baldwin charged him with stealing the horse.

Baldwin in spite of his political course don't seem to be a very good friend to the colored people after all.

Round and Stillson assisted the prosecutor; Judge Moore and J. F. Clark defended the accused.

Baldwin is one of the signers of the address of the late Radical Convention in Richmond.

TYRONE Prince William Co., Nov. 30

Alexandria Gazette 23 Dec 1869

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: In the Gazette of to-day I notice that George C. Round, the appointed Commonwealth's Attorney for this county, has been before the Reconstruction Committee of Congress in the character of a witness against the general rectitude of the people of Prince William, and an enemy to the immediate restoration of Virginia to her rights in the Union.

Round is of that recently notorias radical political agitators who "left his country for his country's good," and came here to Virginia "unknown, unhonored and unsung," at a time when the offices of our unfortunate Commonwealth, made vacant by Congressional editors were objects of political barter to adventurers of every sort, character, and description. Squatting here on the eve of a vacancy, it was not long before he had his paws on a bone and from the scanty picking it afforded, he has been enabled to keep his soul and body in a state of comfortable cohesion to the present time.

But it is to his indecent and characteristle allusion to me in his cross-examination

before the Reconstruction Committee that I design here to allude. He stated then as reported, that he had been sued for slander by a colored man, but he believed the suit was instigated by some "designing white men," to cause a division in the Radical party in this county. I was the attorney who entered the suit in behalf of the colored man, and hence fall under his denunciation as "a designing white man." Let it be so. I am a white man, and I do nothing without a previous design, so I plead guilty thus far, but that the suit was brought to split up the Radical party in this county is utterly false; I had no such intention, but God grant that it could attain that blessed co-----tion, so devoutly to be wished.

How could a suit against Round for slander of a colored man cause a division in the Radical Party? Can any one tell? Does Round admit he slandered the colored man? He was sued for malicious prosecution, arrest and imprisonment of the colored man, and for acting beyond the pale of his official authority. He has never been sued for slander that I know of. Certainly no suit for slander stands here on the court docket against him.

He and Isaac P. Baldwin are the leading evils, in a political light, in our county, and both are sued for the same cause. It was time for the colored man to sue. Baldwin had procured five warrants, and Round, in Baldwin's name, had substituted two suits as common law against him, all in less than twenty days. The colored man had been arrested on a false and malicious charge, the examination adjourned five days longer than necessary to enable Baldwin and Round to go to the Radical Convention in Richmond; the colored man in the interim confined in jail, was finally examined before two justices of Gen. Canby's appointment and honorably discharged. One of the examining magistrates was recently chairman of the Republican County Committee here, and was a Radical candidate for the Legislature at the last general election. Is it strange that the colored man should take counsel with one who could aid him in asserting his rights and in obtaining justice? In bringing the suit I could have no hope that it would disintegrate the great (?) Radical party here, consisting of Baldwin, Round, and a few others, including the devil, who is a silent but working partner. I sued without reference to color or politics, for in either particular there is not a hair a breadth of difference between them. I sued without reference to the possibility of obtaining damages, for I don't suppose Round has a nine pence to save his life, and when the State is admitted, and his office takes wings and leaves him, he will have less. He knows that, and hence his strenuous opposition to the State's restoration. I was not aware that suits against carpet-baggers would be so disastrous to the Radical organization in this county. But to make short work of this, I may say I design, when this suit for malicious arrest and imprisonment properly matures, and comes to a hearing, to get the jury to teach Round and Baldwin that, because the one is an appointed magistrate and the other an appointed prosecutor, the people of Prince William were not born saddled and bridled, and these two dignitaries, booted and spurred, to ride them.

Accompanied with this will also be a lesson inculcated by the jury that will show these two worthies how utterly to be despised and contemptible any man is who will exercise in any way, much less in an arbitrary, illegal and oppressive manner, the powers and prerogatives of an office over an unwilling people. I would hesitate to take public

notice of this man. Round by denying his statements in a newspaper article, if his blows were not aimed at our people and their best interest in order to perpetuate his insignificant official life amongst us. He takes occasion here always to scatter his opprobrium on those better than himself, only before and in the presence of the Court, a place where gentlemen never give, and seldom resent an insult as it ought to be resented. In the preliminary examination of the colored man before referred to, he made similar aspersions upon the motives of Judge Moore and myself, the colored man's counsel, and we requested a repetition of the statement after the adjournment of the Court, but the request was not granted, and never will but in the presence of either of us. It is out of our presence that he assumes his proper character, that of the political Upas, and scatters his slanderous atmosphere abroad.

Very respectfully, James F. Clark, Brentsville, Va., December 20, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jan 1870

Virginia News - Two men in Prince William County, were accused (by one of the men arrested recently for robbing Davis & Lynn's store,) of being concerned in the robbery. The case was investigated, the accusation not sustained by the evidence, and the prisoners thus falsely charged, released.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jan 1870

Gainesville to New Baltimore, Buckland, December 28, 1869 -- Notice to the Traveling Public. -- Having purchased the mail route of O. E. Nichols from Gainesville to New Baltimore, via Buckland, I shall hereafter run a two horse MAIL COACH on said route, leaving Gainesville on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, on the arrival of the passenger train from Washington.

Fare to Buckland, 40 cents; to other points on or near the route the charges will be moderate. -- Philip Toler & Brother.

I can cheerfully recommend the above parties to the confidence of the traveling public. O. C. Nichols, Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jan 1870

Auction Sales - Trustees' sale of land in Prince William County, VA. - By virtue of a deed of trust from Norborne Berkeley and wife to us, made on the 21st day of July, 1866, for the benefit of Luther L. Lynn, and by the consent and authority of the said Berkeley and Lynn, we will offer, at public sale, to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 8th day of January, 1870, in front of the storehouse of Hutchinson & Laws, in the village of Aldie, Va., a VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND, containing EIGHT HUNDRED ACRES, known as "North End," situated in the county of Prince William, about six miles from Aldie, and about the same distance from the Gainesville depot of the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas R. R., adjoining the lands of Colonel Edmund Berkeley, Jas. Green, Mrs. Sidney Gulliver and others. About two hundred acres of this land is cleared, and well adapted to grazing and grain growing. The remainder is in timber, the best in this section of Virginia, lying adjacent to the large steam saw mill of Col. Berkeley, which makes the timber peculiarly valuable. The improvements consist of TWO LOG DWELLINGS, of four rooms each, kitchen, corn houses, stables, &c. This

land can be advantageously divided, and will be sold to suit purchasers, either entire or in two or more lots, according to the survey and plat of James S. Oden, which can be seen at the sale, or provisions thereto, by application to Col. Norborne Berkeley.

TERMS - Enough cash will be required on the day of sale to pay the expenses of sale, and the debt to the said Lynn, say about \$2,500; the remainder in two equal payments of one and two years, with interest, and secured by deed of trust, or otherwise, to the satisfaction of Col. N. Berkeley. -- J. R. Tucker, B. P. Noland, trustees, Middleburg, Va. December 2, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jan 1870

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY. Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Loudoun county, at its October term 1869, in the cause of Oden et al. vs Lynn, Trustee, &c., we will proceed to sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of February, 1870, in front of the store of Messrs. Laws & Hutchinson, in Aldie, Loudoun County, Va., the TRACT OF LAND owned by James S. Oden, and by him heretofore conveyed by deed of trust to Thos Latham's Trustee, lying on the "Carolina" road, in Prince William County, about 8 miles from Aldie, adjoining the lands of Beverly Hutchison, Joseph Taylor, B. P. Noland, and Others, and containing 800 acres. It is good arable land; has on it plenty of water and timber, and well adapted to grazing and the growth of cereals.

TERMS -- One tenth cash on the day of sale, and the residue in equal installments at one and two years from the day of sale; the deferred installments to be secured by bonds, bearing interest from day of sale. Sale to commence at J. Wm. Foster, B. P. Noland, Commissioners of Sale. -- Loudoun County

Alexandria Gazette 03 Jan 1870

Prince William County - Phillip Naylor, a colored man, residing in this vicinity, was about starting out last Thursday for a hunt, when his gun was discharged, severely wounding himself in the arm.

Mr. Albert Cunningham, son of H. W. Cunningham, esq., sheriff of this county, accidentally trod upon a drawn knife on Tuesday morning last, inflicting a severe and dangerous wound.

Some unknown person obstructed the track on the O., & A. R. R. between Gordonsville and Madison Run, last Thursday night, by placing some ties across the track. The engineer discovered them in time to prevent an accident.

A dog supposed to have been mad was shot and killed by Mr. N. Woodyard, on Wednesday morning.

Messrs. Cannon & McLean sold to Charles Bennett on Tuesday last, 50 acres, at \$40 per acre, cash -- MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 03 Jan 1870

Trustee's Sale - By virtue of a deed of trust executed by S. A. Marsteller, on the 28th of February, 1857, and of record in the Clerk's office of Prince William County Court, the undersigned will, on MONDAY, the 7th day of February, that being Court day, at

the front door of the Court House of Prince William County, offer for sale, for cash, the TRACT OF LAND conveyed by said deed of trust, containing about THREE HUNDRED ACRES. This land lies near Greenwich, in said county.

Selling as Trustee, I will convey only such title as is vested in me as such, which is believed to be unquestionable. Eppa Hunton, Trustee, Prince William County, December 31, 1869

Alexandria Gazette 07 Jan 1870

Letters from Prince William County - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. Brentsville, January 6, - The January term of the Prince William County Court ended on Tuesday.

Com. vs L. N. Fewell - assault and battery -- verdict guilty and fined \$5.00. Clark and Sinclair for defendant.

Com. vs W. S. Fewell -- case dismissed on defendant paying accrued cost. Sinclair and Clark for defendant.

Com. vs Rice Hooe -- assault and battery. In the absence of the defendant and his counsel, the case was tried and he was fined \$5.00. The verdict was afterwards set aside, and on a new trial the jury hung. Clark for defendant.

Com. vs Burrell, Coleman, Gaskins, Davis and White (all colored) -- affray. Defendants not appearing, and in the absence of their counsel, they were found guilty and fined \$5.00

The will of John Miles, colored, was admitted to probate

Twenty - six deeds were admitted to record within the past month -- all conveying real estate.

The attendance at Court was not very large. The criminal docket is entirely clear.

TYRONE

Alexandria Gazette 09 Jan 1870

Prince William County -- The store of Philip Weinburg, at Manassas, came near being destroyed by fire a few days ago. The fire originated from the ashes of the stove being placed too near the wall of the store and igniting the dry wood-work. The fire was fortunately discovered before much damage was done.

The New Year Social, under the auspices of some of the ladies of Manassas, took place December 31st in the hall over Mr. E. B. Gates sumac factory. The people were well represented, there being some one hundred and twenty persons present. Everything passed off very well.

On Saturday night week many citizens of Fairfax C. H. were favored with an intellectual treat by an excellent lecture on the subject of Temperance, delivered by the Rev. C. M. Foster of Manassas.

The Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Rail Road Company have in course of erection in our village, an engine house and turn-table for the accommodation of the Manassas engine --- MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 15 Jan 1870

Trustees' Sale of Tecumseh - By virtue of a deed of trust made by Samuel J. Tebbs and wife to John Janney and George C. Powell, as Trustees, for the benefit of H. B. Powell, Trustee for the devisees of Noble Beveridge, dec'd, dated the 7th day of April, 1846 and of record in the clerk's office of Loudoun County Court, 4 W's page 156, the undersigned, one of whom is the surviving Trustee and the other the substituted Trustee, will offer, at public sale, to the highest bidder, before the Court House door, in the town of Leesburg, Virginia, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February 1870, being the 2d day of the County Court, that valuable FARM known as "TECUMSEH," containing about 542 acres of land, situated on the waters of Bull Run, partly in Loudoun and partly in Prince William County.

The land is of fine quality, well improved, and is in all respects a most desirable farm. 500 acres of the tract were conveyed by Col. Tebbs to A. C. Trundle. The remainder of the tract, containing about 42 acres, on which there is a valuable mine of barytes, will be first sold, and afterwards the tract of 500 acres.

The land will be surveyed and plats exhibited on the day of sale.

TERMS - The small tract of about 42 acres will be sold for cash. For the 500 acre tract enough in cash will be required to pay the expenses of sale, and the residue of the debt and interest secured -- say about thirty-five hundred dollars. For the remainder of the purchase money, bond bearing interest from day of sale, secured by deed of trust on the premises, and payable in equal installments of one and two years will be required.

John Janney, Surv'g. trustee, B. P. Noland, Sub. Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jun 1870

Died - In Prince William County, Va., on the 6th instant, at an advanced age, Mr. John Arrington, a respected citizen of that county.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jan 1870

Virginia News - Horse Race - Prince William is likely to regain the notoriety it possessed in the olden time, of being one of the horse racing counties of the state. A race will be run on Saturday next, at Manassas, between Buckskin and White Stocking, mile heat, for \$100.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jan 1870

Virginia News - The Nokesville Difficulty - It is stated by persons living in the Nokesville neighborhood that the late difficulty between Mr. Bun. Grigsby and the Messrs. Marsteller has been settled. The former was compelled to sign a paper, and to submit to a severe castigation, but the latter afterwards gave up the paper, and expressed regret for having acted so hastily.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jan 1870

Virginia News - Mrs. Simpson wife of Mr. Thomas Simpson, residing near "Bacon Race" church in Prince William County, met with a serious accident last week. While engaged about her work, one of her little children accidentally struck her in the eye with a knife, inflicting an injury by which it is feared she will lose the sight of an eye.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jan 1870

The Prince William Advocate published at Brentsville, by Mr. D. W. Whiting, is a handsome sheet, and its first number very creditable.

Alexandria Gazette 25 Jan 1870

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette - Dear Sir: I notice in the Prince William Advocate an extract taken from your paper, in which it is alleged upon the authority of persons living in the neighborhood of Nokesville, that the late difficulty between Mr. Bunn Grigsby and the Messrs. Marsteller has been settled. The former was compelled to sign a paper and to admit to a severe castigation but the latter afterwards gave up the paper and expressed regrets for acting so hastily."

We respectfully requested that we may be permitted through the medium of your paper to say that no such settlement as above stated, nor has any settlement whatever of the said difficulty been effected. very respectfully, L. A. Marsteller & Brother, Nokesville, Prince William County, 24 January 1870

Alexandria Gazette 08 Feb 1870

Prince William County - At a meeting of the Conservatives of the county of Prince William, held pursuant to notice at Manassas, on the 5th day of February, 1870.

On motion, L. B. Butler was called to the Chair, and R. M. Waters and L. N. Fewell appointed Secretaries.

The object of the meeting having been explained, the Chairman appointed the following gentleman as a committee to prepare and report business for the meeting: Wilmer McLean, Wm. S. Fewell, H. W. Cunningham, John S. Storke, John H. Butler, E. E. Meredith and Wm. E. Goodwin; who, after consultation, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the present condition of our country affairs renders some action of the citizens of the county necessary; and whereas it is our opinion that concert of action on the part of all the citizens of the county is absolutely necessary to our well being and future prosperity as a people; and whereas we believe that all good citizens ought to come forward and lend their united efforts to adopt a true policy for our future welfare; therefore resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our fellow citizens of the county to meet in convention at Brentsville, on Saturday, the 19th instant, for the purpose of transacting such business as may be properly brought before it and for that purpose to hold primary meetings for the appointment of ten delegates from each magisterial district to said convention.

Resolved, That this meeting recommend for the Legislature of Virginia Mr. Walter Weir, as a gentleman in every way qualified to fill the office of Judge of the County Court.

Resolved, That we recommend to the favorable notice of the voters of the county Mr. James F. Clark, as Commonwealth Attorney.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be sent to the Alexandria Gazette, Prince William Advocate, and Manassas Weekly Gazette, with a request that they publish the same. On motion the meeting adjourned. -- L. B. Butler, Chairman, -- R. M. Waters and L. N. Fewell, Secretaries.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Feb 1870

Letter from Prince William, [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette] --- Brentsville, February 9, 1870 -- The February term of Prince William County Court was held yesterday and day before. There was a pretty general attendance of the people.

Judge J. W. Moore delivered an address on the issues of the day. W. C. Balch, esq. and Judge Sinclair also spoke. I heard that after the above gentlemen finished, two Conservative colored men spoke.

The following cases were tried:

Commonwealth vs. Hoor, assault and battery --- verdict not guilty. Clark & Gen. Payne for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Beender, (colored) petit larceny -- verdict guilty and imprisoned 30 days. Clark for defendant.

William Fuell a colored man, sentenced six months ago to 9 months imprisonment in the county jail, was released.

An effort was made by Round, Commonwealth's Attorney, to get the Court to release Franklin Taylor from jail. He is confined in default of giving \$1000 bond to keep the peace. This is a novel move for a Commonwealth's Attorney, especially as Taylor has, it was said, threatened boldly and openly to burn all the property that two gentlemen in the county own, and to kill them too, in less than twelve months. The Court very creditably refused to entertain such a motion.

The two men, Henderson and Nelson who are confined on charge of having entered and robbed the store of Davis & Lynn in this county, made a desperate attempt a few nights ago to break jail by prying the bars out of the jail window, working through the side which was decayed, and pulling out the bricks with their hands. The noise was heard, however, by W. N. Tansill the jailor, and the progress of it arrested.

Mr. Tansill then ironed them, and Henderson with his naked hands snapped one of the chains entirely in two pieces.

They have since been ironed more securely. Henderson was married on Tuesday -- made arrangement on that day to rob the store -- robbed it on Friday night, and was arrested in a day or two afterwards in the presence of his wife, and a large portion of the goods were found opened on the bed near him. His wife who is of respectable parentage and possesses some beauty is, greatly horrified at the conduct of her husband, as I learn.

Candidates for office are thick as "leaves in Vallombresa." One gentleman last Monday I understand was so full of speech that the chairman of the meeting found great difficulty in indicting him to simmer down and let off steam without going through the process of a general explosion, while another in his great eagerness to speak

suffered his coat tails to be nearly torn from his body in spasmodic efforts to bring him to a sitting position.

There will be a general convention held here next Saturday week, the 19th inst., to consider county matters, make nominations &c. TYRONE.

Alexandria Gazette 28 Feb 1870

VIRGINIA NEWS -- The Manassas Gazette says: Mr. William Beavers, lost a little daughter, on Sunday evening last, under distressing circumstances. She had been left at home to take care of the house, and becoming sleepy lay down in front of the fire, when her clothes caught fire, and she was enveloped in flames. She however, in order to check the fire, ran to a stream about twenty yards distant from the house and plunged in but too late to afford any relief; after suffering untold agonies she died on Tuesday night last.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Feb 1870

THE LATE DIFFICULTY AT NOKESVILLE -- Mr. Marsteller, who was shot at Nokesville on Monday evening last, is reported to be recovering. The attack upon him was not unexpected, as he had written to a young gentlemen in this city, telling him that the difficulty between himself and Mr. Grigsby had not been settled, and asking him if convenient to pay him a visit, and stay with him until the Messrs. Grigsby and their friend, who had been to Morrisville, in Fauquier County, after his brother, but were unable to see him on account of his sickness, left the neighborhood. These three gentlemen took the night train at Manassas and returned to Lynchburg on the evening the shooting took place.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Apr 1870

THE BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS OF J. B. HUNTON & Co. at BUCKLAND, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Va. -- This manufactory was established more than twenty years ago by the senior partner, whose ambition until recently appears to have been bounded by a desire to manufacture only plain and substantial fabrics. But the doors and windows of that modest establishment were wantonly smashed to pieces by Federal soldiery and all of its ante bellum machinery was materially injured by exposure to wind and storm for nearly four years, and he had not means after the war of refitting the factory and pursuing the even tenor of his chosen way. In casting about as to what was most advisable under his disastrous circumstances, he resolved to associate with himself gentlemen of public spirit and capital, and with them jointly to enlarge the factory building procure improved machinery, use the best material, and turn out goods that should successfully compete with those made at the South, or at the North. Today he experiences the realization of that purpose, and on the foundation of the old mills a statelier edifice is reared, and the whir and busy hum of machinery, counting the threads of warp and wool and seeming almost instinct with life, greets his ear.

The goods which the firm are now turning out we are assured are superior in every particular to any heretofore manufactured in the State, have an advantage over those introduced from (The Eastern cities in all save show, and are always precisely what

they are represented. Their texture and finish are such, that we cannot perceive why our people should not prefer them. When purchasers have such assurances and are told that they can get the Buckland goods, acknowledged to be honest articles, for the same amount of money that they give for doubtful goods, it is surprising that these mills are not more liberally encouraged in this section of our country. The mills do not under sell the retailer; and they fill orders for suits of clothes only because the goods are not found on other shelves accessible to those who desire to buy them. If more liberally patronized by the merchants the proprietors would further utilize their almost exhaustless water privileges, give remunerative employment to a still larger number of operatives, and keep in the country thousands upon thousands of dollars which are now sent abroad to purchase woolen fabrics and never return until the products of the farm are shipped to restore a depleted circulation.

Other portions of the State and farther South are sending in orders, we are informed, for these goods, and are more alive to the importance of building up enterprises that serve to render us really independent, than our own people, who are to reap the immediate benefits flowing from the accumulating gains of these industrial pioneers or the expenditures they and their employees necessarily make. The first step towards relief is to keep capital at home; factories among which that of John B. Hunton & Company may be numbered, contribute to this end, and should be encouraged by acts, as well as kind words: WARRENTON INDEX

Alexandria Gazette 14 May 1870

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -- The May term of the Circuit Court for this county was held this week ending yesterday evening under Judge Keith.

R. A. Sinclair and John Camper qualified as deputies under L. C. Osmund clerk.

The grand jury found an indictment against Sydney Cross for assault and battery.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Manly which has been pending for about two years, a demurrer to the indictment was sustained. Clark and Hunton for prosecution, Payne and Sinclair for defence.

Commonwealth vs. James Javins --- assault with intent to kill --- verdict not guilty, Clark for prosecution, Sinclair for defendant.

Judge J. W. Moore and Albert Stuart, esq., qualified as Attorney in the Court.

Carpenter and O'Brien vs John Naglee and Teasdale, on attachment bond -- verdict for plaintiff for \$500 damages. Payne and Sinclair for plaintiff, Hunton for defence.

John W. Davis benefit of W. G. Brawner's administrator, vs A. Patterson -- verdict for defendant for \$119, with interest from 9th April 1865. Hunton for plaintiff, Clark for defendant.

A number of decrees were entered and much other chancery business was attended to.

In the celebrated chancery case of Carney vs Tayler, involving the title to the "Missouri Mills" property in this county, the Court appointed Benjamin S. West, esq., of Stafford County, a receiver, and recommitted the papers to the Commissioner.

Franklin Taylor confined in jail in default of giving security to keep the peace in a bond of \$1000, was brought before the Court on a writ of habeas corpus, and the

matter being argued by Judge Sinclair for the petitioner and Clark for the State, the party was remanded to jail. Gen Payne had been employed to assist the Commonwealth's Attorney.

Lawrence Cole, esq. who lost his horse recently has heard nothing of the thief and it is feared that he will escape with the property. -- The horse was tracked towards Gainesville.

The Court House lot will be enclosed before the next term of the County Court.

The rainy weather recently has delayed the farmers greatly in getting in their crops.

The country is beginning to look very pretty, vegetation is coming up and the trees are commencing to spread their green foliage is lively contrast with their dreary appearance during the winter. --- TYRONE - Brentsville, Va. May 13, 1870

Alexandria Gazette 16 May 1870

VIRGINIA NEWS -- The Manassas Gazette says: "Cannon & McLean have just sold 77 acres of land near this village belonging to C. H. A. Weedon to Samuel Bonner, of Oneida County, N. Y. for \$3400, 227 acres of land four miles from Manassas belonging to W. L. B. Wheeler, to A. Vigneron, of New York, for \$8000, 103 acres belonging to John C. Poor, to Peter Hayes of New York, for \$6000, half cash."

A. N. Dosne has sold his farm, in Prince William County, consisting of 460 acres, at \$20 per acre, to Mr. Buel, of Perry Centre, New York.

The house of Mr. F. M. Lewis, at Manassas was burned down on the 10th inst.

Alexandria Gazette 06 Jul 1870

A RIDE TO RINGWOOD - On Thursday last, I found myself one of a company of some ninety ladies and gentlemen, threading their way through the woods of Fauquier to this retreat; equally an hours ride from Catlett's Station on the Orange and Alexandria railroad, or Gainesville on the Manassas road. Here we found the accomplished sisters, the Misses Milligan and Mrs. Fitzhugh, who have, these twenty years gone, been engaged in forming the characters, of the young ladies of the neighboring counties. As I reached the osage orange enclosure and saw these honorable women surrounded by their pupils, I could not help recalling the scene of Hannah More and her sisters at Kew, and their strange interview with the third George, when his majesty, self-introduced, broke in upon them at their globes and books with his blunt quick, "What? What? What? Teaching school, teaching school! Honorable, Honorable, Honorable." And the good natured, pig headed monarch was afterwards often seen knocking at their garden wicket on his return from hunting ---the first to recognize the merit afterwards bowed down to by that famous galaxy, Johnson, Burke, Derrick, and Goldsmith. It was from this circle Hannah wrote her letter boasting of the conquest she had made in drawing to her feet the noble Ogle Thorpe, then at a hundred years old, over six feet high, straight as a lance, courtly as a Prince, who used to sit by her side and enthrall her for hours with tales of his beloved colony of Georgia, its broad savannas, its fauna, its flora, its red men. But I digress: The occasion of the gathering at Ringwood was the annual "concert," prior to the midsummer recess, and in the study room the company was received to hear the recitations and the music.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. White of the neighboring

church of Greenwich, where the young ladies are carried to worship, and I may remark, en passant, the only church in all the surrounding counties where Divine service is held every Sunday the year round, besides evening lecture on Wednesdays; the advantage of the interest this learned Divine takes in the school, and the simplicity of the scripture teachings, being not one of its least attractions.

The translations made by the pupils from English to German, German to French, French to Latin and back again, were of the very first order of merit; so where the compositions, especially one of an ideal trip from Ringwood to Rome, evidencing not only exact geography but very fair knowledge of the manners of the people among whom the young lady imagined herself.

Mr. Bartenstein, the professor of music, from Warrenton, conducted the musical examinations, which were highly creditable to him and his pupils. I have seldom heard the exquisite overture to Trancredi rendered truer.

The exercises over, the pupils and guests adjourned to the shade of the oaks, among which the house stands, under the boughs of which a bountiful collation was served. There was no want of cultivated people to talk to but I confess preoccupation; those ten maidens, just at the age when human bliss stands still, enjoys the good without fear of ill, attracted. Unused to so large a company it was an ordeal, and I watched how they bore themselves. I tried to engage each by turn, and it was beautiful to see what the Swiss felicitously call the "house modesty" mantle in the cheek when addressed by the stranger; their eyes, I noticed, being seldom raised when spoken to thus, and I thought, as I looked at them walking about with arms twined fondly around brothers and fathers to whom the day had restored them -- such as these are to be the future tone and pride of the Old Dominion -- clothed upon with purity, the comely Christian mothers of the land.

I have seen many fashionable boarding schools at home and abroad, but none to compare in the security of the heart -- that priceless pearl! -- to the training I thought I saw the fruit of on that day at RINGWOOD, Prince William County, June 28, 1870

Alexandria Gazette 07 Jul 1870

PUBLIC SALE -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced on the 11 day of October, 1866, in the suit of Latshaw vs Miner, the undersigned, who was appointed a Special Commissioner for that purpose, will on Monday, the 1st day of August, 1870, that being Court House of said county, sell at public auction, TWO TRACTS OF LAND, adjoining each other; one containing 705 acres, 1 rood and 28 3/8 poles, and has on it a comfortable Dwelling. The other contains 60 acres, 2 roods and 27 poles.

These tracts of land are situated in Prince William county, on the telegraph road from Dumfries to Fredericksburg, about two miles from the former place.

They are well timbered and watered and are considered very good lands, and are within two miles of navigable water.

TERMS -- One fourth of the purchase money to be in cash on the day of sale, and the residue in three equal installments of six, twelve and eighteen months; the

deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by bonds, with approved personal security; the title to be retained and the land subject to a resale, under order of the Court, and ten per cent of the purchase money forfeited in case the terms are not complied with. -- Eppa Hunton, Commissioner, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jul 1870

Prince William County -- The Fourth in Manassas was generally observed. The Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church, gave a picnic which was well attended. The ladies of the Methodist church realized a considerable sum from selling cream, cakes &c., while the oration of Mr. Shanks was well attended.

We are pained to learn of the death of Mr. Lynn, a worthy and esteemed citizen, while occurred at his residence, in the upper end of the county, on Wednesday last. His sickness was of two days duration.

We regret to hear that Dr. William B. Leary, is lying seriously ill at his residence in Brentsville.

The July term of the court (Judge Nicol presiding) closed its session on Tuesday last. The business transacted, was not of much general interest.

In Occoquan the fourth was celebrated by the I.O.G.T.

J. F. Clark esq. is announced as a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney. - Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jul 1870

Cloverland, By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fauquier County, rendered on the 22nd of April, 1870, in the suit of Dulany vs Dulany's executor, the undersigned, Commissioner for that purpose, will offer for sale, on the 22d Day of August, 1870, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Warrenton, that valuable and well-known tract of land, called Cloverland, of which Cassius Dulany died seized, containing about 1200 acres.

This is considered one of the most valuable farms in Piedmont, Va; lies near Thoroughfare Station, on both sides of the Manassas Gap R. R.-- is convenient to stores, mills and churches, and is well adapted to grazing and the growth of all kinds of grain. The Mansion House is large and commodious, but somewhat out of repair. Purchasers are invited to examine this fine and beautiful estate which will be shown them by Mr. Bladen T. Dulany, who lives on adjoining farm. It will be divided into smaller farms to suit the wishes of purchasers. A plat showing this land and its division will be exhibited on day of sale.

We are authorized by the decree to sell at private bids, and invite private sale before day of sale.

TERMS -- One fourth of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale; the residue in three equal payments at one, two, and three years, with interest from day of sale; the title to be retained and the land subject to resale in case the purchaser fails to complete his purchase. Eppa Hunton and W. H. Payne, commissioners, R. Coons, auctioneer.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Jul 1870

BACON HALL FOR SALE -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced on the 9th day of May, 1870, in the suit of Carter vs. Grayson's adm'r, the undersigned, appointed Commissioners for that purpose, will, on the FIFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1870, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale, that VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND called BACON HALL of which Dr. John B. Grayson died seized, containing about 412 acres. This land lies within 1 1/2 miles of Gainesville, a station on the Manassas Gap Railroad, and is considered first-rate land. The improvements consist of a good DWELLING and out houses, &c.; also a LOT OF GROUND at Gainesville. We are authorized to sell at Private sale.

TERMS -- One tenth of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale; the residue in three installments, bearing interest from the day of sale, and payable as follows: Enough on confirmation of sale to make with cash payment one-fourth of the whole purchase money; three eights in one year, and the residue in two years from the day of sale. Purchasers to give bond and the title to be retained as security for the deferred payments. -- Eppa Hunton and Powell Harrison, Commissioners -- Warrenton Index and Manassas Gazette copy.

Alexandria Gazette 26 Jul 1870

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF LAND NEAR ALDIE, LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA. -- Under decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, rendered at its May term, 1870, in the suit of Butcher vs. Smith, we will sell, by public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the store of Hutchison & Laws in Aldie, about 12 m., on FRIDAY, the 2nd day of September, 1870, FOUR TRACTS OF LAND, lying on the Carolina road, in Prince William county, about five miles south of Aldie, composing the "CONTEST FARM," hereto fore sold by C. Vermilion to Smith & Butcher.

No.1 -- Contains 66 acres, 8 roods and 18 3/4 poles; lies on the west side of Carolina Road; adjoins Dr. Ewell, C. Bayly and Sarah Gardner; is of good soil; well wooded and watered.

No.2 -- Contains 178 acres, 1 rood and 9.64 poles; lies on the east side of the road opposite No. 1. The Smith fork of Bull Run passes it. It has an abundance of wood and water, with fine meadow and arable land, and a dwelling house.

No.3 -- Contains 196 acres, 3 roods and 17.28 poles; is on the east side of the road; adjoins No.2 -- the lands of John Poland and Andrew Credler, Olen, &c.

No.4 -- Contains about 60 acres; has a dwelling house, wood and water. It lies on the east side of the Carolina Road, and adjoins No.8. It is well wooded and watered, with good meadow and uplands for each tract.

TERMS -- One tenth cash; enough more payable on confirmation to make with the cash payment, one third of the whole purchase money of the tract sold, and the residue in two equal installments payable in one and two years from day of sale; the purchaser to give bonds for the deferred installments, bearing interest from date. The title to be withheld as security for the deferred payments.

We would say to purchasers that the titles acquired under sales made by decrees of Court are among the best and safest of all titles. The purchaser is relieved of all responsibility for the application of the money. The Court sees to that and makes the deed to the purchaser so soon as he has paid the purchase money. -- Eppa Hunton, John M. Orr, and Chas. T. Green, Commissioners of sale, -- John L. Rinker, Auctioneer.

Alexandria Gazette 28 Jul 1870

OCCOQUAN, VA,-- Occoquan situated on Occoquan River about five miles from where that stream empties in the Occoquan Bay, and within seven miles of the Potomac, whose broad and beautiful bosom, dotted with the sail of a hundred vessel's is plainly seen from the granite hills that tower a hundred and fifty feet above and around the town. The town was incorporated in 1804 by a recent act of the Legislature trustees have been appointed, whose duty will be to levy a tax to keep the streets in order, and for other purposes, and have charge of the corporation property. The town contains some sixty or seventy dwellings, built of stone, brick and wood. It has a fine merchant mill, a saw mill on the most extensive scale; four stores (not cake shops,) well filled with all kinds of goods, each employing several clerks whose appearances indicate that they have sufficient to do to keep them wide awake. There are also two establishments for the manufacture of all kinds of light and heavy wagons, each employing several hands, and, we might add, that the work turned out is of a superior quality of workmanship. There is also a good hotel in the place.

The town is watered by two springs, three fourths of a mile distant, the waters of which are conveyed in iron pipes through the different streets.

Occoquan river is navigable at this point for small steamboats, pungies &c., several of which are kept constantly employed conveying flour, grain, wood, barrels, &c. to the Alexandria, Washington and Georgetown markets -- the entire business being in the hands of the merchants of the town.

Above the town a few rods, stands the ruins of a cotton factory that once furnished employment for fifty or sixty hands. This factory was established in 1828 by Samuel H. Janney (now of Loudoun County, an Indian Agent for the Government,) and Samuel H. Janney, who ran it up to about 1858 when the business was suspended because it did not pay. The building, with its contents, consisting of machinery, was burned during the war by an incendiary. Its walls still stand a monument of the former prosperity of the town.

About a quarter of a mile above the factory on the banks of Occoquan and almost hidden by the growth of trees, are the ruins of an iron forge, a mill and two stores, whose walls once echoed with busy life and the clear ring of the tilt hammer, but which ceased to be a hundred years ago.

As we stood upon the moss - covered rocks, that form what is now left of those old buildings, and listened to the waters of the Occoquan as they dashed and foamed madly over the great grey rocks that form the falls, we felt as if we were upon enchanted ground. Above our head and a few feet back of those old broken walls, great shafts of granite shoots up fifty or sixty feet high, bidding defiance to the dashing waters at their feet, and seeming to say, "thus far shall you come and no farther." The falls are about one mile in length and very much resemble the Great Falls of the

Potomac; the scenery on either side being much more romantic and picturesque than that of the Potomac.

The Fredericksburg and Alexandria railroad, which is now being surveyed, and which it is hoped, will be speedily completed will add greatly to the business of the town and perhaps more than restore its former prosperity, as it will cause the now thinly settled country surrounding it to fill up with useful and industrious people.

There can be a sufficient amount of water power obtained here to run a thousand looms, or as many run of burrs, and we have no doubt that are long capitalist will avail themselves of the immense fortune that awaits them.

The place is perfectly healthy -- in fact, to use Dr. Powell's language, (the only physician in the place) it is distressingly healthy. -- Prince William Advocate

Alexandria Gazette 9 Aug 1870

PRINCE WILLIAM ITEMS -- Albert W. Cunningham has qualified as deputy Sheriff.

A commission has been appointed to open a road commencing at Nokesville and running to a point in the Greenwich road between the Fauquier line and Baileysburg.

Sixty five cases, in which the Judge of the County Court was counsel, have had to be removed to the Circuit court.

There is to be a County Conservative Convention on the first Monday in September to nominate County officers.

R. H. Webster, who has been confined in jail for some time on a charge of larceny, was released on Monday last, the Grand Jury failing to find a bill against him.

Several of the Township collectors elected at the May election refused to qualify, for the reason that the Sheriff will collect the taxes for this year. But one constable qualified in Brentsville Township.

Colo's (Cole's?) Township has 256 families.

There is considerable political excitement in the county.

The reported death of Mr. Spotswood Childress is incorrect.

On Wednesday morning last as Master Mike Roseberry, son of M. M. Roseberry, Esq., was going home from Brentsville, his horse attached to the buggy took fright while he was closing a gate, and ran some distance smashing the buggy. --  
Condensed from The Prince William Advocate.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Aug 1870

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY - The daily attendance of persons at the bush meeting held recently in the grove near Gainesville was between three and five hundred. On last Tuesday 40 converts, varying in age from 12 to 80 years, were immersed.

From the Brentsville Advocate and Manassas Gazette we take the following items:

Mr. Edwin Nelson, of Dumfries Township, met with a painful accident a few days ago, which has disabled him from attending to his business for several days. He was cutting something overhead, when the axe glanced, the edge striking him near the eye, making a severe cut.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company have advertised for proposals for the gradation and masonry of a branch of their road, to run from Brook's station to a point near Quantico in this county.

The friends of Dr. R. W. Wheat, late of the county, will be pleased to hear that his health has improved, and that he is building up a fine practice in South San Francisco, having concluded to remain there.

A primary meeting of the Conservative voters of Brentsville Township will be held on Saturday next, for the purpose of appointing ten delegates to attend the county convention.

Mr. O. P. Chappell has removed his saw mill from Sprigg's Ford to Manassas, and is also engaged in putting in a planing mill in connection with his other business.

A meeting for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend the Convention, next September court, will be held at Manassas on Saturday, August 27th.

Charles A. Dunnington, Esq., a native of the county, and late member of Co. A, 4th Virginia Cavalry, C. S. A., expects to leave for California this week.

The picnic given by the Stonewall Base Ball Club of Manassas, last Saturday, was a most delightful affair, and was attended by the elite of the neighborhood.

Mr. J. F. Andrews has sold 50 acres of his land, in the lower part of the county, to Mr. Schlag of the U. S. A.

Mr. Wallace Hixson is building a neat dwelling at Manassas which he intends occupying himself.

The building of Mr. R. W. Merchant at Manassas is going rapidly forward, and will soon be finished.

Mr. A. S. Davis is building an addition to his tin shop, at Manassas to make room for his increasing business.

H. O. Claughton, Esq., of Alexandria, will address the people of the county on Monday, (September court day) at Brentsville.

#### Alexandria Gazette 30 Aug 1870

Letter from Manassas - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Manassas, Aug 29 1870 -- A meeting of the Conservative party of Manassas township was held here on Saturday last, for the purpose of nominating ten delegates to meet in Convention at Brentsville next Monday (court day) to nominate candidates for county offices.

As there is considerable interest felt in the election of county clerk, the meeting was a very large one. It was held in front of the Methodist church. J. Thomas Leachman called the assemblage to order, and in a few brief and pertinent remarks stated its object, and nominated Mr. F. A. Weedon as Chairman, and Dr. L. Alexander as Secretary, who were unanimously elected.

Mr. Weedon upon taking the Chair made a very neat and appropriate speech, and persevered with a good deal of dignity.

M. A. Compton offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED, That this meeting proceed to the election of delegates by nominating and voting for them in open meeting, and no speaking be allowed until this business is concluded.

The contest for clerk is between Crawford Cushing and his deputy, John H. Butler; Lucien A. Davis and his deputy, E. Nelson. It is something new in the election of county officers in Alexandria to name the deputy before the election of clerk takes place, and the contest between the aspirants for those offices was conducted like we

used to conduct the elections in days gone by in Alexandria for militia officers. It was something new to me and reminded me of the good old prosperous days of our beloved old Commonwealth. It is however, a very fair way to conduct an election. The Chairman of the meeting announced that those who were in favor of Cushing and Butler should step out on the right in two ranks; those in favor of Davis and Nelson on the left. The Chair then appointed two gentlemen to count them. The friends of Cushing were evidently largely in the majority, and then the following gentlemen were appointed as delegates from the Cushing party: E. E. Connor, L. Alexander, C. A. Cannon, D. F. French, Jos. C. Brown, R. W. Hixson, R. H. Brawner, B. D. Merchant, D. Hixson, and Charles Butler. Dr. L. Alexander was selected as the chairman of the delegation, and a list to be furnished him as credentials of the meeting.

The same order was proceeded with in regard to the county treasurer. The contest was between W. W. Kincheloe and Jas. R. Purcell, and resulted in Kincheloe getting the majority. The meeting then adjourned. The meeting was one of the most orderly that we have attended for years, which speaks well for the morality of the people of Manassas -- no drunkenness or disorder of any kind. Manassas is certainly improving, and it would be very well for some of the large cities to follow her example.

The Stonewall Base Ball Club of Manassas received a challenge this morning to play the Independent Base Ball Club of Alexandria on Thursday next, which they have accepted. It promises to be a very exciting and interesting game. The name of the Manassas club ought to be indicative of victory, and if they don't win, the name ought to be changed. I send you the above through the kindness of that obliging and accommodating conductor, Capt. John Smith -- Observer

Alexandria Gazette 1 Sep 1870

Manassas - Within the past few months there have been erected in the Village of Manassas, over thirty buildings, among them a foundry, steam saw mill, and drug store. We are perfectly surprised at the amount of business done by Dr. Alexander, the druggist, since the store has been opened, February, 1870. It will compare very favorably with the receipts of some of our stores in the cities.

There has been recently organized here an Episcopal church, which has elected for wardens, Robert C. Weir and George E. Porter; vestry men, Edgar Weir, B. W. Merchant, Charles Tyson, R. M. Weir, Rice Hooe, Chas. H. Whittington, and W. S. Chase. The ladies connected with the church have held charades and tableaux in the Methodist church here, and have succeeded in raising a small amount of money for the purpose of buying a lot and erecting a church edifice on it.

We attended camp meeting near Catlett's station, on the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas road last Sunday, and although it was a very small camp, quite a large crowd was in attendance. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. Mr. Tudor, of Washington city, and it was certainly an eloquent one, and was listened to with marked attention. -- A large number were present from Washington and Alexandria.

We noticed on the ground Judge Sinclair, editor of Manassas Gazette, published at Manassas by Robert Waters & Company, late of Washington city, and who are publishing a very good country paper. The camp meeting will continue until next

Sunday, and the fare on the railroad has been reduced to \$1.50 per round trip, good for ten days. Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Washington city, was announced to preach this morning. The Methodist church on this circuit (Fauquier County) is not in a very prosperous condition, on account of the war, all their churches having been destroyed. The membership is increasing, however, very rapidly, and some few churches are now being erected in different portions of the country, but it will take some time before they will be in the condition they were before the war. It is the first time a camp meeting has been held on that circuit since the war.

There is, of course, a base ball club here, as there is in every little village in the State of Virginia, if it only has two houses. A match game will be played here Thursday, (to-day) between the Stonewall club, of this place, and the Independent club, of Alexandria.

We are glad to notice the increased prosperity of the Orange and Alexandria railroad. There is hardly an hour in the day that there are not passengers and freight trains loaded heavily with cattle, wheat, flour, &c. from the rich and fertile valley of Virginia, passing. --- Old Virginia is getting back very rapidly where she was before the war, and we predict she will yet be the first State in the Union. -- God grant it! -- Cor. Washington Republican.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Sep 1870

AUCTION SALES -- Thoroughfare Mill for Sale --- On Thursday, the 6th day of October, 1870, by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced at the October term, 1867, in the suit of Horner et al. vs Chapman, the undersigned, as commissioners of sale, will offer to the highest bidder, at Manassas Station, at twelve m., that splendid Mill Building and Water Power; also the Saw Mill Building and Water Power, known as the THOROUGHFARE MILL, lately the property of John Chapman, deceased. Said property is situated at Thoroughfare Gap, immediately upon the Manassas Gap Railroad, with switch, &c. for loading and unloading cars, forty-two miles from the city of Alexandria, and in direct communication by railroad with the cities of Washington & Baltimore. The building is five stories high, with a basement, and can be easily converted into a factory for cotton and woolen goods, and is surrounded by a large wool growing country. The stream is never failing, and the whole is considered one of the most eligibly situated and desirable pieces of property in the State of Virginia. The attention of persons desiring either a factory or merchant mill is particularly called to it.

TERMS -- Ten per cent cash, and the residue in three equal annual installments; the credit payments to bear interest, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the commissioners; title to be retained until the last payment is made; the property subject to be resold under an order of Court, in event of the failure to meet the payments.

At the same time and place, and upon the same terms, will be offered for sale TWO TRACTS OF LAND, about three hundred acres each, one adjoining the described Mills, and lying on the south side of the Manassas Gap Railroad, partly in Fauquier and partly in Prince William Counties, said land being also the property of the late John Chapman, divided into two tracts to suit purchasers. Each tract has a small Dwelling House upon it, and other buildings, with a sufficiency of water and timber,

and is partially enclosed.

The MILL and the land can be purchased together if desired, or the two tracts of land can be purchased as one.

For further information apply to John S. Chapman, No. 68 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va. -- John S. Chapman, Rice W. Payne, Eppa Hunton, J. V. Brooke, commissioners, Prince William County. September 9, 1870

Alexandria Gazette 13 Sep 1870

MANASSAS HOTEL -- F. J. Cannon has disposed of the Manassas Hotel Property to Samuel Wolverton in exchange for his Bradley farm containing 147 acres. There will be no change in the management of the Hotel. The popular landlord, Harvey Varns, will continue as the host of the Manassas Hotel. -- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 14 Sep 1870

Virginia News -- Near Bristoe Station, on the Orange road, on Monday, a cow, was caught up on the cow-catcher of the engine and in this way carried about half a mile. The engineer was disposed to give the cow a free ride over the entire line, but Conductor Jones, discovering the intruder, stopped the train and had her put off. It was then discovered that she had made her perilous trip without sustaining the least injury.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Sep 1870

Prince William County -- It is thought there will be three sets of county candidates the regular nominated ticket of the Conservative party, the Independent (Conservative) ticket, and the Radical ticket; add for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney, it is likely there will be four candidates. Unless these diversions are healed and the Conservatives unite, the Radicals will carry the county.

A tournament was held at Centreville on Tuesday last, and was a brilliant affair. Mr. James Sangeter delivered the address to the knights. Mr. Wrenn crowned Miss Mattie Rixey, Queen; Mr. Gheen crowned Miss Belle Somers first maid of honor; Mr. Padie crowned Miss Annie Campbell, second maid of honor; Mr. Palmer crowned Miss Alice Harrison third maid of honor.

Several flocks of wild pigeons have passed over and around Brentsville in the past few days, and it is said are to be found in small numbers in the neighboring forests, feeding upon acorns, berries, &c.

There has been so little rain for the past four or five weeks, that the farmers are unable to break the ground for the fall seeding, the soil having become as hard and dry as the highways. The corn has been cut and shocked and turns out to be a heavy crop, as anticipated.

The shipments of grain and produce generally to Alexandria, from the 1st to the 13th of September, inclusive, amounted to 109,37 pounds. This shows a heavy increase when compared with a similar number of days of August shipments.

From a large section, extending ten or twelve miles square, and including Brentsville, Manassas, and Gainesville Townships, we learn from the physicians, who are generally posted in such matters, that fevers and bilious diseases are prevailing to a

very considerable extent.

C. S. Simpson has been appointed clerk of Gainesville Township, in place of R. O. Grayson, who failed to Qualify.

The Baptist have been holding a meeting near Trennis's & Goodwin's store, in this county, lasting until Thursday of last week. a meeting of the same kind was carried on for three near Gainesville, a short time ago, when some sixty persons were baptized.

A protracted meeting of the M. E. Church, was held at Sudley during the past week, and was well attended.

Mr. T. K. Davis is erecting a building to be used as hotel and store at Bristoe Station. Mr. J. A. Brawner has purchased 27 acres of land from A. Nicol, commissioner, and will erect a dwelling on Chapel Hill, which is included in his purchase.

On Monday last a cross tie and board was placed across the railroad track near Bristoe, by some evil disposed person. The engineer of the south bound passenger train observed it in time to prevent accident.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Oct 1870

Virginia News -- The Prince William Advocate says: -- "We understand that the O. A. & M. R. R. Company, will hold 50,000 gallons of water, and also that a steam pump will be used to convey the water from Broad Run.

The Alexandria & Fredericksburg and Potomac & Manassas Railroad Companies will apply to the court of Prince William this October term, for the appointment of persons to value the land through which said railroads pass.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Oct 1870

Meeting in Prince William County -- At a meeting of the Republicans of Prince William county, presided over by Alexander F. Dunn, the following resolutions were offered by John H. Thomas, of Brentsville, and advocated by George C. Round, of Manassas. At a convention held after the adjournment of the public meeting in the Court House, the said resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the Conservative party of Prince William County did on the 7th of February last, adopt the following series of resolutions:

"RESOLVED, 1st, That this meeting composed of the Conservative citizens of Prince William county, do hereby extend to all good citizens of the other States of this Union, as well as those from Europe, who may come to our country, for the purpose of making it their permanent home, the right hand of fellowship, and a cordial welcome.

"RESOLVED, 2nd, That we pledge ourselves that none shall be proscribed for opinion's sake; that we desire to live by the golden rule of "doing unto others as we would they should do unto us." We desire and intend to live in harmony, peace, and good will; with all our fellow citizens of a common country, who have already, or may hereafter cast in their lot with us. We desire that freedom of thought and freedom of speech shall be as free as the air we breathe."

RESOLVED, 3rd, That we solicit aid and assistance in men and money to help build up the waste places of our county, and to utilize its many neglected but valuable resources of water power, of agricultural advantages, and perhaps mineral wealth. In short we desire to give our undivided attention in the future, to the intrisic interests,

and not as was too much the case, in the past, to the extrinsic or out side issues in which we had but little interest and no control. We say again, come! and with God's help, let us go hand in hand, and shoulder to shoulder, to create and glorious success."

And whereas it is in the judgment of the Republicans of Prince William of supreme importance to our prosperity as a country, that an era of good feeling and mutual confidence be inaugurated, and all persons and political prejudice be buried in the grave of the past; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Republicans of Prince William, 1, That we adopt as our own the above platform of the Conservative party.

2. That we invite all citizens of the county favorable thereto to support as "Independent Citizens Ticket" at he coming county elections.

3, That we invite all candidates now in the field to define their position in reference to the above platform.

4, That a committee of one from each township be appointed to consult with an equal number to be appointed by the Conservative party with full authority to place in the field a ticket on the above non partisan platform.

5, That copies of the above be sent by the Secretary to the Prince William Advocate, Manassas Gazette, Washington Chronicle, Richmond State Journal, and Richmond Whig. --- O. P. Chappell, President, Isaac P. Baldwin, Secretary.

Alexandria Gazette 26 Oct 1870

Letters from Prince William - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette -- Three colored men confined in jail here on charge of larceny escaped from imprisonment on Saturday night last. One was charged with the stealing of a horse from Major Jas. Nokes, and all three were awaiting their trial at the November term of the County Court.

They broke the inside plank of the side jail, and by breaking one of the window bars succeeded in getting to the outer brick wall, which they easily broke through, and let themselves to the ground by using a blanket. Two other colored persons were confined in the same room and it is thought were too large to get through the hole made in the window, but assisted the other Negroes in escaping. No clue to their whereabouts has yet been obtained. -- Brentsville, Va. -- TYRONE

Alexandria Gazette 31 Oct 1870

PUBLIC SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM, at the Court House, at Brentsville, Prince William County, Va., on Monday, November 7th, 1870, at 12 o'clock. -- All that VALUABLE FARM, in Prince William Co., known as "PIEDMONT." containing about 600 acres of land, more or less, situated about four miles north of Haymarket, on the road leading from Brentsville to Aldie, in Loudoun county, and about six miles from Gainesville on the O. A. & M. R. R.; 400 acres cleared and in a good state of cultivation; the residue in very desirable timber. Land well watered; apple and pear

orchard in bearing, containing several hundred trees; never-failing spring of fine water in a beautiful grove near the dwelling. DWELLING HOUSE is a comfortable cottage of five rooms, with porch about forty feet long. Also Stable, Barn, Corn House, Granary, Meat House, and Servants House, Schools, Churches, and good society in the neighborhood. To any one wishing to purchase a desirable farm, this is a rare opportunity. Title indisputable.

TERMS - One third cash; the remainder in six and twelve months. Address Jesse Tyson, Baltimore, Md., or Fred. Foote, Haymarket, Prince William County, Virginia.

Alexandria Gazette 14 Nov 1870

Election in Prince William -- It will be seen by our election returns that the nominee of the Conservative party are all elected, except the Sheriff, Mr. William E. Goodwin, the independent candidate for that office, was elected by a large majority, owing to the fact, probably, that he is already occupying the office as deputy, and has discharged the duties faithfully. -- Prince William Advocate

Alexandria Gazette 09 Jan 1871

THE BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS - In reference to the sale of the Buckland Woolen Mills, the Warrenton Index says:

"As all the fabrics turned out by Messrs. Hunton & Company were honest articles, and the demand for them always exceeded their limited ability to supply, we were as much surprised as pained to hear that their valuable property was to pass under the hammer of the auctioneer. The deep interest which we have felt in the success of their enterprise led us to inquire with unusual particularity into the causes which produced that result. In answer we were frankly told that the firm had expended the means within their control in improved machinery and buildings, which left them without a working capital to run their mills. A balance sheet which was drawn on the 1st instant shows that their goods on hand, stock in factory, and debts for cloth sold, exceed their indebtedness three fold.

Messrs. Jno. B. Hunton & Co. are as sanguine as ever as to the profit there is in this business if sufficient capital could be secured to prosecute it to advantage. We are convinced of the value and importance of all such enterprises to our section, and trust there is public spirit enough among our people and men of capital not to permit this one to languish."

Alexandria Gazette 11 Feb 1871

AUCTION SALES - Trustee's Sale of Valuable Land - By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Richard N. Johnson, on the 5th of April 1858, and for the purposes therein declared, the undersigned will, on MONDAY the 6th day of February, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale the TRACTS OF LAND sold and conveyed by Robert C. Weir to Richard N. Johnson, containing 405 acres, 1 rood and 32 poles. This land is beautifully situated on the O.

A. & M. R. R., between Manassas and Bristoe, 2 1/2 miles from the former place. It is naturally a fine soil and much of the place is now in good condition for farming. The improvements are ordinary. Persons desiring to purchase are invited to examine the premises before the sale.

TERMS: By the deed of trust a cash sale is required, but arrangements will be made by the parties in interest to make the terms liberal.

The title is believed to be unquestionable but only such as is vested in me by said deed of trust will be conveyed.

Eppa Hunton, Trustee, Prince William County. (postponed until March 6, 1871)

Alexandria Gazette 24 Feb 1871

LETTER FROM MANASSAS - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. ---  
Manassas, Va., Feb. 23, 1871. - Washington's birthday was celebrated here yesterday in a manner becoming to this rapidly growing town. The public school announced a holiday for the children, and young America improved it as they only know how by bon-fires and general jollification. At night there was a general gathering at the Methodist Church, where appropriate exercises were held under the charge of the "Manassas Lyceum," This institution under the presidency of its energetic President, L. N. Fewell, esq. is in a highly prosperous state, numbering a large proportion of our active citizens. The celebration exercises were commenced by the election of Richard M. Weir, esq., for President and George C. Round, esq., for Secretary. In the absence of any minister, prayer was offered by Mr. L. H. Newman. Washington's Farewell address was then read by R. M. Waters, esq., of the "Manassas Gazette" and O. M. Merritt. The oration of the evening was delivered in an able manner by George E. Bennett, esq., the Principal of our public school.

The following toasts were then presented by A. L. Phillips, Toast Master:

Our Country - May the daughter ever be worthy of her Father. Responded to by George C. Round, esq.

The Women of the Revolution -- May their memory ever be green with their sons and daughters. Responded to by L. N. Fewell, esq., and George E. Bennett, esq.

Virginia, the Mother of Statesmen -- May she continue to bring forth her noble offspring, Mr. Waters of the "Gazette" being called upon declined in favor of Mr. Richardson of New York.

Mr. Round in response then presented the following volunteer toast: New York and Virginia -- May the Empire State ever be the Empire of Freedom, and the Old Dominion, the Dominion of Liberty, which was followed by great applause.

The audience then sang "America" and the "Doxology," and adjourned for twelve months. Yours &c., SPECTATOR

Alexandria Gazette 27 Feb 1871

Virginia News. -- The Manassas Gazette says: -- " On last Sunday night, during the services at the Presbyterian church in that place, a colored man having had a difficulty with two young men on the morning, and supposing he saw one of them sitting in the

church, hurled a large stone through one of the windows, and striking a young man named William Bodine on the head inflicted a very severe and painful wound. The colored man has been arrested.

On last Wednesday Mr. Taylor Thornton of Prince William county, while hunting bagged 13 rabbits, one pheasant and a wild turkey weighing twenty eight pounds.

Alexandria Gazette 28 Feb 1871

Letter from Prince William County. - Correspondence of Mount Holly, N. J. Herald: Nokesville, Prince William County, Va., February 4, 1871 - I Have recently noticed in some of the northern papers, communications, in which the author in speaking of Virginia, and the manner in which Northern settlers were received by Virginians, has made statements prejudicial to the state, and in my opinion done great injustice to the people. Being a northern settler myself, I think that I have had, since my sojourn in this State, not only an opportunity to test the quality of the soil, but to judge of the character of the people, and coming as I do from the State of New Jersey I must beg, that through the columns of your valuable paper, I may in justice to those persons among whom I have settled, and by whom I have had so much genuine hospitality shown me, be permitted to state that the writers of the before-mentioned articles are entirely erroneous in their opinions and mistaken in their assertions.

Instead of finding a poor and sterile soil, as some may be led to suppose, the northern settler who comes to Virginia, and especially to this part of the State, will find a soil originally as good as any in the world, and never have I seen in any country, lands more easily improved, or that could be tilled with so little labor and expense; and in this assertion I think the hundreds of Northern farmers who have settled here since the war will bear me out.

Hundreds of persons have come from different Northern States to this country within the last few years, and never have I seen any manifestations of discontent upon their part, or heard the slightest complaint either in regard to the soil or the people.

Attracted by the cheapness of land in this state, the tide of immigration continues to flow in this direction and already does Prince William seem to have arisen Phoenix like from her ashes. The slumbering energies of her people have been thoroughly aroused, and the good effects of industry and enterprise may be seen in every direction.

With so many natural advantages as is possessed by Virginia, both in climate and soil, I have every reason to believe that in the course of a very few years, she will not only take the lead in her agricultural productions, but, in the development of the vast mineral wealth, which has been bestowed by nature upon her, with such a lavish hand.

The state, under the new regime has been finally set in motion, and we find that the free school system, heretofore unknown in the South, has proven an entire success. Every inducement is being offered here to encourage immigration, and the Northern emigrant who comes to Virginia, will find that all political prejudices engendered by the Civil War have been buried in the dead past, and that he will receive from the natives a hearty and generous welcome.

Truly Yours,

T. Sterling McIlvain, formerly of Mount Holly N. J.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Mar 1871

Trustee's Sale -- By virtue of a deed of trust from James Herrell and wife to the subscriber, for the benefit of the O. A. & M. R. R. Co., dated February 1st, 1870, and recorded amongst the land records of Prince William County, in liber 27, folio 322, I will offer for sale, by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, on THURSDAY, the 16th of March next, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock p. m., at the Gainesville Depot, on the O. A. & M. R. R. , ascertain TRACT or PARCEL OF LAND, near said Depot, lying between the Haymarket Turnpike and the Railroad, and containing fourteen acres and a half. There is upon the premises a new, comfortable and substantial DWELLING HOUSE and all convenient outhouses and improvements. Lawrence B. Taylor, Trustee

Alexandria Gazette 29 Mar 1871

Prince William County. --- The Brentsville Township Board has levied 5 per cent on the hundred dollars worth of real and personal property, for road purposes.

The Question of making a loan to the Potomac and Manassas Railroad Company, will be submitted to the votes of the county in a short time.

A dog having symptoms of hydrophobia was killed at Bristoe Station last Saturday, being the third dog killed there for the same cause.

Land buyers of the North are prospering in Prince William -- Fairfax News

Alexandria Gazette 10 Apr 1871

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY - The Virginia Telegraph Company have established an office at this place. Their superintendent, George K. Bringham, has managed his business in a manner highly satisfactory to every one who has been in communication with him. His accommodating and gentlemanly conduct has made a favorable impression, and personally we wish him success in the world. He is certainly a good Telegraph man.

In the matter of the application of L. N. Fewell to open a road near Manassas, it is ordered that the route recommended by the viewers to be established as a County road and that the cost in the application expended be paid to the land owners, and it is further ordered that the portion of the County road recommended by said owners to be closed is hereby discontinued.

Fox hunting is becoming quite popular here now, and some gentlemen from this place and Brentsville, went on last Wednesday night and succeeded in catching one fox. MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 12 Apr 1871

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Dumfries, Va. April 10, 1871. A white man named A. Lecompt, a sailor on the schooner Thos. J. Dial, William B. Wright, master, was drowned in Quantico creek

about 11 o'clock p. m. on the 7th instant. The unfortunate man had been sick for several days, and it is supposed walked overboard while under the influence of fever. His cries were heard and efforts were made to rescue him, but unsuccessfully; as a very strong ebb tide swept him into the Potomac. His body has not been recovered. The deceased was a native of Dorchester county, Maryland, about 24 years old and unmarried.

The weather is very warm and dry. Thermometer to-day 82 degrees. On Saturday it was 86 degrees. Q.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Apr 1871

Prince William County -- The Southern Methodist have become the purchasers of the Presbyterian church in this place. Price paid \$500. The Presbyterians contemplate erecting a handsome brick church in a short time on the corner of Main Street.

The U. S. School of Occoquan proposes to give a three days Festival on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of May,

The foundation of the new depot has at last commenced, and in a short time we expect to see the building finished.

Mr. William Marthers, living about four miles from this place, killed a snake measuring 27 feet long --- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 01 May 1871

Prince William County - Extract of a letter from Washington - "As an illustration of what we have had to say about the country on the line of railroad, take the county of Prince William, which lies next to Fairfax, the county in which stands Brentsville. The county seat of Prince William does not contain more than one hundred inhabitants, and is perfectly dead, and by an act of the Legislature, as we are informed, the county seat is about to be moved up to Manassas Junction, the seat of Beauregard's operations against the North, and the region of both battles of Bull Run. Manassas Junction is now filled up with New Jersey men, Pennsylvanians, Delawareans, and folks further to the North who have made there a town of about five hundred inhabitants, the largest town between Alexandria and Warrenton. We have received from the office of the Manassas Weekly Gazette a pamphlet from Cannon & McLean, who appear to be real estate agents. This pamphlet contains more than one hundred and fifty farms and tracts of land offered for sale, some of them two hundred acres in quantity, others one thousand, twelve hundred, and even more.

The most of this land is offered for fifteen dollars, twenty dollars, eight dollars, twelve dollars, nine dollars, seven dollars, &c. per acre. Here is one instance, for example: One hundred acres, ten acres clear, remainder woodland, with a new frame house not quite finished, six miles from Manassas, terms for the whole \$500 cash. Amongst the purchasers are folks from Washington, Canada, England, New York and New Jersey. The largest tract, according, to this pamphlet, has been two thousand acres for \$22,500 - MANASSAS GAZETTE (There has been no act of the Legislature in relation to moving the county seat from Brentsville.)

Alexandria Gazette 03 May 1871

AUCTION SALES - Public Sale of "HAZEL PLAIN," A valuable Farm, near Manassas, the Junction of the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas R. R.. As Trustee (substituted for George H. Carter) in a deed executed by B. T. Chinn and wife, dated the 6th of May 1853, and of record in the county of Prince William, Va., the undersigned will offer for sale, by public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 7th day of June, 1871, the TRACT OF LAND in said deed conveyed, which lies upon the Alexandria and Warrenton pike, within five miles of the village of Gainesville and Manassas, and contains 550 ACRES of which above three-fourths are arable, and the remainder in wood and timber. The buildings are the MANSION, with eight large rooms needing repairs to make it habitable, a small but comfortable LOG HOUSE, occupied by the present tenant, a Stone Stable, and Log Corn House and Granary. "Hazel Plain" is in a desirable and healthy section of the county of Prince William, near churches, schools, mills, and markets; 28 miles from the city of Alexandria and 5 from O. A. & M. R. R.; is of a red or chocolate colored soil, easily cultivated, very susceptible of improvement, and well supplied with water. Mr. Burnitz, resides on the farm, will show the property to any one wishing to examine it. For further particulars apply to the subscriber.

TERMS: The deed of trust stipulates for a sale for cash; but the creditors ordering the sale will allow favorable terms of credit as to two thirds of the purchase money, if desired by the purchaser.

William H. Fitzhugh, Trustee, Fredericksburg, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 06 May 1871

HAYMARKET, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. -- Haymarket, May 4. - Knowing your interest in the prosperity of the Old Commonwealth, I take pleasure in informing you of the improvement going on in and around this place. Building is going on in every direction; the sound of the hammer and saw can be heard from one end of our village to the other. Haymarket has recovered from the effects of the war, in a great measure. And the buildings that have arisen over the ashes of the ones burned by "Seigel's men," are an ornament to the village. We are hard to keep down. In addition to the buildings in course of construction in the village, the Messrs. Pratz, who purchased land adjoining the village, are arranging for the construction of a first class dwelling, with all the modern improvements. They have planted large numbers of fruit trees, and with vineyards and other improvements contemplated, will have a model farm. The Messrs. Pratz are Prussians, and gentlemen of taste and culture. The dwelling and out buildings of Mr. Otto Wittichen are models of comfort and ornamental workmanship.

The farmers are nearly through with their spring planting, and their prospect for a large crop is encouraging. I never saw wheat looking better at this season. Our waste places are being built up, and we are looking encouraged to our future. There is no portion of our State that presents scenery more picturesque or beautiful than does that portion of Prince William lying at the foot of the Bull Run Mountain.

If you think the writer gives an exaggerated statement of the resources and beauty of this portion of our noble old State, why, pay us a visit and see for yourself.

Alexandria Gazette 16 May 1871

GREENWICH, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. Whilst looking over the Gazette of the 6th instant, a letter from Haymarket, speaking of the improvements being made in and around that village, attracted my attention, and being unwilling to allow our quiet though prosperous little village to be passed by unnoticed, I take this method of informing the public generally of the improvements that have been made here in the last few years. During the past year, Dr. J. D. Payne has erected a handsome dwelling, on the cottage style, with all the modern improvements, making it an ornament to the village and the surrounding country. He has also lately completed a handsome little store house, whereat a good business is being built up by Charles E. Jordan, who has just opened a fine assortment of goods. Mr. Chas. Green is constantly making additional improvements to his fine dwelling, which has been a standing ornament to the place for many years. There are four or five other dwellings in the place, all of which are finished in very neat style. The Presbyterian church, situated in a beautiful oak grove, is the handsomest edifice of the kind in the neighborhood. Services are held there twice each Sabbath by the Rev. Dr. White.

The prospects for large crops of corn and wheat are very encouraging, and the farmers are looking forward to the coming harvest with bright anticipation. If you should accept the invitation of our friend from Haymarket, we would be glad if you would give Greenwich a call also. Yours &c. EDWARD

Prince William County, Virginia, May 13, 1871

Alexandria Gazette 26 May 1871

LETTER FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. - Nokesville, May 24. - We had quite an interesting meeting here yesterday evening. In accordance with notice previously given, quite a number of our citizens assembled to hear Rev. Burr P. Dulin address the people on the subject of a school tax to be levied upon the property holders of the Township, to support the present school system.

Rev. Burr P. Dulin and Maj. Wm. W. Thornton, addressed the meeting, Mr. W. A. Bryant being chairman. Mr. Dulin spoke at length in favor of the tax. He wanted to see the tax levied and believed no one would regret it. Maj. Thornton followed in a long address in which he gave a history of the free schools in Prince William since his connection with the matter, as Superintendent. After these gentlemen had concluded Mr. Wm. C. Balch, addressed the meeting in opposition to the tax. He said he was much a friend to education as any man on earth -- but that he was satisfied there was a more excellent way than the plan now proposed. He said that Mr. Dulin the county Superintendent had asked the people to tax their own property to educate the children of the Freedmen. This was a property tax whilst it should have been a head tax. The people were now asked to go to the polls and tax their property to educate the children of those who, when election day came round took their places in the ranks of those who declared themselves independent of the white people and hostile to them every particular. Mr. Balch spoke at great length. His speech, was well received by the audience. It was replied to by Mr. Dulin and Maj. Thornton, the meeting adjourned.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Jun 1871

IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY COURT, May 2d, 1871 - Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway Company vs Joseph M. Naglee:

"And in order to enable the Court to dispose properly of the said sum of money (\$325) it is ordered that Wm. E. Lipscomb, one of the Commissioners of this Court do ascertain and report what persons are entitled to said sum of money and in what proportions; said Commissioner shall make an order of publication requiring all persons interested to appeal before him that their respective claims may be passed upon. Said order of publication shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in some newspaper circulating in this country." A Copy- Teste: L. A. Davis, Clerk Commissioners Office, Brentsville, May 6th, 1871

To Joseph M. Naglee and all others interested: Take notice that I have fixed upon Monday the 5th day of June, 1871, for the purpose of executing the order of which the above is a true extract. Wm. E. Lipscomb, Commissioner in Chancery. Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Jun 1871

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette: I notice in your paper of June 5th a paragraph quoted from the Washington Capital with regard to our neighborhood. I would wish, with your permission, to correct a few mistakes which are noticeable therein. In the first place, Messrs. Fratje should be Messrs. Pratz; Mr. Belcher should be Mr. Belches, and an Englishman. Although the depot will be in fact erected and maintained by the gentleman mentioned in the paragraph, it is to the enterprise and public spirit of Mr. T. A. Smith, of Haymarket, that we owe this great benefit to our thriving village and neighborhood. Otherwise, the country is all that it is represented. Yours truly, Jock Elliot, Haymarket, Prince William County, June 7.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jun 1871

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Correspondence of the Fairfax News - Manassas, May 27, - Manassas is still pushing ahead and is about three times the place it was in 1869. A new Baptist Church is now going up and is nearly completed, in the grove belonging to Mrs. E. E. Johnson. The Presbyterians and Episcopalians intend to build churches during the coming summer. The Episcopalians and Baptist, at present, worship in the new Methodist Episcopal Church.

Several new buildings have gone up during the Spring and Winter, and among, them, a fine brick freight depot, and we are promised a brick passenger depot during the summer.

Our public school system is in full blast. We have a Graded School, under able teachers, and it is the intention of the Trustees to have a school where any Academical branches can be taught.

At the election Thursday last, this Township voted a 4 1/2 mill tax, and a poll tax, of 50 cents for public schools; every Township in the county carried the tax, except Coles, where it was lost by one vote. In Manassas, where the Trustees asked for the heaviest tax, the tax received the heaviest vote. Anson Bangs, of New York City, who is

probably the largest owner of real estate in the county, happened to be in Dumfries at the time of the election, and not only favored the school tax, but offered \$100 extra from his private purse.

The somewhat famous "Lewis Robinson suit," brought by a colored man against our - of the late officers of the county, appointed under military authority, were tried at the May Circuit Court, and resulted in the discomfiture of Lewis. The suits were nine in number and were brought for damages to the amount of \$17,000, against Messrs. Baldwin and Ketchum late magistrates, Mr. Herrick, a deputized constable, and Mr. Round, late, Commonwealth's Attorney. His Honor Judge Keith instructed the jury that it would be a violation of their oaths to give the slightest weight to political or sectional prejudice, and if he thought any juror would be influenced by such motives, he would send him to jail. These trials have been an expense to the county, and have done nothing for the county but retard immigration and keep out capital.

The crops in this section are looking the finest I have seen for years. M. J.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Jun 1871

POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY, President's Office, Richmond, June 15, 1871. To Thomas Duvall, Laura Duvall, Anna Steel, Lucien S. Duvall, H. S. Duvall, the children of John P. Duvall, deceased, Aylett Nicol and Potomac and Manassas Railroad Company.

Notice is hereby given to you, that the Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Prince William county, on the 3rd day of May, 1871, to ascertain a just compensation to the owners of land upon the line of the railroad of this Company within the said county, for such of the said lands as are proposed to be taken by the said Company for its purposes, will meet for that purpose on the land owned by you in the said county, in Carrborough, on the 18th day of July, 1871, between the hours of ten a. m. and six p. m. Very respectfully,

P. V. Daniel, Jr. President of Potomac Railroad Company.

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POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY, President's Office, Richmond, June 15, 1871. To Foushee C. Tebbs, J. H. McVeigh, Ann I. Tebbs, Margaret F. Thompson, John W. Tebbs, and two infant children of W. W. Tebbs, A Nicol and Potomac and Manassas Railroad Company

Notice is hereby given to you, that the Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Prince William county, on the 3rd day of May, 1871, to ascertain a just compensation to the owners of land upon the line of the railroad of this Company within the said county, for such of the said lands as are proposed to be taken by the said Company for its purposes, will meet for that purpose on the land owned by you in the said county, in Carrborough, on the 18th day of July, 1871, between the hours of ten a. m. and six p. m. Very respectfully,

P. V. Daniel, Jr. President of Potomac Railroad Company.

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POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY, President's Office, Richmond, June 15, 1871. To Samuel J. F. Tebbs, Hamilton Crockford, \_\_\_\_\_ Crockford, and \_\_\_\_\_ Crockford, \_\_\_\_\_ Tebbs and \_\_\_\_\_ Tebbs, and the children of the wife of W. W. Tebbs, \_\_\_\_\_ Duval, and \_\_\_\_\_ Duval, the two children of Cordelia Duval, Aylett Nicol and Potomac and Manassas Railroad Co.

Notice is hereby given to you, that the Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Prince William county, on the 3rd day of May, 1871, to ascertain a just compensation to the owners of land upon the line of the railroad of this Company within the said county, for such of the said lands as are proposed to be taken by the said Company for its purposes, will meet for that purpose on the land owned by you in the said county, in Carrborough, on the 18th day of July, 1871, between the hours of ten a. m. and six p. m. Very respectfully,

P. V. Daniel, Jr. President of Potomac Railroad Company.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jun 1871

POST OFFICES - The office at Thoroughfare, Prince William County, Virginia is re-established, and Eugene Keyser appointed Postmaster, on route Manassas to Harrisonburg. At Winchester, Virginia, the Mail Carrier's pay is increased to \$200 a year from the 8th of March last.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Jun 1871

PUBLIC SALE - By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced at its May term, 1871, in the suit of King vs. Foley, the undersigned, commissioners for the purpose, will, on MONDAY, the 7th day of August, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House in Brentsville, offer for sale, by public auction, a TRACT OF LAND in the upper part of Prince William County, adjoining the lands of E. H. Foley, Sanford Dodd and others, containing 112 1/4 acres. The land is considered good.

TERMS: One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale; the residue in two equal annual installments, with interest from day of sale. The purchaser to give bonds, with approved personal security, with interest, and the title to be retained as security for deferred the title to be retained as security for deferred payments. Wm. H. Payne, Eppa Hunton, Commissioners, Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 27 Jun 1871

Public Sale of Real Estate -- Will be sold on the premises at public sale, on the day (WEDNESDAY) 26th of 7th mo. (JULY) the property known as the WOODBRIDGE FARM, situated on the Occoquan river, about two miles below the village of Occoquan, in Prince William county, VA, adjoining lands of Thomas Opp, George Myers, John G. Horner and William Selecman. Said farm contains 1475 - 100 ACRES, less ----- acres conveyed to the Alexandria and Fredericksburg R. R. for the right of way through. The land is of superior quality, the larger part being arable.

Sale at 3 o'clock p. m. when condition, which will be liberal, will be made known by ASAHEL TROTH, Attorney in fact for Samuel Troth, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jul 1871

BACON HALL FOR SALE -- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced on the 9th day of May, 1870, in the suit of Carter vs. Grayson's adm'r, the undersigned, appointed Commissioners for that purpose, will, on the SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale, that VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND called BACON HALL of which Dr. John B. Grayson died seized, containing about 412 acres. This land lies within 1 1/2 miles of Gainesville, a station on the Manassas Gap Railroad, and is considered first-rate land. The improvements consist of a good DWELLING and out houses, &c.; also a LOT OF GROUND at Gainesville. We are authorized to sell at Private sale.

TERMS -- One tenth of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale; the residue in three installments, bearing interest from the day of sale, and payable as follows: Enough on confirmation of sale to make with cash payment one-fourth of the whole purchase money; three eights in one year, and the residue in two years from the day of sale. Purchasers to give bond and the title to be retained as security for the deferred payments. -- Eppa Hunton and Powell Harrison, Commissioners -- Warrenton Index and Manassas Gazette copy.

Alexandria Gazette 13 Jul 1871

DODD'S MILLS FOR SALE.

By Virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced as its May term, 1871 in the suit of Gray vs Butler, the undersigned, appointed a commissioner for that purpose, will, on MONDAY, the 7th day of August, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale, by public auction, that valuable property known as Dodds Mills, with about 32 acres of land attached. The property is about three miles from Haymarket and offers great inducements to purchasers.

TERMS : Cash enough to pay costs of suit and sale and the residue of the purchase money payable in four equal annual payments, the purchasers giving bonds, with approved personal security, bearing interest from day of sale, and the title to be retained to secure deferred payments.

EPPA HUNTON, Commissioners, Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 13 Jul 1871

WAVERLY FOR SALE.

By Virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced as its May term, 1871 in the suit of Haynes vs. Norville, the undersigned, commissioners for that purpose, will, on MONDAY, the 7th day of August, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale, by public auction, the TRACT OF LAND called WAVERLY, the property of L. B. Norville, containing 245 acres. This land lies beautifully on the O. A. & M. R. R., about midway between Bristoe and Nokesville, and is very good land.,

TERMS : Cash enough to pay costs of suit and sale and the residue of the purchase

money payable in four equal annual payments, the purchasers giving bonds, with approved personal security, bearing interest from day of sale, and the title to be retained to secure deferred payments.

EPPA HUNTON, W. H. PAYNE, CHAS. E. SINCLAIR, Commissioners, Prince William County, VA.

Alexandria Gazette 13 Jul 1871

**PUBLIC SALE**

By Virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced as its May term, 1871 in the suit of King vs. Foley, the undersigned, commissioners for the purpose, will, on MONDAY, the 7th day of August, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale, by public auction, a TRACT OF LAND in the upper part of Prince William County, adjoining the lands E. H. Foley, Sanford Dodd, and others, containing 112 1/2 acres. The land is considered good.

TERMS : One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale; the residue in two equal annual installments, with interest from day of sale. The purchasers giving bonds, with approved personal security, bearing interest from day of sale, and the title to be retained to secure deferred payments.

WM. H. PAYNE, EPPA HUNTON, Commissioners, Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jul 1871

RAILROADS --- A Prince William correspondent of the Virginia Star says: The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company are progressing rapidly with their extension to Potomac city. A considerable portion of their new wharf at Ship point is planked over, and the energetic agent is pushing the work. The Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad Company is also pushing forward the work on their road. Last week they were making preparations to build the bridge across Quantico creek. Mr. Bangs is getting the timber down to build a wharf on the Potomac front opposite the old Evansport house. The tents and shanties dotting the site of the old town of Carboro, the great number of men busily engaged, and passing to and fro reminds one of the time when brave men were gathered here throwing up fortifications.

Alexandria Gazette 25 Jul 1871

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE - By Virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, rendered at the June term, 1871, in Cushing and wife vs Benson and others, a chancery suit therein pending, the undersigned, commissioners appointed for that purpose, will expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 4th day of September, 1871, that being Court day, (unless previously sold at private sale, the said commissioners being authorized by said decree to sell at public or private sale.) the TRACT OF LAND in the proceeding mentioned, of which the late Burkett Newman died possessed, containing about one hundred and eighty acres,

This farm lies near SUDLEY MILLS, about five miles from Gainesville, a station on the Manassas Branch of the O. A. & M. R. R., and near the contemplated line of the Potomac and Manassas R. R. It is of a fine red soil, susceptible of a great variety and

abundance of fruit on it, and lies in an excellent and rapidly improving neighborhood.

TERMS: One - fourth cash, and the remainder in three equal annual installments, to be evidenced by bond, bearing interest from the day of sale, and a deed of trust on the premises as a security therefor. JAMES F. CLARK, CRAWFORD CUSHING, Commissioners, Prince William County, VA.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Aug 1871

AUCTION SALES -- Public Sale -- By virtue of a deed of trust executed by A. N. Thomas, on the 1st of October, 1857, and of record in the Clerk's office of Prince William County, the undersigned, therein named as trustee, and for the purposes of said trust, will, on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1871, that being Court Day, sell, for cash, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, the TRACT OF LAND, conveyed in said deed, containing EIGHTY FOUR ACRES, adjoining the residue of the lands of A. N. Thomas, and purchased by him of John Johnson and others. This land has on it a small DWELLING HOUSE.

Selling as trustee, I shall convey only such title as is vested in me as such, which is believed to be unquestionable. EPPA HUNTON, Trustee, Prince William county

Alexandria Gazette 05 Aug 1871

AUCTION SALES - PUBLIC SALE - By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, rendered in Janney vs. Savage, a suit in equity pending therein, the undersigned Commissioners of said Court, will on the 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1871, in the town of Occoquan, in said county, sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, LOTS numbered 28 and 39 in the plan of the said town of Occoquan, on the following

TERMS to wit: Ten per cent cash, and the remainder on a credit of one, two and three years, with interest from the day of sale; the purchaser to give bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained as further security therefor.

WM. H. PAYNE, CHAS. E. SINCLAIR, A. NICOL - Commissioners

Alexandria Gazette 06 Aug 1871

Prince William County - From the Manassas Gazette - A large assemblage of the people of the county witnessed the races near this place on last Saturday, and much interest was manifested. The races were run.

At the last meeting of the Township Board of Gainesville it was resolved to build a Township Board of Gainesville it was resolved to build a Town Hall for transacting Township business and for other purposes.

A person answering to the name of Webster, professing to be a painter, who has been stopping at the Manassas Hotel for some time, departed on Tuesday last, and wishing to have some mementos of the place, took with him some jewelry, a revolver, and some clothing, belonging to the boarders.

Revs. Messrs. Boyden and Steptoe, of the Episcopal church will commence an Association in Manassas on Thursday the 10th of August, which will continue four days.

Manassas Gazette 07 Aug 1871

VIRGINIA --- At rules held in the Clerks Office of the County court of Prince William County, on the 31 Day of July, 1871. -- Henry Love, Pltf. Against Allen Howison, Admr. of James M. A. Muschett, dec'd, Virginia M. Muschett, Robert Page, and Delia F. Page, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to obtain a decree for the conveyance to the plaintiff of a brick Tavern House and Lot, in the town of Dumfries, purchased by him of James M. A. Muschett, deceased, in his lifetime, and for which the purchase money has been fully paid. And the defendants, Virginia M. Muschett, Robert Page, Delia F. Page, his wife not having entered their appearance and it appearing from satisfactory evidence that they are not residents of this Commonwealth; It is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interest. And that a copy of this order be published in the "Manassas Gazette" a newspaper published in this County, for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court House in this county, at the next term of the said Court -- A Copy Teste. C. E. Sinclair for Complainants, L. A. Davis, Clerk

Alexandria Gazette 14 Aug 1871

Prince William County. - From the Manassas Gazette

The quarterly term of Prince William County Court commenced at Brentsville, on Monday last, Judge Aylett Nicol presiding. There was a large attendance of members of the bar, and an unusual amount of business was transacted.

We understand from a gentleman lately from Colchester, that a good deal of sickness, in the form of Fever and ague, and bilious fever, prevails in that neighborhood. some cases of Typhoid fever have also been reported by the physicians of this county.

On Wednesday last, a colored man named Catlett Taylor, while clearing some land for Hampton Brenton, of this place, accidentally stepped upon a scythe, and fell upon the implement, inflicting a severe and painful wound. Dr. Lauck was called in and dressed the wound.

We regret to learn that M. Charles Weedon, formerly of this county, but now residing in Fauquier, lost his youngest child last week, by its falling from a high porch and fracturing its skull.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Aug 1871

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Manassas, Va., Aug. 15, - Our village was startled this p.m. by rumors of a homicide having occurred on the Centreville road near by. It seems that about two months ago some difficulty occurred between two colored men, Charles Barbour and John Thomas. At that time Thomas seems to have obtained the advantage and beat Barbour over the head severely with a stick. This p.m. they met for the first time, each of them driving a two horse team. Both leaped from their seats, and Thomas was coming toward Barbour with a knife, Barbour picked up a piece of a rail and struck Thomas so severe a blow that it broke open his skull, killing him instantly. Barbour claims to have acted in self defence. Several witnesses were near by, and the

evidence is not clear on this point. Barbour made no attempt to escape, but came to the village and gave himself up, and has been committed to jail to await an examination. Both parties had an excellent character up to the date of their quarrel.

A man calling himself Fred, M. B. Binder, said to be a Pennsylvania Dutchman, about 30 years old, very dark complexion, round head, short and thick set, and a man of a great deal of assurance and brass, claiming to have been an ex U. S. Army officer, and to be an agent of Jay Cooke and others for the purchase of Southern Lands, has been spending some days hereabouts. Having paid up his hotel bill and several other debts contracted here by checks on the First National Bank of Lansdale, Pa., he left just before word was received that his checks were worthless. a warrant is out for him and if the officers of adjoining counties are on the look-out for him, he can yet be brought to justice. He left here on foot, traveling Westward. Culpeper, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Valley papers please copy. Binder left here clad in a new light colored coat, cassimere vest and pants, and new French calf boots purchased with his bogus checks.

The Methodist camp meeting begins here on Friday. On Saturday at 1:30 p. m. there is to be a childrens meeting. Citizens of Alexandria can go and return at half fare.

Alexandria Gazette 28 Aug 1871

Prince William County -- From the Manassas Gazette - We understand that the farmers around Nokesville are procuring large quantities of lime to be used upon their fall sowing of wheat. They procured it from the kilns of Messrs. Garson & Co., at Riverton, near Front Royal.

During the past week the weather has been intensely hot and our farmers have been anxiously awaiting rain that the sufferings crops might be benefited thereby. On Wednesday night some rain fell, which will prove beneficial to the gardens, but many fear the corn crop is too far gone to be saved.

A fight took place some time last week near Independent Hill in the lower part of this county, between two coopers, named James Posey and William Beavers. Posey was severely injured by a hatchet in the hands of Beavers.

The camp meeting which has been in progress near this place since last week closed on Friday morning. Brentsville, Manassas, Dumfries, Hartford, Bradley, Clifton and other places were represented by tents on the ground. It was throughout a most orderly and quiet camp meeting.

Rev. Mr. Bain commenced a series of protracted meetings at the Methodist church on Friday night last.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Sep 1871

Prince William County - From the Manassas Gazette - On Wednesday last a number of ladies and gentlemen from Brentsville and its vicinity made a pleasant excursion in Capt. Hammill's streamer Virginia, to Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall.

Mr. R. W. Merchant declines being a candidate to represent the county in the next Legislature.

Mr. J. H. Crosen, an old gentlemen residing in Fairfax County, whilst crawling between the cars of a freight train at this place on Tuesday last, struck his head against

an iron bolt on one of the cars, inflicting a severe wound.

The race on last Saturday evening between the Marsteller mare, entered by F. W. Oakley and the Goodwin colt entered by Wm. E. Goodwin, for \$50 a side, was won by the colt beating the mare twenty-five feet.

On Thursday three men, two white and one colored, stopped at this place, and meeting some colored men, the black man produced a small box, resembling a tobacco box, and offered to bet that no one could open it. One of the unsophisticated colored youths of Manassas, ventured to bet \$5, and of course lost it. finding they could fleece no one else, the white men took the train, and the black man in attempting to get on, was pulled off by some of the victims, who demanded the money should be restored to them. He however, released himself, and pursued by the crowd, ran into the parlor of Mr. H. Brenton, and refused to move until Justice McLean appeared, who, after searching him, and obtaining the tobacco box, took him some distance from the village and allowed him to depart.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Sep 1871

VINEYARDS IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA. - To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette: - Noticing in your paper an account of some vineyards in Fauquier County. I think it may not be amiss to write a few words describing what is being done in Prince William County in that line of business. Leaving the cars at Gainesville, and taking the road for Haymarket, one may notice a large vineyard laid out by Capt. Herald, which I did not examine, but I hear that the vines are doing well. At Haymarket is the farm of the Messrs. Pratje, who intend, I believe, next spring, to lay out a considerable extent of ground in vines; they have only been in possession a short time, but already have made considerable improvements, having put up a large barn and a most commodious dwelling house, as well as having set out numerous fruit trees, etc. About half a mile from Haymarket is Mr. Witticher's farm, on which there is a most flourishing vineyard, extending to upwards of 10 acres, in its second year. If it had been desirable, one variety of the vines would have borne largely; but as it is not considered advantageous to allow them to bear to any extent at this early stage, the blossoms were not allowed to set. The few that were permitted to come to maturity, were of fine size and flavor. Next year there will no doubt be an abundant crop. Some two miles from there on, is Mr. Heineken's fine farm, Millpark, most picturesquely situated, with a fine house, barn, etc, conveniently placed on a small eminence, commanding some fine views of the neighboring country. Mr. Heineken has laid out two vineyards; one being in its third year, has borne most satisfactorily, Concords, Delewares, and Hartfords being the principal varieties. The large vineyard, extending to ten acres, is in its second year, and in consequence was not allowed to bear many grapes. The growth of the vines was most luxuriant, fully demonstrating the fitness of the soil and climate for grape culture, and convincing even the most skeptical that there is almost absolute certainty of their doing remarkably well, and being a most profitable speculation. Those even who were loudous in their sneers at the absurdity of attempting to grow grapes in this locality would now like to have a few vines for their own use at least. The large vineyards consists principally of Concords, Delewares, Norton's Virginia and the Suez grapes, besides a few experimental varieties. -- The

Delaware is a particularly fine table grape, being of a fine color, and in handsome clusters, as well as of a most delicious flavor. The concord, thought essentially a wine grape, is when fully ripe, of a very pleasant flavor. during my visit, the business of wine making was proceeding most satisfactorily. Now, I do not believe it possible that Americans will sit down and allow this most profitable branch of husbandry to pass entirely into the hands of foreigners. It seems at present, however, that there is every prospect of such being the case. Wine making is no longer carried on by "rule of thumb," but it is a service which is daily becoming better understood. Let vine growing become general and American wines good and cheap; then, and only then, will the Americans be a truly temperate nation. Drunkenness seems to be at present far too common amongst the Anglo Saxon race. Let once cheap and good wines be easily procurable, they will soon push out all the vile spirits, and both they and their numerous seductive and deleterious compounds will become things of the past.

Yours truly JOCK ELLIOTT

Alexandria Gazette 09 Oct 1871

Prince William County Convention - The County Convention for the purpose of nominating a delegate to represent Prince William County in the State Legislature, met at Brentsville on Monday last, and organized by calling Dr. John S. Powell to the chair and appointing R. M. Waters, Secretary. The chair having announced its readiness for business, Mr. Crawford Cushing moved that the Braxton vote be the scale adopted by the Convention which after some discussion was carried. The chair having announced that nominations were in order, Mr. Cushing nominated B. F. Lewis, Dr. Wm. B. Leary nominated James R. Purcell, Mr. George B. Chichester nominated Wm. A. Bryant. Balloting then commenced and on the third ballot, Mr. B. F. Lewis was declared nominated. It was then moved that the nomination of Mr. Lewis be made unanimous, which was carried. Nominations for the Sheriffalty being then in order Mr. Cushing nominated John H. Butler, and moved that his nomination be made unanimous, the name of Mr. G. M. Weedon having been withdrawn,) when Mr. J. F. Wheat was nominated, and balloting commenced, but owing to some confusion and the absence of delegates no final results could be arrived at, and Mr. Cushing moved that no nomination for Sheriff or Superintendent of the Poor should be in order; which was carried. The Convention then, after passing a resolution that the proceedings be published in the Manassas Gazette, and the Alexandria Gazette.

Alexandria Gazette 23 Oct 1871

COMMISSIONERS' SALE - In execution of a decree of the County Court of Prince William County, rendered on the 8th day of August, 1871, in the suit of James E. Herrell plaintiff vs. O. A. & M. R. R. Company, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, on THURSDAY, 26th day of October next, at eleven o'clock a. m., at Gainesville Depot, that valuable TRACT or PARCEL of LAND, adjacent to the said Depot, between the Haymarket Turnpike and O. A. & M. R. R., containing by recent survey 15 1/2 acres, and now in the occupation of James E. Herrell aforesaid.

The improvements consist of a substantial, well finished, and convenient dwelling house (45 by 25 feet) fronting the Thoroughfare Turnpike, and about 800 yards from

Gainesville Depot, lately built, at a cost of \$4,500; two stories and basement; it contains 4 rooms, in basement; 4 rooms, besides a large hall, on the first floor; 5 rooms and 2 good sized linen closets, on the second floor; fire place, or arrangement for stoves, in every room but one; a handsome enclosed porch or umbra in front, and large bay window, in the Southern end; an excellent well of pure soft water, in back yard; convenient outbuildings, and about 75 choice young fruit trees, upon the premises.

TERMS: One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash; the remainder, in two equal payments, at one and two years, from the day of sale, the deferred payments to bear interest, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with good surety, and retention of title to the land until said payments are made in full; and the land to be resold, at the risk of the purchaser, upon failure to comply with the terms of sale.

Persons desiring to examine the property, are referred to Mr. Herrell, who can always be found upon the premises, and will be glad to show them.

Lawrence B. Taylor, Charles E. Sinclair, Commissioners, 23 Sep 1871

Alexandria Gazette 26 Oct 1871

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Haymarket, Oct. 23, 1871 - Our usually quiet village was kept under some excitement during the past week, by the announcement that on Saturday, October 21st, Mr. Daniels, a republican candidate for the Senate, (assisted by other distinguished speakers,) would address the people of this township, on the issues of the day. Early Saturday morning, a corps of engineers arranged seats for the large audience expected. The excitement culminated about 10:30 o'clock, by the arrival of a one horse wagon with a load. The speaking was announced to begin at 11 o'clock, but things looked blue. Where was the audience expected and arranged for? "Echo answers, where," A few colored persons about this time arrived. 12 o'clock -- No audience yet. Dinner is now announced. Nothing daunted, Mr. Round opened the meeting in a few remarks introducing Mr. Daniels. The audience is now counted and consists of eighteen, one of whom was from Manassas, and one from Alexandria, three speakers and one engineer. Mr. Daniels explained the great advantages of the Radical Party over all others, one of the advantages was that they (the members of the Radical party) never took any public funds for private use, thus differing from the Conservatives!! He was followed by Judge Willoughby in an explanation how the public funds of the State could be better spent. In the opinion of your correspondent, the said speakers left here with spirits at low temperature; a gentlemen having privately remarked that he did not think the people here cared much for politics! We will close the political portion of this letter by saying, in the language of one our distinguished fellow citizens, that the Conservative people here will be found all "hunk, kunk and flunkum" on election day!

Those traveling on the Manassas branch of the O. A. & M. R. R. about November 1st, on reaching this point, will be surprised to hear the shriek of "down breaks," and the cry of the conductor, "Haymarket Station," but such will be the fact, and I venture the remark that there will be more grain shipped from this point to Alexandria than from any other on the road, between Piedmont and Alexandria.

Alexandria Gazette 30 Oct 1871

Prince William County - From the Prince William Gazette. -- The Episcopal Church at Brentsville, the interior of which was completely destroyed during the war is now being repaired under the supervision of Mr. Reid.

Whilst a pair of young oxen, the property of Mr. Allen Howison, were being broken last Tuesday one of them manifested his mettle by breaking away from the driver and running at full speed against a tree which happened to be in his path, killing himself instantaneously.

Taylor Thornton whilst hunting on Tuesday morning last; in the neighborhood of Brentsville killed a young eagle, measuring four feet six inches from wing to wing.

Dr. M. B. Weedon and Mr. Chancellor Nelson, from the lower part of this county, accompanied by their families, left here on Monday last, for Fort Scott, Kansas where they intend residing.

On Tuesday last an opossum, the largest of the species seen in this vicinity, was caught at Brentsville by Messrs. A. L. Woodyard and J. Goodwin; weighing gross 27 pounds and six ounces.

Last Saturday a young lady living with Mrs. Mary Payne was severely bitten above the left eye by a horse which she was correcting. The wound required surgical attention.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Nov 1871

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- HAYMARKET, Nov. 9, 1871. -- Hurrah! for Prince William! The battle is over, and the Conservative flag of victory floats proudly over the field of political contest. The Conservative nominee carries the county over Radical and Independent candidates combined. Good for that J. R. Purcell, a young man of much ability, and of very deserved popularity, who was at first in opposition to the regular nominee, but who, when he saw the consequences, made a noble sacrifice of feeling and withdrew, will be remembered to his credit hereafter when our people have to elect public officers. We think of poor South Carolina, and draw a long sigh of relief, as we read the news of our State election! Let me add, Alexandria made a noble fight!

Alexandria Gazette 13 Nov 1871

VIRGINIA ELECTION RETURNS --Prince William County -- Brentsville, Thomas 85, Taylor 82, Lewis 55, Round 43, Larkin 28, Butler 116, Brawner 61, Moliar 20; Occoquan - Thomas 52, Taylor 50, Lewis 47, Round 47, Larkin 7, Brawner 30; Dumfries - Thomas 91, Taylor 91, Lewis 90, Round 59, Brawner 73; Gainesville - Thomas 143, Taylor 143, Lewis 108, Round 51, Larkin 36, Brawner 126; Coles - Thomas 136, Taylor 136, Lewis 88, Round 20, Larkin 48; Manassas - Thomas 176, Taylor 174, Lewis 143, Round 148, Butler 191, Larkin 34.

Total -- Thomas 683, Taylor 676, Lewis 531, Round 339, Larkin 153, Butler 307, Brawner 416, Molair 70

Alexandria Gazette 20 Nov 1871

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF HAZEL PLAIN, better known as the "CHINN FARM," near Manassas, Va. -- As trustee, substituted for George H. Carter, in a deed executed by B. T. Chinn and wife, on the 6th day of May, 1853, I will sell at 12 o'clock, WEDNESDAY, the 29th of November, 1871, in front of the Mansion House, in the city of Alexandria, the "CHINN FARM," designated in the deed as Hazel Plain, containing 550 acres; three-fourths arable; chocolate colored; easily cultivated and productive; the remainder in wood and timber, and all well supplied with water. This desirable estate has upon it the famous CHINN HOUSE, a large frame building, with eight rooms, needing repairs, a comfortable Log House, occupied by the tenant, stone stable, log corn crib, and granary; is conveniently near to churches, schools, mills and markets; within five miles of the O. A. & M. R. R., and the healthiest section of the county of Prince William.

The deed authorized a sale for cash; but, if desired, a credit, as to two-thirds of the purchase money, will be given by the creditor ordering the sale.

Wm. H. Fitzhugh, Trustee, Fredericksburg, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Nov 1871

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY - Pursuant to the decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, pronounced at the May term, 1871, in the suit of Parley Klein against Mary Ann Finch and others, the undersigned, named as Commissioners in said decree, will, on the 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1871, (that being Court day), to the highest bidder, ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, of which John Finch died seized, containing \_\_\_ acres, more or less. This land lies about half-way between Brentsville and Dumfries, and at the junction of the Occoquan road with the road known as the Brentsville and Dumfries Road, has thereon a comfortable FRAME DWELLING, barn comparatively new and a fine apple orchard; is well supplied with wood and excellent water.

TERMS: So much cash in hand as will pay the costs of suit and expenses of sale, the residue in three equal payments at one, two and three years, to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser with good security, and the title to be retained until the last payment is made. Cost of conveyancing to be paid by the purchaser. Wm. H. Payne, Thomas Moore, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Dec 1871

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- HAYMARKET, Dec. 16. -- We are pleased to see, as we look over the columns of the Gazette, the number of improvements noted as having taken place in your good old Virginia city. All you need is a hopeful spirit of enterprise among your citizens, to make Alexandria what she should be, chief among Virginia cities. We are glad to see your citizens taking an interest in immigration. It is what our State needs very much. We have soil and climate to suit all classes of people. We have many new settlers among us, and can already feel the effects of their influence in the impetus to new enterprises. We have built a depot at this point, which is now in successful operation. We pay our own agent this year, and feel that we can afford to do it. Alexandrians having business

in this neighborhood can purchase tickets to Haymarket station. We are much pleased with the Governor's Message, and hope our legislators will avail themselves of his suggestions. -- Yours, etc. J.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Jan 1872

ORANGE, ALEXANDRIA, AND MANASSAS RAILROAD - Double Daily Trains - On and after SATURDAY, July 1, 1871, two daily passenger trains will run between WASHINGTON and LYNCHBURG, effecting double daily connections through between NEW YORK and NEW ORLEANS. At Gordonsville connection is made by mail train with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad daily, Sunday excepted, to Richmond, Staunton and the VIRGINIA SPRINGS; at Lynchburg with Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad for the West and Southwest, and Washington for the North and Northwest.

Leave Washington daily at 6:55 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and Alexandria at 8 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. arriving at Lynchburg at 5:05 p.m. and 4 .m.

For Manassas Division leave Washington daily (except Sunday) with main line train, at 6:55 a.m.; and Alexandria at 8 a.m.; Leave Manassas Junction at 9:30 a.m.; pass Strasburg at 12:45 p.m., and arrive at Harrisonburg at 8:40 p.m., connecting with Harmon & Company Stage Line to Staunton, Rawley Springs, & Co. &c. (many more times listed in newspaper article) J. M. Broadus, General Ticket Agent

Alexandria Gazette 18 Feb 1872

Letter from Prince William County, Va. ---- Correspondence of the Virginia Star ----- Prince William County, Feb.7, 1872. - A bill has passed the Virginia Senate incorporating the Potomac Land Improvement Company. The object is to build up a city on the Potomac between Chappawamsic and Quantico creeks, and settle up a large body of land purchased by New York capitalists. The all rail line from Richmond to Washington passes through Potomac City. A road connecting with lines now in course of construction to the coal regions, will be built at an early day, terminating at Potomac City, with connecting lines of steamers to New York and other ports, and the Potomac and Valley road, terminating at the same point, is certain to be built. Many thousand of dollars have already been expended in the purchase of land, &c.

The R. F. & P. R. R. extension to Quantico will soon be completed. The Pennsylvania road will not be completed before mid-summer. The bridge over the Occoquan, at Colchester, ninety-five feet high, has been delayed by the weather; as has, also, the deep cut through Freestone Point, between Powell's and Neabsco creeks. The track has been laid, and construction trains have been running between Alexandria and Colchester, about sixteen miles, for some time; leaving about ten miles of track to be laid. There will be drawn in the bridges over Chappawamsic, Quantico, Powell's and Neabsco creeks. Vessels and steamers can pass under the Occoquan Bridge, and the Pohick and Accotink are bridged above tide water - WAUN - KA - PIN

Manassas Gazette 12 Mar 1872

To the Hon. Aylett Nicol, Judge of the County Court of Prince William County: The undersigned, your petitioners, respectfully represent to your Honor that the State Legislature at its last session passed a special act which revived executive sanction to enable the qualified voters of Prince William County to vote at their Township Election on the 23rd day of May, 1872, upon the question of removing the County Seat of their County from Brentsville, its present location, to Manassas, a copy of which special act is herewith exhibited marked A. and prayed to be read as part of this petition: That on said 23rd day of May, 1872, the vote on said question was taken at the various precincts in the said County, and returns thereof made to the Clerk's office of your Honor's Court, --- That on the 2nd day after the said election day two of the persons appointed by your Honor as Commissioners of Election for the said county, met at the Clerk's office of the said County Court and without organizing according to law and in the absence of a quorum proceeded unsworn to open the poll-books from the different election precincts in said County and to count and canvass the said returns. That the said commissioners left the said poll-books unsealed and the returns uncounted in the Clerk's office of the said court from that day until the fourth day after the said election day at which time and place a full board convened. These two Commissioners, however, canvassed the Election returns from Cole's precinct and ascertained the certificate of the Judges and Clerk's of Election to the votes cast or alleged to have been cast "For Brentsville" and For Manassas" to be insufficient in law and it was agreed between said Commissioners that Samuel R. Lowe one of the said commissioners should procure from the Judges and Clerks of Election at said precinct a proper legal certificate to the said number of votes cast for Brentsville and for Manassas and to have the same at the Clerk's office before a full board of Commissioners on the following Monday, the 27th day of May 1872. Your petitioner further show that said fourth day after the said day of Election four Commissioners met at said clerk's office, organized and were sworn by the Clerk office, organized and were sworn by the clerk of the board and this board thus organized proceeded to canvass the elections returns from the various Townships in the County and these said Commissioners then and there decided the vote between Brentsville and Manassas on the question of the Court House removal to have been in favor of Brentsville by a majority of (49) forty nine votes, and this decision was rendered against the protest of the people of Manassas represented before the board.

Your petitioners show to your Honor that this decision of the said Commissioner had no power under the law to meet and canvass said election returns on any other day than the Second day after the said election day. That if a quorum of said commissioners did not meet on said day it was the duty under the law of those who did meet to have filled vacancies as the law provides.

3d. Because the two Commissioners who met on the second day after the election without being sworn or organized as a Board of Commissioners opened the poll-books contrary to law and left them unsealed and their returns uncanvassed until the fourth day after the said election day.

3d. Because it was error for the said commissioners to count the returns from Cole's precinct on the Court House removal question because the certificates of the Judges

and Clerks of said election precinct thereto appended was insufficient in law and it was error for the Commissioners to permit any certificate to be appended to the said polls on the said fourth day after the election day aforesaid or to permit the said erroneous certificate of the Judges and Clerks to be corrected after the poll books had been received at the Clerk's office sealed.

4th Because it was error for the said Commissioners to canvass and count the returns from any of the election precincts in said County except those from Occoquan because said returns were illegal upon their face the body of the poll-books not showing the number of votes cast for Brentsville or for Manassas as provided for by said special act.

5th. Your petitioners charge special fraud in the conduct of the election officers at the Occoquan precinct on said day and charge that the Judges of Election at that precinct on that day received ballots and deposited them in the ballot boxes without having the Registration books present to see if the parties offering to vote were qualified electors under the laws of Virginia and if they were duly registered in the Township and your petitioners charge that this utterly illegal and fraudulent voting was carried on from about sunrise on said Election day until half past eleven o'clock A. M. of said day and that a great many fraudulent and illegal votes were cast during that time and that many persons voted who were not legally registered voters as your petitioners are informed.

6. That the judges of election who received the ballots cast for Manassas opened many of them before depositing them and read the writing or printing on their face, and made public at divers times during said day how many votes had been cast for Manassas, and how many for Brentsville, and this conduct your petitioners charge was illegal and fraudulent, and done to influence electors in voting.

7. Because the judge of said Occoquan election precinct who received the ballots on that day deposited the ballots for Manassas in a different place from those cast for Brentsville, which was fraudulent, and illegal and contrary to said special act.

8. Because the vote for Brentsville, and that for Manassas, was announced publicly by the said judges of the election precinct at Occoquan, before they had counted and ascertained how said vote stood by said count, which act on the part of the said judges was illegal and fraudulent.

For the reasons stated your petitioners charge that the returns from Cole's precinct was a false return, and the election there an undue election, and that said returns should not have been counted by the county Board of election Commissioners at all, and for the reason stated your petitioners charge the election at Occoquan to have been illegally and fraudulently conducted, and it to have been an undue election, and the returns therefrom are false returns, and that the returns should be wholly disregarded in deciding the legal vote between Brentsville and Manassas. and for reasons stated your petitioners charge the returns from all the other precincts, than Occoquan for illegality on their face should be totally disregarded in deciding the vote, between Brentsville and Manassas. Therefore your petitioners pray the intervention of your Honor will judicially determine, concerning the legality and sufficiency of said election according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Virginia, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Richard M. Weir, J. W. Hornbaker, H. B. Varnes, Robert C. Weir, B. D. Merchant, B. L.

Cannon, George C. Round, C. L. Hynson, George B. Jones, B. W. Merchant, G. W. Hixson, F. J. Cannon, S. A. Thomas, John H. Butler, B. M. Florance, S. W. Burdge, -- Prince William County to Wit:

This day, personally appeared before me, James F. Clarke, a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid County, George C. Round and George B. Jones, two of the signers of the above petition and made oath that it contains the truth to the best of their knowledge and belief. Given under my hand, this 29th day of May, 1872 -- James F. Clark, Notary Public, Prince William County, Va.

To Hon. A. Nicol, judge of Prince William County Court, Joseph B. Reid, Crawford Cushing, William M. Lynn, F. M. Lewis, Supervisors of Prince William County: A. H. Johnson, A. H. Feuchsel, Samuel R. Lowe, E. E. Conner, and Isaac P. Baldwin, Commissioners of Elections for Prince William County and all others whom it may concern.

Notice is hereby given you, that before Honorable County Court of Prince William County, on the first day of the next July term, thereof to be holden at Brentsville, on Monday, the 1st day of July, 1872. We shall contest the election held in the said county on the 23d day of May, 1872, under a special Act of the Legislature, passed to enable the qualified electors of Prince William County to vote upon the question of removing their County Seat from Brentsville to Manassas, under that said election the commissioners thereof, erroneously decided Brentsville to have a majority of forty-nine votes over Manassas.

The grounds of said contest are fully set out elaborated in a copy of our complaint and petition herewith presented to you. -- June 4th, 1872, very respectfully --- Richard M. Weir, J. W. Hornbaker, H. B. Varnes, Robert M. Weir, B. D. Merchant, B. L. Cannon, George C. Round, C. L. Hynson, George B. Jones, B. W. Merchant, G. W. Hixson, F. J. Cannon, S. A. Thomas, John H. Butler, B. M. Florance, S. W. Burdge.

"EXHIBIT A."

Whereas, numerous and influential citizens of Prince William County have, by petition, memorialized the General Assembly that the sense of the people of said county should be taken upon the change of the location of the Courthouse of said county; therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, that it shall be the duty of the several officers conducting the elections in the county of Prince William, at the time and places for holding the general election on the fourth Thursday in May, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to prepare a separate ballot box for each voting precinct, in which shall be deposited the ballots of them qualified voters who shall desire to vote on the question of said removal. The said ballots shall be respectively as follows: For Brentsville. -- For Manassas.

Each ballot so cast, which shall have written or printed thereon "For Brentsville," shall be taken and counted as a vote against the removal of said courthouse, and each ballot so cast which shall have written or printed thereon "For Manassas" shall be taken and counted as a vote for the removal of said courthouse from its present location to the village of Manassas in said county.

2. The manner of receiving and canvassing the ballots cast at such election on the question of the removal of said courthouse, and making returns and abstracts of the

results thereof, shall conform in all respects to the regulation prescribed by the general election law of this state, except that the certificate of the judges of election shall be as follows: WE hereby certify that at the election held \_\_\_\_\_ votes were cast "For Brentsville," and \_\_\_\_\_ votes were cast "For Manassas," G. H. and J. R. , Clerks. A. B., C. D. and E. F. Judges, and provided further, that the commissioners of election shall make on a separate sheet an abstract of said votes against and for the removal of said courthouse of Prince William County, which abstract shall be duly signed by the commissioners and deposited in the office of the clerk of the county court of said county.

3. If from such returns and abstracts of votes so cast upon the question of the removal of the courthouse of Prince William County it shall appear that a majority of the votes were "For Manassas," the said village of Manassas will be to all intents and purposes the place of holding courts in the said county of Prince William, and for conducting the business thereto, so soon as suitable buildings may be erected for that purpose; provided, that the people of Manassas shall furnish the necessary lot of ground, enclose and erect thereon, without expense to the people of the county as good or better courthouse, jail and clerks offices than those in present use, and shall convey, by proper legal conveyance, the title to said lot and buildings thereon to the said county, the funds for the purchase of said lot and the erection of said buildings to be received by Benjamin D. Merchant, Charles L. Hynson, and William S. Fewell, who shall constitute in connection with the Board of Supervisors, a building committee, to erect the courthouse and other necessary buildings; and it shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince William, to sell the public buildings at Brentsville upon such terms as they shall deem best, and appropriate the proceeds of said sale towards the erection of the necessary public buildings at Manassas aforesaid; and the Board of Supervisors of said county shall select a lot on which said public buildings shall be erected; and further provide, said removal of the said courthouse shall not take place before the year 1873.

4, This act shall be in force from its passage.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Mar 1872

Prince William County - From The Prince William Gazette - We are informed that our county jail at Brentsville has been without an inmate for some time.

We understand that a petition, humorously signed, is in circulation in this county to the effect, that as many valuable curs, mongrels, etc, have been destroyed by ferocious sheep, it is suggested to our Legislature that a tax should be imposed on the aforesaid sheep, in order to prevent the extermination of our invaluable curs. Whether it is a burlesque or not, we are unable to say.

Some time since a lot was purchased on the land of J. F. Andrews in this village by Geo. C. Round, one of the school trustees of this township, for the purpose of building a school house thereon. The site, however, being strenuously objected to by many, foremost among whom we may mention the name of Isreal Jones esq., who stigmatized the above site as a "monument of perpetual disgrace" -- a meeting was called and it was resolved to purchase a lot of ground owned by Harvey Varns in this village, throwing the lot previously bought, for good reasons, out in the cold. The

matter therefore stands thus: Mr. Round says the school house shall be on Andrews lot. Mr. Jones and the people say it shall be on Mr. Varns' lot. Which side shall eventually triumph it is as very difficult to determine.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Mar 1872

BUCKLAND MILLS - Mr. J. B. Hunton in calling to thank us for our reference to his unsurpassed water power of Buckland, exhibited to us samples of cloth of beautiful texture and pattern on which he proves from his ledger that he made over 25 per cent net profit. He intends to get a charter at once for a joint stock company and with the data at his command first convince our people of the truth of his statements and then solicit subscriptions to his enterprise. We trust he will succeed beyond his most sanguine hopes. In this connection it may not be irrelevant to state that there is sufficient water power at Buckland not only to drive his woolen mills to their fullest capacity, but half a dozen other mills beside them. In other sections where water power is at the command of enterprise, sumac mills have been erected which pay their owners a profit of \$30 per ton on every ton they grind. Within a radius of five miles of Buckland millions of pounds of this valuable product annually withers and rots. Why does not some man of capital start a sumac factory at Buckland, and reap the profits of this branch of business? Is the dependence of our people to rest forever only upon what they can dig by laborious effort out of the earth" WARRENTON INDEX

Alexandria Gazette 11 Mar 1872

Prince William County -- From the Prince William Gazette -- On Monday 26th ult. Major W. W. Thornton, on going out to salt and count his sheep, found to his surprise and sorrow, some fourteen of his sheep, and thirty or forty lambs lying dead and mutilated in the field in which they had been enclosed, having been killed the night previous by dogs.

Mr. Crawford Cushing, having been appointed a Notary Public for this county qualified on Monday last at our county court and entered upon the duties of his office.

The quarterly term of Prince William County Court was held at Brentsville on Monday last, Judge Nicol presiding. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the bad condition of the roads, comparatively little business was attended to at this Court. Forty deeds were recorded during the last month.

Mrs. L. E. Thornton who was paralyzed on Saturday morning last, is still lying seriously ill, at the residence of Mr. R. C. Weir in this village.

Mr. W. B. Kincheloe, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

Mr. G. B. Chichester who has been confined to the house with a severe attack of liver complaint since the first of February is still sick and recovers very slowly.

A petition to remove the place of voting from Gainesville to Haymarket, numerously signed, will be presented at the next term of our County Court.

Manassas Gazette 12 Mar 1872

ATTENTION FARMERS!! - The American Compound Lightning Rod. The surest protection to life and property known.

this rod is recommended to be the best. It is one solid piece from tip to terminus. has

eight times as much conductivity as any other rod. The conducting surface is of copper the best known material for the purpose. It is cheaper and takes less to the house under the improved mode of putting it up.

It is an absolute safeguard against atmospheric and ground electricity.

Prof. Joseph Ash, at Manassas, Va., is ready to put these rods up in any part of the surrounding county. Refers by permission to the following citizens of Manassas and vicinity:

C. L. Hynson, Merchant and son, L. B. Butler, George C. Round, R. C. Weir, C. A. Cannon, Charles Bennett, A. Phillips and E. E. Conner, on whose dwellings he has fixed these rods. -- April 20, 1872, L. Fewell, Sub Agent, Manassas, Va.

Manassas Gazette 12 Mar 1872

MANASSAS HOTEL, Manassas Va. - H. B. VARNES, Proprietor, Board by the day, week, or month. Passengers stopping over night for the Manassas train can be accommodated with comfortable Lodging and meals, at reasonable rates.

Manassas Gazette 12 Mar 1872

PAYNE & MEREDITH, ATTORNEYS & counselors At Law, Brentsville, VA -- William H. Payne, Warrenton -- Elisha E. Meredith, Brentsville, -- William H. Payne will attend the circuit and quarterly terms of the courts of Prince William.

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JAMES F. CLARK, Attorney at Law and Notary Public, will attend the Courts of Prince William, Fairfax, and Stafford Counties. Office at Manassas.

Manassas Gazette 12 Mar 1872

MILLINERY & DRESSMAKING, At Trescott's Old Stand on Centre Street, NEAR THE METHODIST CHURCH. By Misses Hazen & Burdge. A general assortment of Fancy Goods will be kept on hand. A call is solicited. We guarantee to please all. Goods will be received on next Thursday the 26th for inspection

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CONFECTIONERY & FAMILY GROCERY -- New Stock -- Adjoining the Millinery Store S. W. BURDGE

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Mr. George C. Round proposes to offer a prize to that scholar who has been in attendance on the Public Schools of Prince William County for three months during the scholastic year of 1871 - 1872 who, upon examination by a committee, shall be found most proficient in the studies.

Mr. Reid's Hotel in Brentsville was the site of an altercation between a man named Larson from Winchester and Arthur Woodyard of Brentsville. Mr. Larson was arrested and charged with assault.

In the neighborhood of Brentsville there have been forty-five of fifty sheep killed in the last ten days, most belonging to Major Thornton and Lieutenant Purcell. This is the second time this year the men have lost sheep.

A great scarcity of water exists in the vicinity of Brentsville, the citizens thereof having to go some distance to obtain the desired fluid.

Mr. Jacob D. Faunce will fish at Freestone Point this season, and John Naglee, Jr., will fish at Marsh Hall on his Deep Hole farm, both fisheries in this county. Mr. Faunce, for himself, and Mr. James V. Nash for Naglee, were in Dumfries last Saturday hiring hands.

Alexandria Gazette 14 Mar 1872

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette --- Haymarket, March 12. - There was a meeting of the citizens of this vicinity, held here on Saturday, the 9th inst., to take into consideration the formation of a Building Association. Maj. A. H. Johnson was called to the chair, and Mr. J. P. Jordan, appointed Secretary. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, also one to petition the Legislature, to grant a charter to the "Haymarket Building Association." The capital stock is to be not less than one thousand dollars, or more than ten thousand dollars, to be issued in shares of ten dollars each. Considerable interest was manifested, and there is but little doubt of success. The plan of the projectors is not alone that of erecting a handsome building in the village, but is to include a monthly market," for the sale of live stock, farming implements, grain, &c, This is an enterprise that every village in the State should emulate.

A colored man by the name of Jesse Harris was found dead in the road, about a mile below Gainesville on Monday morning, the deceased was of temperate habits, and the cause of his death is unknown.

We had snow again yesterday. The winter having been unusually long and severe, the most of our farmers are running short of provender for their cattle and other stock.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Apr 1872

BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS - These valuable mills which are in Prince William County, Va., have lately passed into the possession of a company which has been incorporated by Judge James Keith. A large sum of money has been expended in enlarging the mills and adding new machinery and other facilities. Capable judges, including A. T. Stewart, H. B. Chaffin & Co., and Arnold, Constable, & Co., the largest cloth and dry goods dealers in New York, have repeatedly said that the cloth made at these mills was not surpassed by either that of English or French make, and there was

no mill in this country like it. Having seen most of the cloth produced by other mills in this State and elsewhere, we believe, for excellence of quality, make, durability and finish the Buckland Mills exceed all others. -- Richmond News

Alexandria Gazette 16 Apr 1872

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AND FISHERY IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, FOR SALE -- By virtue of a deed of trust from Isaac Newton and Dorothy Newton, his wife, and Samuel N. Garwood and Elizabeth H. Garwood, his wife, to Edward T. Tayloe and Presley Thornton Lomax, dated March 29th, 1854, recorded in the land records of Prince William County Virginia, to secure Benjamin Ogle Tayloe and William H. Tayloe, the undersigned, trustees therein named, will offer at public auction, in front of the Court House at Brentsville, in Prince William county, Va., on MONDAY, the 6th day of May, 1872, at 12 o'clock m., that being Court day, a TRACT OF LAND, situated in said county, containing about 852 ACRES, being the residue of a larger tract known as DEEP HOLE, MOUNT PLEASANT and, the farm after deducting the purchases of Naglee, Musser and Opp, respectively. This is a very valuable estate, and has on it an excellent FISHERY known as DEEP HOLE. Facilities to market are afforded by the Potomac River, and the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad, which passes through the land. Together with all the buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging.

TERMS: One fourth cash; the residue in equal installments at six, twelve, and eighteen months, with interest from day of sale; to be secured by negotiable notes, with approved security, and a deed of trust upon the land. The purchaser to bear all costs of conveyancing and stamps. EDWARD T. TAYLOE, PRESLEY THORNTON LOMAX, Trustees, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Apr 1872

Letter from Prince William, Correspondence of the Virginia Star. - Manassas, Va. April 15. - We have had a few weeks of growing weather, which has given to the wheat crop in this vicinity a very flattering appearance. Our farmers are busily engaged in preparing the soil for corn, while their "better halves" devote a portion of their time to gardening, arranging flower beds, &c &c.

The saw and hatchet continue to tell of improvements to our town. Mrs. McCann whose husband was killed on the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad a few years since, has in course of erection through the benevolence of the above company) on Railroad Street, a frame dwelling which will be completed in a few days. Mrs. Bodine is also having erected on her lot adjacent to our village, a fine two story frame dwelling.

The experience of damage done by lightning in this vicinity during the past two years, has lead our citizens to a conviction of the utility of the "lightning rod," as there now can be seen upon almost every house in our immediate vicinity one or more of these great protectors of life and property, all of which have been erected during the present month.

It is rumored in this neighborhood that McFadden, the contractor of the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad, has entered into a contract with the Manassas and

Potomac Railroad Company for the construction of their Road from Potomac City to this place, thence through the Valley to the Coal regions, and that he will commence operations as soon as his contract with the A. & F. R. R. Company is completed which it is said will be about the last of next month.

Alexandria Gazette 23 Apr 1872

THE OCCOQUAN BRIDGE - The magnificent bridge over the Occoquan at Colchester was completed last week, and the locomotive crossed for the first time on Saturday. The track is 76 feet above the water, and is supported by a grand superstructure of wood and iron, resting on immense stone piers. It has been built in the most substantial manner, safe and durable, and is a picturesque object in the romantic scenery of the Occoquan. The cars will be able to run to Quantico in a few days. This road opens up a fine region to settlement, and we trust will soon be filled up with enterprising settlers. The land is good, well timbered and watered, and admirably located for market purposes. Parties interested in the road have purchased the lands near Colchester, and are laying out a town called Woodbridge, which will furnish many attractions. Accotink, also, already the site of a colony of excellent people from the north, with churches and schools, is a very favorable location for parties doing business in Washington. An enterprising gentleman from New York, Dr. Bangs, is starting a town at Quantico, which combines the advantages of river navigation with those of the railroad. Capitalist and persons looking for land in Virginia will do well to look along the line of the Washington and Richmond Railroad.

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Alexandria Gazette 24 Apr 1872

Letter from Prince William - Correspondence of the Virginia Star

Potomac City, Va., April 21. - Mr. Bangs has recommenced work on his large building at the depot of the Fredericksburg Railroad. The railroad company are erecting two buildings for the use of their employees, telegraph office, &c. A neat cottage has been erected at the Chappawamsic Bridge for the bridge tender. The track has been laid to the wharf, and next week, we hope the cars and streamers will connect at Quantico.

It will be some months before we have "all rail" from Richmond to Washington, but we can dispense with it till winter.

Two thousand shares of the Potomac Land Improvement Company having been subscribed a meeting of the stock holders will be held here on the 26th instant to elect directors.

Our farmers are very much behind hand with their spring work, owing to the wet and cold weather. Many have not finished sowing oats yet.

The wood and lumber business has been also retarded by the very bad condition of the roads.

I do not think the fruit has been injured by the frost. Cherry and peach trees are in bloom.

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Alexandria Gazette 07 May 1872

Prince William County - From the Manassas Gazette - A valuable cow belonging to Mr. Wm. E. Lipscomb, of Brentsville, which was bitten by a mad dog some time since, went mad last Sunday and on Tuesday was killed. She exhibited all the usual signs of hydrophobia. We hear that the same dog bit several calves belonging to Major Thornton of that place and also many dogs in the neighborhood. All the dogs in town have been confined. A mad dog was also killed at or near Nokesville last week.

Crawford Cushing, County Superintendent, calls upon the Conservative voters in the different townships to hold conventions on Saturday, 11th inst., to nominate candidates for the various offices to be filled by the election in May.

Major James Nokes has given a half acre lot at Nokesville, to the district School Board, to be used as a school house lot.

The drought has been so severe that the water in the Potomac, even as far up as Freestone Point, in this county, has been briny, and that tended in a great measure to cut off the run of fish.

Alexandria Gazette 13 May 1872

Prince William County - From the Manassas Gazette - The Board of Supervisors held a session at Brentsville last Tuesday. The acting County Superintendent of Public Schools presented a statement from the County School Board showing how much in their judgment it was necessary to levy for the support of Free Schools in the county, and the Supervisors made the following levies according to the report presented to them. For County Tax, three-fourths of a mill on the dollar or seven and a half cents on the \$100 worth of real and personal property. The following amounts were levied as District taxes for Free Schools; Gainesville three-fourths of a mill on the \$1.00 worth of property; Occoquan, same; Dumfries, same; Brentsville, half a mill; Manassas, same; Cole's same. The Board further levied a tax of \$1 on each dog in the county, in pursuance of the dog tax law enacted by the last Legislature. Three per cent commission was allowed the treasure for collecting the dog tax and the assessors twelve cents for each licenses issued to persons owning dogs. The Board further agreed to allow \$1.12 1/2 for every red and \$0.62 1/2 for every gray fox scalp taken in this country.

The county court held its monthly term last Monday and Tuesday. Several applications to correct assessments on lands were made. Also a case of bastardy was tried, both colored. The accused was required to give bond to support two children of the complainant, and having failed to give bond was committed to jail. The court appointed W. W. Davis and John H. Butler to act with James M. Sinclair in reassessing lands.

The voting precinct of Gainesville Township has been changed by the county court from Gainesville to Haymarket.

A calf the property of Major Thornton at Brentsville, which was supposed last week to have the hydrophobia, we learn, has recovered.

Allen Howison, esq, near Brentsville, had a valuable young mare stolen from his stable last Saturday night.

Alexandria Gazette 02 Jun 1872

Prince William County from the Manassas Gazette - On Friday afternoon, two houses occupied by Mrs. McCann, in the southwestern portion of Manassas, on the railroad, were destroyed by fire. Mrs. McCann had just returned from Alexandria with new furniture, and also just laid in a stock of household stores and provisions. The fire was occasioned by a spark from a locomotive. One of the buildings had just been completed, and was erected by the O. A. & M. R. R. Company for Mrs. McCann, in consideration of the fact that her husband was killed in the service of the company December 22, 1868. We hope that the entire community will assist the poor widow in this hour of adversity.

The recent vote on the question of removing the Court House, is to be contested before the Court, on various grounds, and counsel have been employed by the contestants.

The Manassas Memorial Association desire to sell a portion of the Confederate Cemetery lot for private burial grounds.

Joseph B. Reid, F. M. Lewis, Wm. M. Lynn, R. S. Davis, James H. Jordan and Crawford Cushing, esquires., were elected at the last election, Supervisors of the county for one year.

Alexandria Gazette - 21 Jun 1872

PUBLIC SALE - By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, entered on the 18th day of May, 1869, in a suit in chancery therein pending, in which John F. Larkin and others are plaintiffs, and Edwin F. Gaines, administrators, and others are defendants, the undersigned, commissioners, will sell before the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 1st day of July, 1872, that being Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following TRACTS or PARCELS OF LAND, to wit:

A TRACT of 243 acres and 15 poles, being part of the Bristoe Station tract, binding on the Bristoe and Haymarket road.

Also the tract known as the "CROSS PLACE," containing 95 acres of arable land, lying on the south side of the Haymarket and Brentsville road, within 1 1/2 miles of Bristoe Station.

Also a TRACT of 74 1/2 acres, situated between the Haymarket road and Broad Run, about one mile from Bristoe Station, and covered with a young growth of wood.

Also a tract of 39 acres, known as the "PARK LOT," situated on the Greenwich road, about one half mile from the Bristoe Station, all in wood.

Also an UNDIVIDED HALF OF A TRACT of 240 ACRES, situated on the Greenwich road, about two miles from Bristoe; all arable land.

TERMS: One fourth cash, and the residue on a credit of one, two and three years, with interest from date; the purchaser to give bond, with security, and the title to be retained till the last payment is made, subject to be resold at the purchaser's risk.

A. Nicol, Wm. H. Payne, commissioners, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jul 1872

Prince William County - From the MANASSAS GAZETTE - We have had several very refreshing showers within the past week and vegetation of every kind has been greatly renewed.

The well in Brentsville is so near dry that the citizens are drinking water hauled from the run.

Some malicious person set fire to and burned the gate of Mr. W. H. Campbell's farm leading to the residence.

H. G. Greene, of Petersburg, had been invited by the Radicals to speak at Brentsville, on court day, on the issues of the Presidential campaign.

The new Postal route from Manassas to Dumfries commences July 2d. The mails leave Manassas at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and Dumfries, on same days, at 1, p.m.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Jul 1872

Letter from Prince William County, Va. - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Haymarket, July 26, - I write to give you the particulars of a most sad affair which occurred near Thoroughfare Gap, a few miles from here, late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. John O'Brian a very estimable young man living in this place, being somewhat under the influence of liquor, became involved in a difficulty with Elijah Clowe who drew a pocket knife and inflicted a wound extending from the groin deep into the abdomen. The wound was several inches in length. O'Brian was at once carried to the house of a friend living near, and every effort was made to save life, but his death took place this morning. He bled very much internally.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Jul 1872

Prince William County News from the Manassas Gazette

Our village has been considerably excited since Sunday morning last, when it was ascertained that a young daughter of one of our most prominent citizens had left home without the knowledge of her parents, and taken the northern bound freight train going into Alexandria.

Thomas Keys, baggage master on the Manassas division of the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad, has been transferred to the main line. Capt. Boliver Ward, who held the position that Mr. Keys has been transferred from, takes it back. Capt. W. is one of the most accommodating officers on the road.

The farmers of this section are now engaged in shipping their wheat to market. Eight or ten wagons can be seen each day backing up to the depot at this place, and unloading the golden grain.

A camp meeting of the M. E. Church, will commence at Manassas Junction, Prince William County, Friday, August 2d. Ample accommodations will be made for persons from a distance.

Mr. A. D. Finch has sold his farm near this place, containing 110 acres, to Philip Farrington, of New York State, for \$2,000

The association of the Old School Baptist Church, will commence at the Bethlehem Church, about one mile from this place, on Wednesday.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Aug 1872

OAKLAND, Prince William County, Aug. 2. - I attended yesterday, a very pleasant affair, under the title of "Festival and Dinner" at "Ewell's Chapel," situated on the "Old Carolina road, about equi-distance from Haymarket and Aldie. It was originated by the ladies and gentlemen of that neighborhood for the purpose of raising funds for the repairs to said chapel, and their anticipations were more than realized.

For several days previous to the festival the parties interested had met, and with hammer and saw, the muscles using them being invigorated by the bright smiles and winning ways of lovely women, the arrangements were successfully completed. A table for the grand dinner, capable of seating forty persons was soon built, and the whole covered with an arbour of evergreens. (This is just a small excerpt from the article).

Alexandria Gazette 04 Aug 1872

Prince William County, from the Manassas Gazette - The camp meeting at this place was opened last evening by the sermon from Rev. Mr. Baine pastor in charge. There are several large tents already pitched and others will pitch tents to-day. The preparations indicate a large attendance.

Mr. Pine is running a two horse mail stage between this place and Dumfries. He has an excellent team and a comfortable vehicle, and his charges are very moderate.

The county court will commence its August term on Monday (to-day.) An attorney for the Commonwealth will be appointed by Judge Nicol in place of James F. Clark who has left the county.

At the last meeting of the County School Board, it was resolved to hold a Teacher's Institute for the benefit of the teachers of Prince William county on Friday the 30th day of August 1872, and Manassas was selected as the point at which the Institute would be held.

There was a large attendance at the festival of the Presbyterian church in this place, on Tuesday night last, and a great deal of pleasure enjoyed by those who attended. A considerable sum of money was raised.

A meeting of the citizens of Manassas will be held in the lecture room of the M. E. Church on Friday night, August 16th, at 7 p.m., to take into consideration the securing of a permanent burial place for the dead.

There will be a race run on Saturday, the 10th of August, for a purse of \$100, to come off at Woodbridge, near Occoquan, Prince William County, Va. Selecman enters Broom Sedge ; and Metzger enters Dolly Varden.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Aug 1872

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. - Jas. B. Sener, Radical candidate for Congress in the first Congressional District, and W. W. Douglass, elector on the Grant ticket, announce that they will speak at Brentsville on the next court day, Monday, September 2d.

A singular phenomenon was noticed at Brentsville on the night of August 10. During the rain the moon broke through the clouds in the west and there appeared in the east,

spanning the entire heavens, a beautiful rainbow which remained there for fully half an hour.

A picnic will be given near Brentsville on Tuesday the 2nd inst., which judging from the names of the managers, will be one of the most pleasant affairs of the season.

Mr. Frank Cannon has sold about 5,000 railroad ties for the Danville extension. These ties were purchased for the Fredericksburg railroad, but were not taken, and have been on hand some time.

A race was run on Tuesday last at Manassas between a sorrel colt owned by H. B. Varns and a sorrel mare owned by C. L. Hynson. Mr. Varns' colt was entered by C. A. Cannon and Mr. Hynson's mare by Wm. E. Goodwin. The distance was 940 yards. The race was won by the colt, beating the mare ten feet. The stake was \$120

Alexandria Gazette 22 Aug 1872

Letter from Prince William - Correspondence of the Fredericksburg Star. Potomac City, Va. Aug. 18 - We have at last been blessed with a bountiful rain in fact, the most abundant that we have had at any one time this year. Previous to the rain the beds of Chappawamsic, Powell's and Neabsco creeks, when they were forded on the telegraph road, were as dusty as your streets, and Neabsco had ceased running through the bed of the ford at Dumfries was a little damp. Our wells and splendid springs of soft, cold water gave an abundant supply.

The walls of the large hotel at this place are completed. The wing has been covered with tin roofing, and the main building will soon be covered.

The nomination of Major Braxton has given great satisfaction to our people, and we shall endeavor to increase his majority.

Although not in his district, we took a lively interest in the success of General Eppa Hunton, who was so long a resident of our county, and so deservedly popular.

All the democrats of my acquaintances are for Greeley and Brown, and we intend to increase "Eight hundred and seven for Braxton" and Greeley and Brown.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Aug 1872

ARREST OF JAMES F. CLARK - James F. Clark, late Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the unanimous and persistent choice of the Prince William delegation in the last Senatorial Convention, of whose late exploits an extended notice appeared in Thursday's Gazette, arrived in Fredericksburg on the train from Washington last Thursday, but left that town immediately on a horse hired from the livery stable of Mr. Thomas Haydon, stating that he was going a few miles in the country. Yesterday morning he was arrested at the residence of his father-in-law, in King George County, about ten miles from Fredericksburg, by Sergeant Edrington on the charge of abducting and carrying away Miss Fannie Fewell, brought back to Fredericksburg and taken before a Justice of the peace, but waiving an examination, was committed to jail to appear before a Magistrate of Prince William county within thirty days, in default of bail to the amount of \$600. Last night, however, he employed counsel, who sued out a writ of habeas corpus, upon which he was brought before Judge Goolrick, this morning, and after an examination was remanded to jail to await a requisition from the authorities of Prince William county. The Judge afterwards

reconsidered the case and determined to hold Clark for examination at 1 o'clock next Monday evening. It is understood that Clark left Miss Fewell with whom he eloped about a month since, in Washington, and her relatives have gone thereto look for her. The arrest was made at the instance of Miss Fewell's father, who having heard that Clark had gone to Fredericksburg started immediately for that place, and Clark was so afraid that Mr. Fewell would shoot him on sight, that he refused to come on the street until that gentleman had been bound over to keep the peace. A few days ago a gentleman residing at Manassas received a letter from Clark asking particularly about Miss Fewell of whose elopement he said he had just heard.

Alexandria Gazette 26 Aug 1872

THE CLARK AFFAIR - On Saturday morning last Mr. Benjamin Merchant, a brother in law of Miss Fannie Fewell, arrived in Washington, and with the aid of detective McElfresh succeeded in finding the young lady at Boyles Hotel, from which place she was taken to police headquarters. In answer to questions she stated that she was married to Clark in Washington, but was unable to name the minister or place where the ceremony was performed, nor could the officers find any record of such names on the marriage record in the office of the clerk of court. She appeared much affected on meeting her brother in law, and was crying bitterly as she left headquarters on her way to the railroad station. She passed through here, accompanied by her brother in law, on Saturday's evening train for her home at Manassas, but left that place this morning in a hack accompanied by her father and Judge Sinclair, who has been employed by her father as counsel, for Occoquan, to take the train for Fredericksburg, where Clark was to have been examined before Judge Goolrick at half past four o'clock this evening.

Alexandria Gazette 26 Aug 1872

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - There was considerable excitement at Manassas on Saturday, upon the receipt of the intelligence of the arrest of Jas F. Clark, in Fredericksburg. It was reported that he would be brought up on the train and a large crowd assembled at the depot, and so much indignation was expressed that it was feared that summary punishment would be meted out to him. He did not come, however.

A number of claimants before the Southern Claims Commission from this county have recently received their money through the hands of their attorney, Geo. Round, of this place.

The new barn of Mr. Henry Dane, in Dumfries Township, was struck by lightning during last week, and burned to the ground with all of this year's crops which had been stored therein.

Preparations are being made to hold a Conservative mass meeting at Manassas sometime during the month of September. The meeting will be held in the woods where the camp meeting was held. A number of prominent speakers have signified their willingness to address the meeting.

A joint discussion of the comparative merits of Grant and Greeley for the Presidency has been arranged to take place at Manassas on Saturday, August 31st, at 2 o'clock,

p.m., at the Manassas Hotel. Major Wilmer McLean is to preside. Mr. D. W. Whiting, editor of the Gazette, and Mr. Robert J. Round, of Middletown, Connecticut, are to appear as the champions for Greeley, and Mr. George C. Round and a second, to be hereafter selected, are to appear for Grant.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Aug 1872

THE CASE OF JAMES F. CLARK from the Fredericksburg Ledger. - Since the publication in our last issue of the account of the elopement of James F. Clark with Miss Fanny Fewell, of Manassas, Va., several occurrences have taken place which deepened the interest which that account excited here, where both parties are known, and Clark especially, well known. To the astonishment of everybody, Clark appeared in Fredericksburg on Thursday, arriving by the 11 o'clock train, and procuring a horse at one of our livery stables, departed at once to the house of Wm. Lee, in Stafford, the father of his wife, where his wife and children have been living since his absence from the State. The family of Miss Fewell received intelligence on the same day that she was in Washington, and suspecting that Clark would leave her there and visit his family, sent a telegram of inquiry for him that morning. Receiving an affirmative answer, they asked for his arrest; but being informed that this could not be done on such slender authority, telegraphed that they would be here next day. On Friday Mr. Fewell, father of the young lady, and Mr. Merchant, a connection of the family, arrived and after consultation with the Commonwealth's Attorney, obtained from Recorder Sener a warrant for Clark's arrest, on the charge of abductions of the daughter of Mr. Fewell. The warrant Gore. They arrested Clark at Mr, Lee's house was placed in the hands of officers Edrington and without trouble, and whenever the subject was mentioned in the conversation along the road. Clark firmly asserted his innocence. He was brought in and arraigned before Recorder Sener in the afternoon. Messrs. John L. Marye Jr. and Charles Herndon appeared as his counsel and C. Wistar Wallace, Commonwealth's Attorney, for the prosecution. Mr Wallace did not wish to proceed with the case until he could procure certain necessary witnesses. Mr. Marye replied that the only examination that could now be had was with the view to sending the accused to the county where the offense occurred, and the proceedings here would be widely disseminated, he wished to say that Mr. Clark pronounced the reports of this affair a most unfounded aspersion of his character and assured him, distinctly and unequivocally, that he had no connection whatever with the disappearance of the young lady, and no knowledge of her during his travels west, whither he had been merely on a voyage of exploration to select a place of location. As soon as he heard of the rumors connecting his name with this affair, he had turned from his business in the west and started home to face his accusers in Prince William, and is ready to go now, this moment, with the officers and these gentlemen.

Captain Wallace and Mr. Fewell said that was all they desired, and the case was therefore so disposed of, but it was deemed necessary to hear the evidence of Messrs. Fewell and Merchant before committing Mr. Clark to custody. The following is their narrative of the elopement and pursuit.

Mr. Fewell, the father of the young girl, has lived at Manassas since 1865. His daughter though only sixteen years of age, is said to be of great beauty and most

engaging manners. Her mother has been dead for some years, and she has been brought up under every indulgence having been from her earliest years the pet of the household.

There never has been anything in Clark's conduct to arouse suspicions in the minds of any number of her family that he designed her ruin. They had heard of no intimacy between them except of a ride in a buggy a few days before he left Manassas. Clark never boarded at Mr. Fewell's house, as it has been reported, and left Manassas ten days before his daughter disappeared. She did not live with her father, but with her older sister, the wife of Mr. R. B. Merchant of Manassas, and from Mr. Merchant's house the elopement occurred.

On Friday night before her disappearance an old man with a hand trunk called at Mr. Fewell's Hotel on the arrival of the evening train, and feigning drunkenness, asked for liquor. He was directed across the street, whither he went. The next night he appeared again at the same hour and with the same actions, but without the hand-trunk. The next night being Sunday night the 20th July, a freight train arrived at Manassas at midnight. Miss Fewell, as the train was coming in, passed the door of her brother in law's room and in answer to a question from him, replied that she was ill and was going out. As the night was bright, he thought nothing strange of this, and only desired her to take her maid servant with her. Becoming alarmed from her protracted absence. Mrs. Merchant went to look for her and could not find her on the premises. In the meantime her father, who is depot agent at Manassas, while on the platform attending to his duties had observed a female figure coming towards the train from the direction of Mr. Merchant's house, proceeded by a man carrying a hand trunk, but never for a moment suspected that it was his daughter. Having finished his business with the train, he went home and retired, and was waked up in a few minutes by Mr. Merchant, who informed him of his daughter's disappearance. They went together and searched the car, but in vain. The young lady was concealed in the water closet. The man with the hand -trunk occupied a seat in the car. He was seen afterwards in conversation with Miss Fanny by the train hands and was overheard telling her that "the Lieutenant would not stop in Washington," but would take the cars at the first station beyond. When the train arrived at Alexandria a carriage was in waiting and the young girl entered it and drove away. The watchman at the depot and the conductor of the train saw a man in the carriage, whom they described as a small man, with light hair and light moustache. He told the watchman he was a clerk in Washington, and had been seen waiting there with the carriage for two nights before. The hand trunk man told the watchman that he had been helping the young couple off. From Alexandria all traces of the fugitives were lost until the first depot beyond Washington was reached. The agent at this depot informed Mr. Merchant that a young couple answering the description had taken the train there the day before, and the agent accurately described both of them, even describing the dress worn by the lady, which was recognized by Mr. Merchant. Pursuit was made to Baltimore but without effect, and for the first time Clark was suspected.

After suspicion was directed to Clark, it was learned that he had given out that he had gone to Memphis and had ordered his letters to be sent there. On writing to the postmaster at that place it was learned that he had not been there at all, but had

ordered his letters to be forwarded to Alton, Illinois. Further inquiries confirmed still more strongly these suspicions, and eventually convinced Mr. Fewell that Clark was the guilty man, who, by the agency of the mysterious man of the hand-trunk had seduced the young lady from her home. After her disappearance by the officiousness of neighbors, many facts were brought to the knowledge of her family which if they had been communicated before, would have prevented the sad occurrence.

At the close of the examination Clark was taken charge of by the officers for delivery to the authorities of Prince William County. Every preparation was made for departure by the night mail train, and the party was at the Exchange Hotel awaiting the hour to go; but about 9 o'clock, being made acquainted with the threats against his life by the incensed community at Manassas, Clark concluded that it would not be safe for him to get into their power, and applied to Judge Goolrick for a writ of habeas corpus. The writ was awarded, and the hour of 10:am Saturday morning fixed for the bearing. Clark was then taken to jail and locked up for the night.

Promptly at 10 a.m. Saturday the Judge took his seat, and Clark was brought before him. Officer Edrington made his return to the writ, showing his warrant of law by which he held the prisoner, and an affidavit of Recorder Sener, setting forth the agreement of the accused to go to Prince William was also filed. Mr Herndon made a strong appeal for the accused, reiterating Clark's emphatic denial of complicity in the abduction of the young girl and stating that he would have been discharged; the day before for want of evidence but for his offer to go to Prince William. Owing to well founded apprehensions of violence he had reconsidered his determination.

After argument on both sides, the Judge remanded Clark to custody, but in view of the danger of bodily harm to which he was exposed, ordered him to be let to bail in \$600 to appear before a magistrate of Prince William within thirty days. He was allowed five days within which to furnish bail, and meanwhile is remanded to jail. But before the order had been entered, information was received here that Miss Fanny Fewell had been found in Washington and had exposed the whole affair, charging it upon Clark, and that further evidence of his guilt would be supplied on Monday. The Judge accordingly reconsidered his order in regard to bail and determined to rehear the application for bail yesterday at 4:30 p.m.

Up to the hour of going to press the witnesses expected had not arrived, but were reported on the way, traveling by private conveyance. The result of this examination is awaited with much interest. The sentiment here is decidedly against Clark, but there is no disposition to condemn him unheard since the law has been appealed to for redress of the injury.

The families affected by this unfortunate affair have the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of this community. - See telegraphic dispatch for concluding proceedings.

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TELEGRAPH NEWS - Special Dispatches to the Gazette - Case of Jas. F. Clark  
Clark Remanded to Prince William----- Miss Fewell's health---- Other persons  
Implicated in Miss F.'s Elopement --- Clark's Arrival at Manassas and Committal to Jail  
--- Trial not yet set.

Fredericksburg, Aug 27, - The examination of the witnesses in the Clark case, which

was to take place here yesterday, was cut short by the illness of Miss Fewell, who had to be examined at her room by the Court and counsel, and during the examination was attacked so severely with hysteria that the examination was suspended. Her health not admitting of a renewal of the examination for several days, the case was submitted, upon the evidence already taken and published, and Clark was remanded to the custody of the jailer to be delivered to the authorities of Prince William County.

Sergeant Edrington left here with Clark last night.

Miss Fewell's deposition implicates other parties at Manassas, of respectable standing, in the plan and accomplishment of her elopement. W.

MANASSAS, Prince William County, August 27 -- Clark, in charge of officer Edrington, reached Brentsville this morning quietly, but exhibited signs of much fear. He was at once committed to the jail of the county, to remain there under a strong guard, until his trial, the time for which has not yet been set.

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JAS F. CLARKE, whose examination upon a charge of abduction, took place in Fredericksburg yesterday, and resulted in his being remanded to Prince William County for trial, reached this city at four o'clock this morning on the train from Fredericksburg, in charge of Sergeant Edrington and a guard of five men, C. A. Gore, C. D. Cole, J. A. Tayloe, A. B. Rowe, and R. W. Gravvott, all armed with revolvers, and was carried to the City Hotel, where he remained until the train on the O. A. & M. R. R. left for Manassas. The guard was brought at his instance to protect him from the summary vengeance which he supposed might be inflicted upon him by the relations of Miss Fewell, or other citizens of Prince William County. The news of his arrival spread rapidly, and notwithstanding the early hour, the reception room, and all the rooms on the lower floor of the hotel were speedily filled by persons anxious to obtain a look at him. People had just commenced going to market, and the sellers and buyers for a time forgot their more immediate concerns to catch a glimpse of the man whom many of them knew, or had heard of before his connection with the late deplorable affair, as one bearing an honorable name and likely to do well in the world, but who now has attached to him a stain which can never be effaced. He was dressed in a blue cap, black alpaca sack coat, and blue pants; wore a soiled shirt without a collar, and looked haggard and worn. It was almost impossible to converse with him owing to the great crowd that surrounded him, and who were eager to hear any words that might escape his lips, but in response to the questions of some who had formerly been his friends, and who asked him "how he came to get in such a scrape," he said that he had done so "without thinking of the consequences," and that he "was not the only one to blame in the transaction." He sat down at the first breakfast table and ate heartily, and though but few usually eat at that table, it was crowded this morning. The crowd remained about the hotel until he and his guard left for the depot, to which place many followed him, and where a large number of persons assembled and witnessed his departure for Manassas

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THE CASE OF JAS. F. CLARK - Examination at Fredericksburg - From the

Fredericksburg Star - The court met promptly at 4 1/2 p.m. Motion was made by the Commonwealth's Attorney for a continuation of the case until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. J. B. Sener, counsel for prisoner, desired a continuation until Wednesday. The Judge saw no good grounds for continuance and ordered that the case be proceeded with at once. By agreement of counsel for prisoner and Attorney for Commonwealth the case was postponed until 8 o'clock p.m.

Miss Fewell, in company with her sister, B. D. Merchant, Dr. Marsteller and Judge Chas. E. Sinclair, Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William, in the meantime had arrived in town. It was ascertained that the physical condition of Miss Fewell would not admit of a public examination, and by consent of counsel it was determined to take her affidavit.

The counsel then sought Miss Fewell, who was stopping at the Farmers' Hotel, and commenced to take her affidavit. She being duly sworn, testified as follows:

"My name is Fanny S. Fewell; born on the 29th of June 1856. I am the daughter of W. F. Fewell, a resident of Manassas, Prince William County, Va. I first became acquainted with Mr. Jas, F. Clark early this summer at the residence of Mr. Hinson at Manassas. I met him often at Mr. Hinson's. His wife and children were with him when I first made his acquaintance. I don't know how long this was before the removal of his family to King George County; he paid me no particular attention until after his wife left. I received a note inviting me to Mrs. Hinson's. Mrs. Hinson said he had left his wife forever. The next day I received another note from Mr. Clark, in which he stated that he had separated from his wife, or rather that his wife had left him, and that he intended settling in the West; from that time up to the time I left I received notes from him, these notes urging me to come with him. I then wanted to know if he and his wife had really separated; he told me that they had positively. I then made up my mind to go with him; that is, I was urged to go with him. He promised to marry me when I got to Washington. (At this point Miss Fewell gave way under excitement, and through the advice of her physician further examination was dispensed with)

The court reassembled at 8 o'clock, and Mr. B. D. Merchant was sworn, and testified as follows:

Miss Fannie Fewell left my house on the night of July 21st, about 12 o'clock. Becoming aware of her absence I immediately made it known to her father, and in company with him searched a freight train which was then at the depot. Not finding her we concluded that she was in the village. Becoming satisfied that she was not in the village I took the next train for Alexandria, where I made inquiry for her, and learned that she in company with a man had taken a hack and went in the direction of Washington City. I followed them and traced them to a point on the Washington & Baltimore railroad; about five miles beyond Washington, at which place I learned they had taken the cars to Baltimore. The description given of them by the Railroad agent at this place assured me that it was Mr. Clark and Fanny, and here for the first time was my suspicion aroused towards Mr. Clark. I then returned home.

Questioned by Mr. Wallace - Where did you next hear from them?

Witness - I saw published in the Lynchburg Republican an account of them, taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer of August 16th. I next heard of Clark being in Washington, and on the same day received information that he had visited

Fredericksburg, and then Mr. Fewell took steps for his apprehension. Mr. Fewell and myself left Manassas for Fredericksburg on Thursday night, arriving here the next day at 11 a.m. On the evening of our departure from Manassas information was received that Fanny was at Boyle's Hotel, room 37, in Washington City. Soon after arriving at Fredericksburg Mr. Fewell procured a warrant for Clark's arrest, which was placed in the officer's hands and Clark arrested. I left Fredericksburg on the night train, and proceeded to Washington; upon arriving there I went to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad depot where I remained until five o'clock, a.m.; walked over to Boyle's Hotel and made inquiry for the party occupying room 37. I was informed that the clerk was out, and the man, whom I took to be a porter for the hotel, was unable to give me the information I sought. I then returned to the depot and found the party who had first informed me of Fanny's arrival in Washington, and was reassured that she was at this hotel; I returned to the hotel and took breakfast; when I went to pay my bill I asked the clerk if the lady who occupied the room 37 was in. He replied she was not. I ask him if there was not a lady in the house unattended, who arrived there on Sunday or Monday. He said no; that the lady I was looking for took the train for Baltimore the evening before. I believed that this young lady was still at this hotel, and went to a magistrate and stated the object of my visit was to take such legal steps as would lead to my securing this lady. He directed a detective to take the matter in hand; who deputized two policemen to proceed to Boyle's Hotel and ascertain, if this lady was there. They went to this hotel and found her there; she accompanied them to the office of the chief of police, where I met her, and asked her if she was willing to go home with me. "Yes," she replied, "I'm willing to go with you." We then went to the house of a friend and at 7 o'clock, p.m., took the train for Manassas.

Question by Mr. Wallace -- Have you not a letter in your possession written to this young lady by Clark? -- Witness - I have.

The letter was produced, but not read before the court. It was written from Fredericksburg on Thursday last, and contained many sweet and affectionate words, and promises that he would soon be with her in Washington. A fictitious name was appended to the letter.

Wallace -- Can you qualify to the hand writing? Witness -- I can.

Wallace -- How did you become in possession of this letter? Witness -- Fanny gave it to me soon after we got in the carriage in Washington.

Wallace -- Has that letter been in your possession ever since? Witness -- It has.

Mr. Sener -- What time did Mrs. Clark leave Manassas? Witness -- I don't know.

Mr. Sener -- How long did Clark's family reside at Manassas? Witness -- I am not positive as to the time, several months I believe.

Mr. Sener -- Where did Clark move from when he came to Manassas? Witness -- From Brentsville

Dr. E. H. Marsteller, of Manassas, was then called, and being sworn, testified as follows: "The young lady was at present laboring under nervous symptoms, having just recovered from hysterical spasms, (to which she is predisposed,) produced by over exertion and excitement, and therefore unfit for further examination. She is naturally nervous and excitable, but possibly might be able to undergo examination tomorrow, though he was not positive because the paroxysm might occur at any time.

After argument by C. Wistar Wallace and Judge Charles E. Sinclair for the Commonwealth, and J. B. Sener for prisoner, the judge delivered an opinion refusing to release the prisoner upon a writ of habeas corpus as illegally in custody and also refusing to bail him, and Clark was then remanded to the custody of the sergeant to be carried to Prince William County.

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**The Case of Jas. F. Clark.** -- The Clark affair, the main particulars of which, so far developed, have heretofore been published in the Gazette, considering the character of the persons connected with it, and the apparently unaccountable course pursued by the accused, who is now incarcerated in a felon's cell, is so remarkable in all its surroundings, that the interest excited by its first announcement, so far from diminishing, is on the increase, and will doubtless continue until the trial of the principal has been concluded and he shall have left Prince William County, or what is feared by many, been buried beneath its already blood stained sod, the victim of the vengeance of a grief-crazed father or an enraged and desperate brother. A reporter for the Gazette yesterday called at the jail in Brentsville, and was admitted into the presence of the accused. He is confined in what is known as the debtor's cell which is a room about ten feet square on the second floor, with an iron grating over an ordinary sized single window opening to the West, in front of which, and in full view, stands the Episcopal Church, upon which he can look and meditate when not otherwise employed, and a solid wooden door. It is furnished with an iron bedstead, on which was a mattress and comfort, and over the head of which a shawl was thrown for a pillow; two chairs, one, however, with only three legs, so that in order to keep it in an upright position, it had been placed in a corner, and was supported by the walls; a table, on which were lying some paper and envelopes, pen and ink, and the remnants of his breakfast in a plate. A blackened tin wash basin sitting upon the broken chair, completed the list of serviceable furniture, though the different parts of a wooden bedstead were piled up on the floor against the eastern wall. A fire place leading to an open chimney was near the head of the bed. The walls of the room were bare and needed white washing. Clark was reclining on the bed in his shirt sleeves, and in response to a question concerning his health, said he was as well as could be expected. A conversation then commenced and continued for about an hour, during which, though most of the efforts usually successful in drawing out an interviewed party were resorted to, they failed to elicit any thing relating to his points of defense, except that he had not promised Miss Fewell to marry her, had not seduced her, nor had he ever seduced any girl. He seemed perfectly confident of an acquittal, and said that the Recorder of Fredericksburg would have released him at the preliminary examination had he demanded a release. In response to a question about his extraordinary conduct in returning from the West to Fredericksburg, he said that remorse had nothing to do with it, but that the reason would be made known at his trial. When asked how far West he had gone, he said he should follow the advice he had always given his clients, acknowledge nothing, but that the young lady said she had gone so far as Mexico, Missouri. In regard to the parties he was reported to have given at his house, after he had sent his wife home, he said they were given not by

himself, but by the young men of Manassas; that he did not dance with Miss Fewell every set, and that as he was fond of dancing and saw no harm in it, he would continue to dance as long as it pleased him, irrespective of what other people thought of it. He said the only time he had ever been seen with Miss Fewell alone was once when they were buggy riding, and that then they were accompanied on the ride by another couple. So far from abducting Miss Fewell, the charge upon which he was arrested, he said that Gov. Marve had showed that she had eluded those who were searching for her, but why, how, or for whom she eluded them he could not tell, for that would be divulging his line of defense. The prosecution fearing they could not convict him on the charge for which he was committed had, he said, endeavored to pick up flying rumors of fraudulent transactions and form them into charges upon which to hold him, but they would fail in this too. Mr. Fewell and his son had not, he said, been friendly with him since he had gone to Alexandria and had the latter arrested and brought back to Prince William for a breach of the peace, and that Rhody, instead of shooting him, as last Saturday it was reported he was going to do, had gotten so drunk that he had to be put to bed, and since then had gone off up the road with the lightning rod man. It would be, however, he said, a very easy matter to assassinate an unarmed man. He was extremely sorry, not for the moral guilt of which he was accused, but which he did not admit, but for the notoriety he had gained, and the annoyance it had occasioned so many people, as if by the loss of his two arms he could have avoided it, he would willingly have sacrificed them. He was aware, he said, that the feelings of those who had formerly been his friends were against him, and had been since his advocacy of the removal of the Court House to Manassas, and that was one reason why he had determined to leave the county. He also knew that he had been charged with radicalism, and that it was reported he had gotten \$1000 for a promise to stump Tennessee for Grant, but these charges, like that of abduction, were groundless. He said he had been treated very kindly by those in whose charge he had been since his arrest, particularly in Fredericksburg, where he supposed an attempt would have been made to assassinate him, but where he had made up his mind that if any shooting was to be done it would be by him who could draw his pistol first. He said he anticipated no personal injury while in the hands of the law, and that the jailer had promised him he would admit no one into the jail at night; and that "they don't think I will attempt an escape," he said, "you see there is no guard around the jail, there is but one jailer, my door and the outside door are open, or there's the chimney, out of which I could climb were I so disposed." He said that upon his arrival from Fredericksburg he was taken before Justice P. G. Weedon, and as he waived an examination, had been committed for his appearance at an examination to be held on Saturday next, the Justice refusing to let him to bail without a previous trial. If, however, he should not succeed in obtaining counsel and in having a conference with them by that day, he should demand a postponement of the investigation, and that that would be the case he thought was more than probable, for he had been allowed no opportunity for communicating with his friends, indeed a telegram he had endeavored to send to his father yesterday from Manassas was returned to him because, not knowing the exact amount of the charge, he had not sent with it quite enough money. He said Miss Fewell had not manifested any especial love for him; that his wife knew all about the

affair and that his father in law had been ready in Fredericksburg to go upon his bail bond. The interview here ended, the reporter promising to call again in a short time for a card which the prisoner said he would write, and which he desired to be printed. In about a half hour the reporter accompanied by a young gentlemen of the village called for the card, which not being completed they said they would withdrew in order and he might finish it. He would not agree to that, however, telling them to be seated, for, said he, I can say to you as Judge Thomas said to Judge Keith, when the latter stopped in an argument he was making before the former, because Judge Thomas picked up a newspaper and commenced reading it, "Go on Sir, you don't incommode me." He then took up a pen again and in a short time wrote the following card:

BRENTSVILLE, Prince William County, Va., Aug 27, I am here incarcerated in jail, denied the free opportunity of advising with relatives or friends, or of engaging counsel to conduct my defense. I have never had so much as a preliminary examination before justice of the peace; have never been confronted with those witnesses on whose testimony alone my prosecution may hope in any contingency base my conviction; have never had an opportunity to converse with or to have examined a single witness in my behalf, and have under these circumstances been compelled to listen to defamatory denunciations of the people and permitted to read newspaper articles written to embitter public feeling against me and to create in the judgment of the people my conviction of a crime, before I have been even arraigned therefore in any criminal forum of the country. I know how sensitive public opinion is and how easily it is operated upon to the prejudice of any one charged with a crime of this character, but surely it is bare justice to withhold popular out-cry against me until I have been convicted before a jury of my countrymen. Especially does this seem to me a right which I can confidently expect to have recognize by the press, since in no article that I have seen has my previous life for rectitude and integrity in such matters ever been assailed, and since I came to the community where arrest might reasonably have been expected and have never shrunk from any investigation of the case. I feel the deepest sorrow for all parties concerned in this most unfortunate affair, and no earthly ill will towards any who are engaged in an effort to rivet upon me a legal conviction and to place me in a felon's cell. But I am NOT GUILTY of the charge against me, and when the case is fully investigated and all the facts fully developed, I have no fears of a conviction by a jury. If I have violated any law let that law punish me through its recognized and sworn agencies. I am in the custody of the law and expect to be discharged as the law directs and don't ask a discharge in any other way.

JAMES F. CLARK.

At Manassas an interview would have been held with Miss Fewell, but for the extreme nervous condition in which she has been ever since her return, and which her physician, Dr. Emlyn Marstellar, said, was marked by violent headache, great prostration and frequent convulsions. She will see no gentleman but her physician and her counsel, Judge Sinclair, preferring death, she says, to the sight of her father.

Her father is nearly overcome with grief, and says that his daughter has been the victim of a deep laid and hellish plot; that he promised the Recorder in Fredericksburg he would not interfere with Clark while his trial was in progress, but that if he had known then what he does now so far from making that promise, he would have blown

Clark's brains out though in the sight of Judge and Jury; for that after enticing his daughter away from home by promising to marry her, he had, when tired of her, robbed and basely deserted her hundreds of miles away from home, and that she had to beg her way back to Washington, and leave her trunk to pay for a hotel bill of \$30, which Clark had contracted in Missouri. He is astonished, he says, at the conduct of Mrs. Hynson, who is said to have assisted Clark in the abduction with which he is charged, by telling Miss Fewell that he was divorced from his wife, urging her to go to him, and giving her \$50 with which to pay her expenses until she met him. Mrs. Hynson, he says, he has always heretofore, looked upon as a friend of his family, and as a lady in every respect, and well worthy of the society of her connections, who are among the best people of the county.

Judge Sinclair, who was appointed Commonwealth's Attorney for the county when Clark resigned that office, and who is conducting the prosecuting of this case with his usual ability and efficiency, also says that he is thoroughly convinced that Miss Fewell has been villainously treated, and that Clark will not be permitted to go unpunished. He says, however, that he will not press for an early trial of the case, but will give Clark ample time to procure counsel. He has in his possession the following letter received by Miss Fewell from Clark, while she was concealed in Boyle's Hotel, Washington, after her return from the West:

MY DEAR LITTLE GIRL: - I got here this morning about a half hour ago and shall go out to Mr. Wroe's to-day to see if papa is out in that country anywhere. I am immensely warm and know you are almost melted without thin clothes to wear. You do not know darling how much I have missed you, and how much more I shall miss you before we again meet, which I hope is not far distant. Everything looks dreary here. I've only met one man I knew and he was a mere passing acquaintance. You must try my precious little girl to be contented while I am gone and keep as quiet as possible. I will be back in a day or two, perhaps before the time I appointed. I can't tell yet whether I will take the train here or come up through Prince William. It depends upon what I hear from papa and others, I don't apprehend any difficulty though and you must not be uneasy in the least. I shall expect you to write to me so I can get the letter Saturday without fail, and a long letter, for I shall be anxious to hear from you, and whether short absence has made you forget one who like yourself, has made sacrifice of the past. Don't make any exposure of yourself in any way for fear some one will find out where you are and get you away from me. I am writing this letter very badly I know, but I but I can't help it. My hands are wet with perspiration and I can't put them on the paper without soiling it. I hope your clothes will have come by the time I get back, and that you will be a little more comfortable. You need not be afraid I will forget you darling while I am gone, for you are too dearly impressed upon my heart in the most solemn and deep manner for me to lose sight of you. Bless your dear little heart, don't forget me and be sure to write. I declare I am nearly melted. It is scandalously warm now, and everybody is just sweating away. I shall write again so it will leave here by Saturday's mail. Don't fail to write, and don't forget me and be a good little girl in every way. As bad a little flirt as you are I am not afraid to trust you. God bless you darling and preserve you in quiet and safety for me. Ever and fondly yours, James

Fredericksburg, August 22, 1872

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The Clark Affair - Clark Shot By Miss Fewell's Brother

As anticipated, the Clark affair has come to a terrible and bloody conclusion. About half past ten o'clock this morning Dr. Lewis, of this city received the following telegram from Dr. Barber of Brentsville:

"Manassas, Aug. 31. - Come to Brentsville at once, if possible; Mr. Jas. F. Clark, was shot this morning dangerously. Bring instruments."

The train for Manassas had started at eight o'clock, so the Doctor could not go. He, however, told a few persons that he had received the dispatch, and the news soon spread throughout the whole city.

At a few minutes after 11 o'clock the following dispatch was received at the Gazette office, and its substance having been posted on the bulletin board, was eagerly read by the crowd that soon collected around it, and by which it was surrounded till the issue of the paper this afternoon.

"Manassas, Va., Aug. 31 - Jas. F. Clark, the seducer of Miss Fannie Fewell, was shot, and probably killed, in the jail at Brentsville, this morning at about eight o'clock by her brother, Rhoda Fewell.

"Mr. Fewell came up on the night train from Lynchburg and got off at Bristoe Station, and walked over to Brentsville, and on going to the jail found the front door open. A black boy, the only person present, told him in which cell Clark was, and on going there, he found Clark lying on his bed. Seven shots were fired through the grating of the cell door, one of them taking effect in Clark's left breast, just below the heart. Mr Fewell returned to Manassas and has surrendered himself into the hands of the authorities. It is thought Clark is dead by this time - eleven o'clock a.m.

The brother of the wronged girl has the undoubted sympathies of the public with him, wondering why he did not kill her seducer before.

Editor of Manassas Gazette

Rev. John Clark, father of the man who has been shot, called at the Gazette office at half past two o'clock and read the telegram that had been received. He arrived here on this morning's train, went on to Washington; and first heard of the shooting on his return to this city. He saw his son yesterday, at which time he was well and was making preparations for his trial, which was set for Monday next. His son had been removed from the debtor's room, in which he had been confined, to a cell off the lower floor, and it was through the iron grating at the door of this cell, that he was shot.

At half past three o'clock this afternoon, the following dispatch was received.

"MANASSAS, Aug. 31 - A messenger who left Brentsville at two o'clock, reports Clark living, but his physicians say he must die. Two shots took effect, one in the heart and one in the side.

D. Whiting

Rev. Mr. Clark called at the Gazette office again after the reception of this last dispatch, and upon being informed of its contents, seem nearly overcome with grief. He will leave for Brentsville on this evening's train.

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Letter from Manassas - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Manassas, Aug. 30. - Being on a visit to this thriving little place, to-day, I attended the first session of the "Teachers" Institute" for Prince William county, which was held here. The time for its meeting was ten o'clock, but the high water prevented the County Superintendent Maj. W. W. Thornton, from crossing Broad Run until nearly eleven, and the meeting did not open until half past eleven. It was held in the Methodist Church, and was opened by Major Thornton in a brief address. Mr. Richard L. Carne, the Alexandria Superintendent, was then introduced, and for nearly an hour, addressed those present on the best method of teaching spelling and the proper use of words. When he concluded, the Institute took a recess until 2 p.m., but it was nearly 3 when it reassembled.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Carne occupied about an hour and a quarter in remarks upon the qualifications for the office of teacher, school management, &c &c. After both addresses, the teachers were invited to make remarks upon the points involved in them, and both ladies and gentlemen did so, making many valuable suggestions.

A few minutes before five, a vote of thanks to Mr. Carne having been proposed by George C. Round, esq., a most zealous and indefatigable trustee, and, unanimously carried by a rising vote, the County Superintendent adjourned the Institute sine die, after announcing his intention of holding another at an early day, and regretting that some circumstances, probably high water, had prevented the attendance of the teachers in the lower end of the county. The meeting, though small, was a very pleasant, and, I think, a very useful one.

The District School Board is having a very neat two story school house erected, west of the village near the railroad, at a cost, probably, of \$1500. It is to be called "Ruffner School."

To my surprise, not a single person I met made the least allusion to the abduction case, which is causing so much excitement with us, except one, to whom I introduced the subject by asking a question about the residence of one of the parties, and his remarks were confined to answering my question. ALEXANDRIAN

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The Clark - Fewell Tragedy - Rhoda Fewell Shoots Clark in Prison - Reports of the Physicians - Clark's Dying Declaration - Fewell in Jail - Special to the Alexandria Gazette.

Brentsville, Aug. 31 - The citizens of our peaceful and quiet village were greatly alarmed about 9 o'clock this morning by hearing firing and cries of murder proceeding from the jail. It appears that Rhoda Fewell, after Clark was brought to Brentsville, left Manassas and went up the Orange road for the purpose of putting up lightning rods. This morning however, he returned on the 5 a.m. down train, got off at Bristoe and walked to Brentsville unperceived by anyone except the ticket agent at that place. It is supposed that he concealed himself in the woods at the back of the jail. About five minutes before the firing commenced a man was discovered by persons sitting on Mr. Kincheloe's porch, stealing cautiously towards the front door of the jail and observed

to enter. These persons paid no attention, supposing him to be the brother of the jailer. In a few minutes the firing and cries were heard, and Major Thornton and Mr. Lipscomb, Deputy Clerk, both hurried to the spot, and on entering the door, the Major, who was the first to get there, saw Fewell with a pistol in each hand in the act of firing through the iron grated door at Clark, who had been taken from the debtor's room, in the upper story of the jail, and placed in a cell on the ground floor, the door of which opens on the right as you enter from the front door. Fewell states that he went direct to the debtor's room and not finding him there, examined all the cells up stairs, then came down and found Clark lying on the bed in that cell. Fewell had shot three times before any one arrived, and was in the act of firing his last shot when Major Thornton seized him and attempted to take him away but did not succeed, owing to the fact that Fewell had his left arm bent on the inside of the door, and with his left hand fired the last shot. He then walked to the door and escaped in the direction he came. On opening the door of the cell there was great confusion; Clark evidently had used every means at his disposal to defend himself; a pitcher, ink stand and a heavy glass salt cellar were all in numberless fragments about the door, and he had used a table as a shield, but to no effect. Clark, after he was shot, got on the side of the bed, was perfectly rational, and requested that somebody would stand outside and guard the window, as "he was afraid Rhoda would come back and shoot him," said he was shot in the breast, and on an examination of the wound it was discovered that the ball had passed on the left side of the heart and in close proximity to it and lodged in the back bone. Upon a subsequent examination the physicians found another wound in the back, the second ball having penetrated a short distance into the flesh. The Dr. Simpson extracted, and it proved to be a navy ball. A warrant was immediately issued for Fewell's arrest, but before it was drawn up by the Magistrate, Fewell appeared in our village, jumped into his father's carriage and drove off to Manassas with Mr. Varnes, who, at the solicitations of Rhoda's father, who had heard from the conductor on the morning train that he had gotten off at Bristoe, came over to Brentsville to stop any attempt that Rhoda might wish to make, but arrived here ten minutes too late. When they reached there Rhoda gave himself up to Mr. Butler, J. P. Clark's condition at one time was supposed to be extremely critical by the medical men in attendance upon him, whereupon his statement of the affair was taken before a magistrate as his dying declaration. He states as follows:

"I was lying on the bed about half asleep; I was aroused by hearing the room door open; on looking I saw a pistol pointed through the inside door, in Rhoda Fewell's hand; I jumped up and ran to the corner on the right hand side of the door as I was going to the corner he fired on me and missed me; I ran to the corner on the other side of the door; he shot at me again; I saw him poke the pistol again through the door and I grabbed it; it was about the size of a navy pistol; I tried to wrest it from him but failed; he then drew a smaller one and with that shot me in the breast; just before he fired the last shot Major Thornton came and endeavored to stop him from firing.

About 5 o'clock this evening Rhoda Fewell was brought over here in custody of the Sheriff, aided by other officers. He desired to obtain bail by a writ of habeas corpus, but his friends advised him to go to jail and await the result of Clark's wounds. Judge Sinclair, Commonwealth's Attorney, had a guard of eight men placed around the jail.

Fewell examination will probably take place on Monday next.

SUNDAY, 12 O'clock, Sept. 1

Clark is still living but thought to be worse. Five physicians have seen him and report variously upon his condition, whilst all concede that it is a dangerous wound and that symptoms of a varied character may develop themselves at any time in the course of a few days.

Dr. Lewis did not come upon the night train as was expected here. Clark was removed yesterday to the debtor's cell and every assistance rendered him.

Fewell is confined in the same cell he shot Clark in.

The father of Jas. F. Clark, came here from Brentsville yesterday evening, but returned again on this morning train with a supply of medicines, and accompanied by Dr. Bedford Brown of this city. Mr. Clark entertained some hopes of his son's recovery.

#### THE LATEST

Manassas, Sept. 2-4 p.m. - Information just from Brentsville reports that Clarke is sinking rapidly.

Judge Thomas, Mr. Fewell's counsel, made a strong effort to-day to have Fewell released on bail under a writ of habeas corpus, and Judge Nicol has the case under consideration.

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Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. - Mr. John Starbuck, an old farmer and owner of the property near this place called the "Stone House," came into Manassas on Tuesday morning last armed with a musket and acting in a very strange and excited manner. There was a large crowd of persons about the depot, to whom he stated that his wife was about to leave with another man, and that they wished to kill him before they went. He was anxious to employ a lawyer, and from his manner of talking was evidently laboring under an aberration of mind at the time.

Mr. George W. Muddiman, the contractor for the mason work of the new Presbyterian Church at Manassas, having thrown up his contract, another will be made, it is supposed, with Mr. Martin Rector to complete the work. The work of completing the church will be commenced at once and pushed forward until it is finished. Mr. Muddiman's contract was \$587 for the walls, the committee to haul the stone.

George Pearson, a young man who has been employed as a track hand on the O. A. & M. R. R. and well known by our citizens, died at Mr. Hampton Brenton's on Sunday last, in the 36th year of his age, after a short illness.

Bull Run was up too high on Friday to be safely forded in consequence of which several persons who wished to attend the tournament at Centreville were prevented from doing so.

We have had a fine rain this week, which did not come any too soon as the earth was getting quite dry, and roads shockingly dusty.

A number of persons were confirmed at the Episcopal Church at Haymarket on Tuesday last by Bishop Whittle.

The September term of the county court commences on Monday. There are several Commonwealth's cases to try.

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The Clark-Fewell Tragedy ----- DEATH OF JAMES F. CLARK

Brentsville, Sept. 3, 1872 - Clark is dead! and whether the enormity of his guilt was as great as it is now generally believed to have been, is only known to the unfortunate survivor of the elopement in which he was implicated, for, so far as is known, he never breathed a word about the part the young lady took in that affair, except to say that he had not taken her away, and had not seduced her. Soon after he was shot he was removed to the debtor's room on the second floor of the jail, the same in which he had been confined when first incarcerated. The iron bed-stead and shuck mattress, upon which he had laid when in there before, were removed, and the room furnished with a wooden bed-stead and feather bed, upon which he was propped up, for his wounds would not allow him to lie down. Here he received the assiduous attention of his physicians, Drs. Leary and Barbour, and the constant and unremitting care of numerous residents of the village, who vied with each other in anticipating and supplying his every requirement. His brother in law, J. Milton Weedon, was with him on Saturday and Sunday, returned to him again on Monday, and his mother also reached here a few minutes before he died. Mr. Weedon and Dr. Leary came to Brentsville last Saturday morning to be present at Clark's examination, which had been set for that time, and both expected that blood would be shed that day, but not until after the trial. They reached here a half an hour after the shooting had occurred. Clark commenced sinking Sunday morning and life gradually wasted away. When Dr. Bedford Brown, of Alexandria, who had been brought up here by the wounded man's father, arrived yesterday morning, a consultation was held by him and the two attending physicians, and when Dr. Brown, in response to a question by Clark, told him that his injuries was of a very serious character, he replied: "Yes, but I don't intend to give up until long after you do." Until yesterday the wound in his breast did not hurt him, but yesterday morning he commenced to complain of the wound. He also spit blood, and was attacked with spasmodic hiccup and intense vomiting, and for some time before he died made a constant noise like that of a groan and cough. about three p.m. his mind began to wander, and though rational, when roused up, to 4 p.m., he became insensible after that hour, and grew rapidly weaker until 7 p.m., when he breathed his last.

Yesterday was Court day, and an unusually large crowd was present, drawn by the interest in the Clark affair, and though a guard was around the jail, and had been since Saturday, no hindrance was offered the many whose curiosity or sympathy induced them to visit the dying man. Soon after he died a coroner's jury was summoned and an inquest held upon the body of Justice James R. Purcell, acting Coroner, and the jury, of which A. F. Woodyard was foreman, returned as their verdict that the deceased "came to his death from the effects of a wound received from a pistol shot in the hands of L. M. Fewell," The shot that caused his death was the one in his breast. The ball entered about an inch and a quarter to the left of the left nipple and inclined nearly horizontally to the right, passing directly over, if not wounding the heart, and as he did not die from hemorrhage, it is supposed that death ensued from a lesion of the great sympathetic nerve. A post mortem examination, conducted by Drs. Barbour and Leary, was held in the room in which he died, but up to half past three o'clock this evening

they had been unable to find the ball and that hour they were about to relinquish the effort as hopeless.

Mr. J. J. Davies, a young lawyer of the village, left there this morning for Alexandria for a surgeon to assist in the endeavor to find the ball which caused death, but returned without one.

Clark will be buried to-morrow at Chappawampsic,

Fewell is confined in the same cell in which he shot Clark, and yesterday, seemed very anxious about Clark's fate, and when told that he must certainly die, asked if "they would let the corpse stay up there all night?" He will not be admitted to bail but will remain in jail until his trial.

#### Alexandria Gazette 03 Sep 1872

Auction Sales - By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William county, pronounced on the 11th day of October, 1871, in the chancery suit of Chapman vs Norville, I shall offer for sale at public auction, at the front door of the Court House of said county, on MONDAY, the 7th day of October, 1872, that being Court day, a VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND, lying near Dumfries, and adjoining the lands of Jas. Purcell, Sandy Dowell and others, upon the following:

TERMS to wit: Cash enough to pay the cost of suit and sale, and the residue in four equal annual payments, bearing interest from the day of sale; the purchaser giving bond, with approved personal security, for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained and the land subject to resale in case the purchaser shall fail to make the deferred payments. Eppa Hunton, Commissioner, Prince William County

#### Alexandria Gazette 07 Sep 1872

THE CLARK AFFAIR - Correspondence of the Fredericksburg Star. Manassas, Va., Sept. 5, 1872. - The remains of James F. Clark were carried to Bellfair Mills, his childhood home, on yesterday, and interred. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances followed them to their last resting place. The parting with the corpse at the grave by the parents of the deceased, is described as being very affecting; causing nearly every one present to shed tears. The parents of the unfortunate man have the heartfelt sympathy of this community.

Doctors Leary and Barbour made a post mortem examination of Clark soon after he died, but were unable to discover the ball that caused his death. They were unable to trace its course but a short distance, though they were satisfied from the course it took that it lodged somewhere in the bowels. From the quantity of blood taken from him during the examination it is thought that an internal hemorrhage commenced from the time he was shot and continued up to his death. Mortification took place the day he died.

Ex Governor Henry A. Wise has been engaged by Clark's father to assist in the prosecution of Fewell.

Fewell is still in jail. He is in good spirits and has no fear of conviction by a jury. It is thought a jury in this case cannot be gotten in this county, most every one having disqualified himself as a juror by expression of opinion.

The old man of carpet-bag notoriety, who assisted Miss Fewell in the elopement with Clark, was formerly a porter at Boyle's Hotel, Washington DC, but had been discharged a short time previous to the elopement, and was employed by Clark to come to Manassas.

Since Clark was arrested, it is stated that this old man had left Washington for parts unknown, fearing his arrest would soon follow that of Clark.

I have understood that rumors are afloat charging Miss Fewell with impurity prior to her elopement with Clark, for which there is no foundation and they are not believed in this community.

The public sentiment in regard to the shooting of Clark while within the pale of the law, seems to be much divided; the people "above the run" justifying Fewell, and the people "below the run" entertaining very bitter feelings against him.

Miss Fewell continues weak and nervous. She has not been informed of the shooting as her attending physician thinks the revelation of such shocking news would probably result fatally.

The complicity of those of this place in this disgraceful affair will be punished at some future day, probably not far distant.

Judge Nicol has not yet decided as to bail for Fewell.

The editor of the Warren Sentinel, the father of Clark, in yesterday's issue of his paper, concludes his account of the late distressing affair, as follows: "Never before have we so fully realized the full import of the words of King David when suffering under a similar affliction: O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! - would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son?"

"We received the kind and heart-felt sympathies of a great many of our citizens of the county, and many who were at Court from other counties, on the sad and mournful occasion, and we must especially name one noble spirit like the rose in the wilderness, a green spot in the desert, Mr. James Davies, an Englishman by birth, who kindly tendered to us his purse and his services in any way we might command them. He cheerfully volunteered to go to Alexandria for the coffin, &c. though he was threatened with chills. Such a gentleman will live while he lives, and after death will speak. May the good will of Him that dwelt in the bush be with him. And we take pleasure, also in making honorable mention of Major Thornton in tendering to us any money we might need, and other acts of courtesy and kindness, which we shall cherish in grateful reimburse."

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Loyal Claimants - In the list of "Loyal Claimants against the United States for property alleged to have been taken or furnished the Federal forces during the war are the following from Prince William County:

Francis Bailey, Theodore Bodine, John C. Brawner, Oliver Chamberlain, Eldora Clark, Richard Clark, Robert M. Clark, Samuel Cropley, John Cross, Henry Dade, Thomas K. Davis, Adolphus Force, Elias Good, Chas. P. Harris, Noah Hixson, John R. Hornbaker, Charles F. Howard, Joseph T. Janney, Thos. Jones, Craven J. King, Mary

A. Kline, Manassas Presbyterian Church, Elise Marsteller, Geo. W. Mitchell, Alfred Murphy, James Nokes, Howsen Pinn, Sen., George Pitkins, Bailey Robinson, James Robinson, Michael M. Roseberry, Thomas Smoot, Richard Stokes, George Trimmer, Samuel Wolverton, Matthew Woodyard, Arthur F. Woodyard.

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Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - We are agreeably entertained on Thursday morning last by listening to a discussion which took place between a Grant man and a Greeley man, but the discussion terminated by the parties leaving politics and talking religion, and when we heard one of them asking the other whether St. Peter was living or not, we got disgusted and quit.

The thermometer at Manassas on Sunday last at noon, at the residence of W. C. Merchant esq., was 94, and the thermometer was placed in a position where the sun did not strike it.

James B. Sener, Radical candidate for Congress for this district and Dr. W. W. Douglass, Presidential elector on the Grant ticket, will speak at Occoquan on the 17th instant.

Elisha Chloe was sent to jail at Brentsville on Saturday last, accused of a murder of O'Brien, near Haymarket, over a month ago. We believe it originated from that worst of evils -- whiskey. The accused has been in the jail at Warrenton for some time, as the murder was supposed to have been committed in Fauquier County, but upon a survey of the line, which divides the two counties, it was ascertained to have been committed in Prince William County.

Rain commenced falling about 9 o'clock Thursday morning, and continued until late in the night. At times it was very heavy, and the "oldest inhabitant" informs us that the showers, during the day, were the heaviest he ever witnessed at this place. The rain has materially effected the buckwheat, and the crop will be a good one. Our informant told us that he saw on the farm of Wm. E. Goodwin yesterday buckwheat at the height of ten feet.

Elisha E. Meredith, the Conservative canvasser for Prince William, has made the following appointment to address the people of this county; Independent Hill, Saturday 21st September, 3 o'clock p.m. Manassas, Saturday, 28th September, 3 o'clock p.m. Brentsville, Monday, 7th October, 3 o'clock p.m. Haymarket, Saturday, 12th October, 3 o'clock p.m. Occoquan, Saturday, 19th October, 3 o'clock p.m. Dumfries, Saturday, 26th October, 3 o'clock p.m.

Maj. Thornton is complimented by J. M. Owens, teacher, for the impartial manner in which he has managed the charge committed to his trust as county superintendent of schools. Maj. Thornton has endeared himself not only to every teacher of the county but also to the community at large by his liberal expression of sentiment upon the benign influence of the public school system all over the county.

There is to be a tournament at "Harrison's Crossing," between Burke's and Fairfax Stations on Thursday, next.

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Prince William County Items From the Manassas Gazette - In the absence of Mr. Whiting, editor of the Gazette, Mr. George T. Whittington, of this city, is conducting the paper.

The organization of a farmers' club is suggested

Judge C. E. Sinclair publishes a card in reply to an editorial in the Warren Sentinel, written by Rev. John Clark, father of J. F. Clark, in which he says: 'No heart is penetrated with deeper grief than mine at the unfortunate position in which two respectable families have been placed. I had no idea of any attack from Fewell upon Clark, nor did I deem it necessary to call at that time for a guard around the jail. Public opinion was not aroused against Clark, in my judgment, though greatly excited, as to endanger his safety or the fairness of his trial while in prison, and I deemed him secure in prison. I wrote a brief and hasty order of arrest, such as in my judgment would have protected the officer in the capture and arrest of Fewell. I know of no concert in this case whatever; I have taken a rule against the sheriff of this county, the design of which is to bring out all the facts of this case. That rule will be put on trial. Until then let public judgment wait. This is no time for crimination or recrimination. With a saddened heart I write these lines, but I intend to do my duty fearless of the consequences.'

Elisha E. Meredith is announced as a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney at the November election.

Surprise is expressed that the water-power at Occoquan has been permitted to lie dormant so long. It could and ought to be made a second Lowell. Joseph Janney, esq., is running a fine flouring mill which is capable of turning out 75 to 120 barrels of flour per day; also a fine saw mill. The exports from Occoquan are in part: 200 cords of wood per week; 1,000 flour barrels per week; 5,000 hoops per week; 25,000 pounds of sumac the season. (which comprises about three months,) and other articles unnecessary to mention. The finest granite quarries are immediately upon the river.

The discussion between our candidates for Congress for this district, Messrs. Braxton and Sener, did not come off. Both the gentlemen were up to time, but the "dear people" were not. so the discussion was postponed. Elisha E. Meredith, esq., who is a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney, was present to meet Mr. Larkin, or any other man that intends to oppose him, at least that was our impression.

A horse race came off at Occoquan last Monday. Telegraph Colt, owned by James R. Davis, and Bailey Peyton, owned by Henry Selecman, ran six hundred yards for \$25 a side, in which Telegraph was the winner by twenty eight feet. Another race came off between Broom Sage, owned by W. R. Selecman, and Dolly Varden, owned by Wm. Metzger, the former five and the latter three years old. The distance was three hundred yards, Broom Sage giving Dolly Varden twenty feet start for a stake of \$100. Dolly beat her competitor twenty-three, making her forty-three feet winner. The proprietor of Broom Sage has challenged Dolly Varden's owner for another race for \$50 aside, distance six hundred yards.

On Wednesday morning a large crowd of spectators assembled at Brentsville to witness a desperate fight between a hog belonging to Thomas Cornwell and a cow belonging to a man named Smith. The contest lasted some time, but finally resulted in favor of the hog.

Rhoda Fewell in jail for killing Clark, has been quite sick for the last few days. He is suffering with the chills and fevers, and is looking badly.

A good road is needed between Manassas and Clifton, at least so I think the citizens of Fairfax County, as we understand that sixty of them have petitioned the county court of that county to have a road open to the Prince William Line. On the Fairfax side an entirely new road will have to be opened for some distance, but on this side of the run there is a county road which has not been worked since the war, but which will cost the county nothing except to work it.

Mr. George C. Round informs us that Boyer farm, lying near this village, has been sold, and Hon. John Lynch, member of Congress from Portland Maine, is one of the purchasers. The farm commands a fine view of the country lying between the "plains of Manassas" and the Blue Ridge, and could readily be made a beautiful and attractive country seat.

On Friday last while the family of Mr. Wm. Davis, of this village, were absent from home, some thief, entered the house, and with false keys unlocked a drawer in a bureau where Mr. Davis had several thousand dollars, in greenbacks, &c. and stole \$140. The thief, of course, must have been well acquainted with the premises. Mr. Davis has no fear that he will yet recover his money.

The Episcopal Church will hold an association, commencing on Thursday next, the 26th instant, at the Presbyterian Church, to continue four days. There will be several distinguished ministers of that church who will be in attendance among whom we have heard the names of Rev. Messrs. Minnegerode, McGill and Dame mentioned. It will no doubt be an interesting meeting.

We are informed by Charles E. Brawner, esq., the agent of Adams' Express Company at this place, that during a stroll in the country on last Sunday, after walking around the farm of Mrs. E. E. Johnson, he was conducted by Mr. Johnson to a Chinquepin tree. This tree is five feet from the ground and the body measures eight feet six inches and half in circumference. The tree is loaded down with Chinquepins, and most of them ripe.

#### Alexandria Gazette 30 Sep 1872

Letter from Prince William - Brentsville, Sept. 28 - The newspapers of the State and country have kept alive the recollections of the people in regard to the fatal Clark affair, and communications have emanated from different sources purporting to give expression to the public sentiment. There have been criminations and recriminations, and it had, indeed, been better for the country if but little had been published in connection with this most unfortunate tragedy. It would have been still better if neither of the parties had ever met.

The County and Circuit Courts of this county meet, the one on the 1st Monday and the other on the following Monday in October. There are two cases where it is presumed the grand jury will return true bills of murder, one against Elijah Cole for killing John O'Brien, which will come up for trial in the County Court, and the other against L. N. Fewell for shooting J. F. Clark. Whether Fewell will elect to be tried in Circuit Court is not yet known; in deed, the case may not come up for trial at either of the approaching Courts. The array of legal learning and ability on both sides, together

with the unusual character of the case, is well calculated to make it one of the most important events in the history of this country.

We were visited by abundant showers of rain during the week, in consequence of which the weather has turned a little cooler.

An Episcopal Association will probably be held here on the 3rd of October, under the auspices of the Rev. John McGill, when it is expected that several distinguished clergymen will be present. The church which was much mutilated during the war is now nearly restored.

A very fine school house has been built by the School Trustees in our village, besides many others by other districts in the county.

An Association (Epis) is going on at Haymarket under the supervision of the pastor. Rev Mr. Brown, Mr. Lindsay, of Warrenton, preached yesterday.

There is also one going on at Chappawamsic Church, Baptist. It is conducted by Elder John Clark and other leading ministers of that denomination.

I learn also that President Elder Wilson commences a quarterly meeting to-day at Bethel, near Occoquan. We are certainly blessed with religious instruction.

Our young friend Elisha E. Meredith is canvassing the county in the Greeley cause. On last Saturday he delivered an eloquent and vigorous address to an audience at Cole's Store, which was well received.

We expect W. W. Walker and Major Braxton will both address the people next court.

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Prince William County Items - The Manassas correspondent of the Fredericksburg Star writes: Judge Thomas, of Fairfax, and General William H. Payne were in our village to-day looking up evidence in the Clark-Fewell case. The trial will, as I am told, come off at the next (October) term of our County Court. Fewell has had a slight attack of the fever and ague. He seems lively and does not fear the result of his trial. Miss Fewell is somewhat better, though is still in a nervous condition. She has not been informed of the shooting of Clark. I have no doubt there will be some startling revelations at the trial of Fewell.

The construction of the Presbyterian Church in this place was again begun on the first of the month by Mr. Rector, who will push the work rapidly towards completion. Mr. Rector is doing the work in a neat and workmanlike manner.

Greeley and Brown will receive a large majority over Grant and Wilson, in this county, and will receive the united Conservative vote. We expect to give him a larger majority this time than when he opposed McKenzie.

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Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Edward Butler, a colored man, employed by Allen Howison, esq., was committed to jail on Tuesday last for stealing a lot of wheat, corn, and guano of his employer. He acknowledged the theft, and said his reason for stealing the wheat and guano was that he wished to do a little farming for himself. He was accused of stealing chickens also and while the owner was hunting for the fowls came across the other stuff.

A very fine school house has been built by the School trustees at Manassas besides many others in other districts in the county. The superintendent and his efficient assistants deserve a great deal of credit for their management of the school system.

So heavy is the freight going both ways over the O. A. & M. R. R. that some days this week as high as fifty car loads had to be left at this place. The travel also has been very heavy, and seem to be on the increase.

David T. Arrington living near this place was before Surveyor Hawxhurst on Wednesday and registered the stills for use, and will commence the first of the week the distillation of fruit brandy.

Mr. Matthew A. Lee who resides near Manassas has brought to market a sweet potato weighing four and three quarter pounds.

The formation of an agricultural society for the counties of Prince William and Fairfax is urged by the Gazette.

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COMMISSIONERS SALE - In execution of a decree of the County of Prince William county, rendered on the 8th day of August, 1871, in the suit of James E. Herrell, plaintiff, vs O. A. & M. R. R. Company, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, on SATURDAY 26, day of October next, at eleven o'clock, a. m. at Gainesville Depot, that valuable TRACT or PARCEL of LAND, adjacent to the said Depot, between the Haymarket Turnpike and the O. A. & M. R. R., containing by recent survey 15 1/2 acres and now in the occupation of James E. Herrell aforesaid.

The improvements consist of a substantial, well finished, and convenient dwelling house, (45 by 25 feet) fronting the Thoroughfare Turnpike, and about 300 yards from Gainesville Depot, lately built, at a cost of \$4,500; two stories and basement; it contains 4 rooms, in basement; 4 rooms besides a large hall on the first floor; 5 rooms and 2 good sized lined closets on the second floor; fire place, or arrangements for stoves in every room but one; a handsome enclosed porch or ombra in front, and large bay window, in the Southern end; an excellent well of pure soft water, in back yard; convenient outbuildings, and about 75 choice, young fruit trees, upon the premises.

TERMS: One tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash; the remainder in two equal payments, at one and two years, from the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest, to be secured by the bonds of the purchasers, with good surety, and retention of title to the land to be resold, at the risk of the purchaser, upon failure to comply with terms of sale.

Persons desiring to examine the property are referred to Mr. Herrell, who can always be found upon the premises, and will be glad to show them. Sale positive.

Lawrence B. Taylor, Charles E. Sinclair, Commissioners.

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DEPOT AND STATION DESTROYED -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Thoroughfare, Va., Oct 7, -- About two o'clock on Sunday morning the depot and store at Thoroughfare Station were destroyed by fire. Two young men were sleeping in the store at the time (Geo. W. Moss and William Mount) They were awakened by the flames in their room which was up stairs, and were obliged to go through the flames to

get out of the house. The depot was pretty well filled with freight. The post office and express were also in the house. Everything was destroyed. The people of the neighborhood sympathize with Major Mason in his loss. The insurance had expired the day before the fire.

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THE FEWELL CASE - SPEECH OF GENERAL HUNTON - MURDER TRIAL --  
Brentsville, Oct. 7. - The October term of the County Court commenced this morning, and great interest in the unfortunate Clark-Fewell affair was manifested by an early assemblage of the people. Prince William never probably witnessed a larger attendance on her courts than that which was gathered here to-day to listen to the arguments which the able and brilliant counsel on both sides are well qualified and prepared to deliver in this case, to the result of which so many look forward with an intensity of interest equal, if not stronger, than that displayed in the Mary Harris, or the more recent Black McKaig cases. Judge Nicol was on the bench at an early hour. The calling of the Grand Jury was the signal for crowding the Court Room. After having been sworn, the Grand Jury, with Allen Howison, esq., as foreman, were charged in the usual manner by the Court, and sent to their room. During their absence from the Court room Judge Sinclair, Commonwealth's attorney, called up the rule which had been issued against the Sheriff at the last term of the Court to show cause why he should not be removed from his office for neglect of duty. The object of this rule was to ascertain how far the Sheriff, or more particularly the jailer, was culpable in allowing the jail door to be left open and relieve the public mind from the suspicions of concert between the officials here and Fewell. The counsel of Fewell however, opposes this motion on the ground that it would effect their case, and the Court decided that it should be continued. about one o'clock p.m., the Grand Jury returned from their room and brought in true bills for murder, one against Lucien N. Fewell for killing Clark, and another against Elijah Chloe, for killing O'Brien. The case of the Commonwealth against Fewell was then called and Fewell's counsel then moved to continue till the November term of the County Court, alleging that witnesses material to the defense lived outside of the State, and that one of these witnesses was sick, and would be unable to attend before the next term of the Court. This motion was registered by the Commonwealth's Attorney on the ground that the defense had not come within the ruling of the Court. The arguments of Messrs. Payne, Hunton and Thomas for the prisoner, and of Messrs. Meniffee, Sinclair and Wise on behalf of the prosecution, show that both sides are in earnest and are deeply impressed with the importance of the case in which they are engaged. The Court, however, sustained the motion for postponement, and the trial of Fewell is continued till next November.

Speculation can now live for thirty days more upon the termination of this most unfortunate and much to be regretted calamity. Whether Fewell is guilty of the terrible crime wherewith he stands charged, can only be determined after a calm and dispassionate investigation by twelve of his peers; that justice will be impartially meted out there can be no fear, and that the minutest particle of evidence bearing upon the guilt or innocence of Fewell will be extracted and properly applied from the great mass of testimony, is very evident from the ability and integrity of the gentlemen who have

the case in charge.

During the recess of the Court for dinner Gen. Hunton addressed the people on the importance of voting for Greeley and exhorted all Conservatives to come out nobly and boldly for Col. Braxton and Horace Greeley on the 5th day of November. The speech of the General was well received and indicative of the high order of ability for which Gen. Hunton is noted. After the conclusion of the speech, Mr. Meredith our county canvasser apologized for the absence of Co. Braxton, a previous engagement at Gloucester, C. H. prevented him from being present.

The case of Commonwealth vs. Chloe will come up for trial tomorrow morning. Judge Sinclair and Major Scott, Commonwealth's Attorney for Fauquier, appearing for the Commonwealth, and Gens. Hunton and Payne for the prisoner.

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The Clark-Fewell Tragedy -- Postponement of the Trial of Fewell  
Brentsville, Prince William County, Va., October 7, - The crowd at court to day was larger than usual, drawn together by the anticipated trial of Fewell for killing Clark, charged with the abduction of Fewell's sister. There seems to be a great deal of feeling in regard to the matter in the county, and a diversity of opinion in reference to the commission of the offense. The venier has been summoned from the Gainesville district, which, it is stated, is a section of country where the people are in sympathy with the accused. Judge Nicol, Judge of the County Court, before whom the trial is to take place is quite a young man, but possesses the confidence of the entire community over which he presides. The Court house, a respectable brick building, is situated in the center of a beautiful green lawn, surrounded by a grove of locust trees. When the court opened the grand jury were first charged and retired, and presented among others, the following indictment:

Prince William County, to wit:

In the County Court of said county the jurors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in and for the body of the county of Prince William, and now attending the said court, upon their oath present that Lucien N. Fewell, of the said county, on the 31st day of August, 1872, with force and arms in the county aforesaid, in and upon the body of one James F. Clark, in the peace of said Commonwealth then and there being, feloniously, willfully, and with malice aforethought, did make an assault; and that the said Lucien N. Fewell, with certain pistols then and there charged with gunpowder and certain leaden bullets, which he, the said Fewell, in his hands then and there had held, then and there feloniously, willfully, and of his malice aforethought did discharge and shoot off against and upon the body of the said James F. Clark, and that the said Lucien N. Fewell, with the leaden bullets aforesaid, then and there, by the force of the gunpowder aforesaid, shot off as aforesaid, then and there feloniously, willfully, and with malice aforethought, did strike, penetrate, and wound him, the said James F. Clark, in and upon the left side of the breast, and in and upon the back of him, the said James F. Clark, then and there, with the leaden bullets aforesaid, so as aforesaid, discharged and shot out the pistols aforesaid, by the said Lucien F. Fewell, in and upon the left side of the breast and in and upon the back of him, the said James F. Clark, giving to him, the said James F. Clark, then and there, with the leaden bullets of

aforesaid so as aforesaid, discharged and shot out of the pistols aforesaid by the said Lucien N. Fewell, in and upon the left side of the breast and in and upon the back of him, the said James F. Clark, two mortal wounds, of the depth of \_\_\_ inches and breadth of \_\_\_ inches, of which said mortal wounds he, the said James F. Clark, from the said 31st day of August in the year aforesaid to the 2d day of September, in the year aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, did languish, and languishing did live, on which said 2d day of September, 1872, the said James F. Clark, in the county aforesaid, of the said mortal wounds died. And so the jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do say that the said Lucien N. Fewell, him the said James F. Clark, in the manner and form aforesaid, feloniously, willfully, and of his malice aforethought, did kill and murder against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia. --- Charles E. Sinclair, Attorney for the Commonwealth, Prince William County. A true bill: Allen Howison, Foreman of the Jury.

The Counsel in the case are: For the Commonwealth, Henry A. Wise, Charles E. Sinclair, and A. Y. Menifee; for the defense, Eppa Hunton, Wm. H. Payne, and Henry W. Thomas. On motion of counsel for defense, the rule against the sheriff made at September term to show cause why the jail door was left open thus affording Fewell access to Clark, was laid over, by consent of Commonwealth, until after criminal trial is disposed of.

General William H. Payne, on behalf of the defense, asked for a continuance of the case until the next term, because certain important witnesses were absent.

Gov. H. A. Wise, for the prosecution, not being in court, time to consider was asked by the Commonwealth, pending which the court took a recess of half an hour.

After the recess Mr. Wise appeared in court, and became the center of attraction. He looked as he did years ago, only somewhat more feeble, but his eye is as bright and intelligent as it was in the halcyon days of his youth.

General Payne restated the cause for continuing the case. A discussion arose as regards the continuance, the counsel for the defense not wishing to disclose the name and character of the missing witness, upon whose track a detective is at present. The defense were anxious to go into trial, because the liberty of the accused was as dear to him as to any one present. They had the right to demand time, because the defense is not expected to be ready until after the charge is made.

Governor Wise claimed that the rules which applied to the defense also applied to the Commonwealth. He dissected the proposition of the defense in a masterly manner, and convulsed the audience with laughter. He stated that he did not wish to press a trial, but only wished to resist anything outside the law. In the course of his remarks he said he would "tread cautiously, but very firmly. If his (Fewell) life is to be tried, another has been taken, gone past recovery, and a living issue is to be tried. I want to defend the justice of this Commonwealth and the dead, the dead as well as the fallen, the fallen as well as the dead." He was willing to grant time for the defense to procure witnesses, but if it was an attempt to wear away the first feelings that the act-created, his Honor could not grant a continuance. Speaking of Virginia he made this remark," that bastard of a political rape --Virginia."

General W. H. Payne replied and stated that an important witness was sick and another lived in the District of Columbia, and urged that the case was materially

affected by these witnesses.

The case was then continued to the next term of the County, Court.

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THE OCCOQUAN RACES - The race at Occoquan between 'Dolly Varden' and 'Broomsedge, the former owned by Metzger, and the latter by Wm. Selecman came off on Saturday last. The race was for a purse of \$100 and the distance 600 yards, carrying 80 pounds each. The start was an even one, and it was soon seen that Dolly Varden and Broomsedge another was made between sorrel horse, 'Limber Jim' formerly owned by H. B. Varnes, now owned by George Myers, and a bay mare owned by Simpson Davis, for a purse of \$50; distance 600 yards. This race was won by Limber Jim beating his competitor 50 feet. There were two or three other races. The day was fine and a large number of specters were present - MANASSAS GAZETTE

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LETTER FROM BRENTSVILLE - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. --- Brentsville, October 23, 1872. - On Sunday last it is supposed that Fewell made an attempt to escape from jail here but unlocking the two lower locks on the grating of his cell. How he succeeded so far in the attempt the jailer is unable to learn. It appears that one of the guards who have been on duty during the imprisonment of Fewell, went up to the cell in which he was confined to see that all was right, when he discovered the locks undone. Fewell asserted that he did not do it, but at the same time told the jailer that the locks were worthless, and that he could get out at any moment if he so desired.

Gov. Smith will address the people of Prince William at Brentsville, on Monday, the 4th of November.

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Letter from Prince William from the Fredericksburg Star. - Potomac City, Va., Oct. 23, 1872. - Our large hotel is progressing rapidly towards completion, and already presents a handsome appearance. A larger force is now at work upon it. Plumbers are laying gas and water pipes through the entire building. It contains over one hundred rooms, and will accommodate two hundred guest when completed.

A wide avenue will be opened and graded from the hotel to the river, and a wharf built this winter.

The people of Prince William are to vote on the question of subscribing \$75,000 towards building the railroad from this city through Prince William. It is expected the road will pass near Dumfries, within half a mile of Independent Hill, cross Cedar run near the mouth of Broad run, pass near Brentsville, and cross the Alexandria and Manassas Railroad between Manassas and Bristoe, 22 miles from this point, at a cost of about \$350,000. Other railroad and improvement companies stand prepared to furnish the remainder of the sum needed. The building of this road would quadruple the value of the land in what is known as the Forest, one of the healthiest and best timbered sections in the State, and do much towards building up this city and adding to the county and State. WAUN - KA - PIN

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Prince William County Items - The trial of Fewell for the killing of Clark will be commenced on Wednesday next, the 6th of November, Jurors, witnesses, & c. will be expected to attend on that day.

Mr. W. W. Kincheloe, county treasurer, is now engaged in receiving State and county taxes. There are not a great many who are disposed to pay up.

The store of Mr. R. M. Weir, in this place, was entered on Tuesday night and robbed of some trifling articles, and about fifteen or twenty dollars in greenbacks.

Maj. E. M. Braxton, Conservative and Col. J. B. Senior, Republican candidate for Congress, had a joint discussion at this place on Thursday last, before an audience of about thirty persons.

On Tuesday next the voters of Prince William County will be called on to vote "for" or "against" a subscription of \$75,000 stock to the Potomac and Manassas Railroad.

Mr. Samuel Allen, owner of a steam saw mill in the lower part of the county, was probably fatally injured by being thrown on the circular saw, while it was in motion, on Wednesday last. -- MANASSAS GAZETTE

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The Fewell Trial

Brentsville, Nov. 6, 1872 - The trial of Lucian N. Fewell, familiarly known as Rhody Fewell, for shooting and killing James F. Clark, in the jail at this place on the 31st of last August, commenced, to day, in the County Court of Prince William county, before Judge A. Nicol. A large crowd was present, but not so large as that which assembled at the last term of the Court, when the case was called but postponed, in consequence of the absence of important witnesses.

The Court opened about eleven o'clock this morning, and the Fewell case being called, the counsel for the prosecution, Judge Sinclair, Commonwealth's Attorney for the county, and Mr. J. Y. Menifee, of Rappahannock, announced that they were ready for the trial to begin. Judge Thomas and Generals Hunton and Payne appeared as counsel for the defense. The accused was soon after brought in and took his seat in the rear of his counsel. He is a genteel looking man, about twenty-seven years old, about five feet ten inches high, weighing from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and forty pounds, with brown hair and eyes, good forehead, high cheek bones, straight and prominent nose, and being blanched by sickness and confinement in jail, and being dressed nicely, presented a trim, jaunty, and rather prepossessing appearance. He was perfectly self-possessed, and smoked his white clay pipe with an air of nonchalance, evidently induced by his belief that he had done what was right, and what he would be sustained in by those of his countrymen who might be selected to try him.

The indictment being read by the assistant clerk of the Court, William E. Lipscomb, the prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the venier summoned for the trial was called. Maj. A. H. Johnson, J. P. Gaines, Edmund Berkeley and H. F. Lynn stated that their minds were made up as to the verdict they would give, and they were consequently set aside, and the panel was announced as follows: T. W. Buckley, W. H. Poland, Daniel Ayres,

J. T. Poland, G. S. Pickett, D. A. Pickett, W. F. Skillman, J. P. Smith, Joseph Otterback, C. E. Tyler, John S. Ewell, R. A. Foley, M. W. Nalls, W. H. Henson, E. J. T. Clarke and J. M. Shirley. Of these the defense struck off four, and the jury is composed of the following named persons: W. H. Poland, G. S. Pickett, D. A. Pickett, W. F. Skillman, J. P. Smith, J. N. Otterback, C. E. Tyler, Jno. S. Ewell, R. A. Foley, M. W. Nalls, J. M. Shirley and E. J. T. Clarke.

Most of those selected as jurors had formed an opinion with regard to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, founded upon what they had heard or read in the newspapers, but as they said their verdict would be formed from the evidence elicited during the trial to be held, no objection was made to their serving.

The jury being sworn in and given in charge of the Sheriff, the Court took a recess for one hour. Upon the reassembling of the Court the counsel for the prosecution moved that the case be continued until tomorrow morning in order that Gov. Wise, associate counsel for the prosecution, who had in his possession papers containing matters of importance connected with the case, and to whom the knowledge of all the preliminary proceedings of the trial would be of importance, and had been telegraphed for, might be present, but the motion was opposed by the counsel for the defense, and overruled.

Judge Sinclair then opened the case for the prosecution, stating that though the cry of blood money might be raised with reference to the employment of assistant counsel for the prosecution, it would be unsustainable by facts, for if ever a prosecuting attorney felt the need of assistance, it was now, and in the case before the court he felt that need in every fiber of his body, and in every effort of his mind, and the employment of such assistant counsel was by no means unusual. He wanted the jury to bear in mind that Clark when shot down in his cell in the jail had been convicted of no crime that would stamp his brow with shame; that he was confined in jail for examination, and that until he was examined and found guilty, he was entitled to the protection of the law. Fewell, he said, did not think he had committed any crime, and had surrendered himself to the officers of the law under that supposition, not seeming to understand that when the shield of the State was thrown around a man as it was around Clark in prison, that man's person was sacred, and that an offense against him was an offense against the Commonwealth. In the consideration of the case, he wanted the jury to remember the anguish of the dead man's wife, the misery of his children, and the sorrow of his father, which was so great that, though he was in the village, he was unable to come into the Court House. Even if Clark were guilty of the offense with which he was accused, his crime was not sufficient for the terrible expiation it had met. All men are weak, and the sin of the dead man might be that of the living. If it could be proved that Clark had seduced his victim and set on fire the temple of innocence, and laughed at the conflagration, there might be palliation for his murder, but even in that case there would be none for shooting him down like a dog when in the hands of the law; nor could he understand why the alertness in his murder had not been manifested before he was arrested and under the protection of the law. He concluded by regretting his position as prosecutor, and by asking the jury to judge between the friends of the dead and the living, and to give a verdict which none of them in after years would have cause to regret.

Gen. Payne replied. He said that Fewell would have been branded with everlasting

disgrace had he not have acted as he did in doing what he could to wipe out the shame that had been inflicted upon his family. A portion of the newspapers of the land had urged Fewell to commit the deed for which he stood accused, and yet with strange inconsistency when that deed had been committed demanded that he be punished. Of the father of Clark, he said that though he might hesitate to come into court, he had no hesitancy in using his own purse and that of his friends, and in invoking the aid of a powerful secret organization to supply funds with which to secure the ablest counsel in the State to assist in the prosecution, and that the prisoner had not only to meet the demands of the State, but the revenge of Clark's friends, and that the employment of this extra counsel indicates that these friends rather think Fewell is guiltless, or that they will demand more than the State. The prisoner had now been confined in jail a long time; his health was suffering, and the verdict to be rendered must be no compromise one; Fewell was either guilty or must be set free. Judge Sinclair had said that if Clark had set the human heart on fire and brought disgrace on a worthy family, there might be palliation for the crime, and that disgrace had been brought to a worthy family, and the heart set on fire, might have been predicted when it was known that young Fewell had shot Clark, for that nothing short of those conditions would have induced him to commit that deed. He continued until after dark in an eloquent and telling speech, mentioning all the smaller cases that have occurred in this country, in which those who took the law into their own hands were acquitted and with the applause of the spectators, and impressing upon the minds of the jurors that from the time of the patriarchs down to the present such crimes as adultery and seduction were considered as beyond the pale of law and subject to the punishment of the sufferers, In the course of his speech he gave a detailed account of the career of Clark from the commencement of his acquaintance with Miss Fewell, a girl 15 years old, whose affections he had won by his insinuating arts, until his death by the hands of her brother, in which he stated that Clark, the Claude Melnotte of Manassas, had abducted her from her home, taken her to Baltimore under promise of marriage, defiled her there, then taken her to New Mexico, Missouri, where he basely deserted her; was overtaken by her at Boyle's Hotel in Washington, where he robbed her of the little money she had and then left her again with the hope that she in her distress, might be forced to join that unfortunate class whose only object while they live is to conceal themselves from their friends.

At the conclusion of his speech the court adjourned until tomorrow.

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The Fewell Trial

Brentsville, Nov. 8, 1872 -- The attendance at the Court House yesterday was not as large as it was the day before -- in consequence of the great rise that occurred in all the water courses in this neighborhood from the hard and prolonged rain of the preceding night and day -- but still a large number of spectators were present in the Court room, and the greatest interest was manifested not in the result of the trial, for that seems to have been already definitely settled, and it is the generally expressed opinion not only that the prisoner will be acquitted, but that the jury will render their

verdict without leaving the box -- in the evidence as given by the several witnesses examined.

The witnesses whose testimony was taken during the day were W. W. Thornton, W. E. Lipscomb, Oscar Powell, colored, Dr. Barbour, Dr. Leary, J. T. Goodwin, T. K. Davis, Dr. Harold Snowden, Miss Fannie Fewell, J. L. Sinclair and Col. M. D. Ball, and the evidence elicited was substantially that published in the Gazette at the time of the shooting. Miss Fewell who had to come to Brentsville via. Bristoe Station, in consequence of the rise in Broad Run, entered the Court room accompanied by her step mother and her brother in law, Mr. Merchant. She is a bright and pretty looking light haired, blue eyed and rosy cheeked girl, about sixteen years old, and rather small for her age. She wore a dark dress with white stripes, a red sack, and a straw hat with a blue veil. Her evidence was given, not in a long and continuous statement, but in replies to numerous questions, the most of which were propounded by Judge Thomas and was to the effect that Clarke had induced her to go away from home under a promise of marriage; that he met her at the depot in Alexandria; that when in Baltimore he told her that he could not marry her as he had already one wife, but that he had left that wife and his children for her; that her father would not take her back home; that her reputation was irreparably injured by coming to him, and that hence forward, as they had both made sacrifices, they would remain together through life. That after deserting her in Mexico, Missouri, she had found him by accident in Boyle's Hotel, in Washington, and that there he had taken away from her the most of the little money that had been given her, and had gone to Fredericksburg. Her replies were made in a voice of usual distinctness, and such was the stillness prevailing during their delivery that they were audible in every part of the court room. At the conclusion of Col. Ball's evidence, the court adjourned till this morning, Miss Fewell and her step mother going to the house of a friend, and the jury in charge of the sheriff returning to their quarters at Reid's Hotel,

Ex Gov. Henry A. Wise, one of the assistant counsel for the prosecution, arrived on the train from Lynchburg early this morning and will take part in the case today.

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#### The Fewell Trial

Brentsville, Nov. 8, 1872 --- The third day of Fewell's trial has come and gone, and whilst but little was done in the progress of the case, a greater amount of interest than on the preceding day was manifested. On yesterday before Miss Fewell's examination was concluded the Commonwealth asked for an adjournment till this morning in order to enable Gov. Wise to be present with some letters which were considered by counsel of much importance and material at that stage of the case. The counsel for the defense resisted the motion for adjournment, alleging that they would allow the letters, when ready to be presented, to go to the jury, after they were proven to be those written by Miss Fewell, and the Court so decided,

On the appearance of Gov. Wise in Court this morning he rose to an explanation of his seeming dereliction of duty, and stated that Judge Sinclair sent a telegram to him on the 6th, which he read as follows:

Brentsville, Va., Nov. 6, 1872. TO HENRY A. WISE, 9TH AND MARSHALL STREETS, RICHMOND, VA.: To be tried; come immediately. Bring the letters. - CHARLES E. SINCLAIR.

This he did not receive. He did receive one on that day asking, "Can you attend." To which was had this reply, " I cannot before Friday; will case be tried?" He inferred from the nature of the telegram which first reached him that the case would be continued if he could not attend, hence his reply. On the 7th another reached him informing him of the progress of the trial, and thereupon he started from Richmond and reached here this morning; but for this misadventure he would have been present at the inception of the trial. A motion was then made to introduce Miss Fewell as witness for the defense, for further cross examination by the prosecution; the Court, however, after reviewing the agreement of yesterday, decided that she could be introduced only as the witness for the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth then read six letters, written by Miss Fewell to Clark, five whilst they both lived at Manassas, intimating, in substance, her willingness to leave with him, four of them without date or signature, one written July 2d, and the last August 22d, after they had returned from their trip to the West. The letters are as follows:

#### Letter No. 1

"I have only time to write a short note. It will be a day or two before I can decide positively at what time I can leave. But don't think I have given it out, for I would not for the world; I will write you a long letter by Tuesday's mail, telling you when I can go. -- How short the time seems last night when we were together. You cannot imagine how delighted I was yesterday when I saw you on the picnic grounds. Can you remain until Sunday? Do by all means. I want you to go down to Church; Lizzie and I are going."

This note bore no signature and no caption, endorsed upon the back was the following, written in pencil: "Don't go to B----- tomorrow, if you can possibly help; wait until Monday."

#### Letter No. 2

"What shall I say to convince you that I am not mad with you; and why you have taken up such an idea, I can't imagine; have I ever acted in any way to cause you to believe me angry? If I have, I assure you I was unconscious of it, and I have never heard that you said anything respectful or disrespectful about me, except what Walter M. told me. I do not hesitate to trust you in anything, and indeed, I have already trusted you a great extent. In regard to fishing, I can go at any time, whenever convenient to you. I will be ready, and your company on the creek will be perfectly agreeable. I have never heard that any one ever suspected us, but for fear that this might get lost. I had rather you would destroy it immediately. Don't stay longer in Fredericksburg.

#### Letter No. 3

written in pencil and very faint. "I can't leave Monday as I expected, but will go after the fourth of July. Mrs H. tells me you expect to leave for B. tomorrow. But, darling, try and put your trip off until the first of next week. We think of having a dance tomorrow night. I expect to by all means to be there. Don't think my seeming negligence is an indication that my feelings towards you are changed, but you become dearer to me

every day, and I agree with you in the arrangements you have made for me to leave with you, and hope it will not be long before we can be together to be separated no more. Do, for my sake, defer your trip until the last of the week. Goodbye, darling. Yours until death. Destroy at once." No signature and no date.

#### Letter No. 4

"I long for the sound of the freight whistle, and still I dream for fear my darling will not come, but will hope for the best. And just to think he is going to leave so soon again -- going off on the 12 o'clock train to B. Now you could not defer your trip to-day, but I know you can to-night. We are all going after raspberries tomorrow, about two miles down the road, and I want you to go and may be we will have to have a little talk. Now do this pet, for your little girl." This note had no date or signature.

#### Letter No. 5

"At Home, July 2, 1872 -- My own darling: According to promise I seat myself this morning, not at home -- but you can guess-- to ask you if you don't think it best to come back once more before we leave; you have left many things which I think you will need, and I would like to make some arrangements in regard to getting my clothes away; but if you think it impossible for you to return, don't you think it best that I should express them to you? I can do it with safety. I have considered the matter, that is, about leaving Friday, and think that will be rather soon after your departure. It might cause suspicion, and I had rather wait a little longer. I can let you know this week at what time I will be ready to leave. Now darling, don't be angry, for I assure you I am doing this for the best. I am anxious for the time to arrive when we shall be together, as much as you are but don't think it prudent that I should leave Friday. The time has weighed heavily since you left; the days have seemed weeks. I would like for you to be here tomorrow night any how. Everybody expects you back, and come if you possibly can. Lizzie wants to know what is to be done with all your clothes you have left here. R. came this morning and got all the soiled ones to do up. I find that I can leave either on the passenger or the freight without any one finding me out, but tell me which you think will be the best. If you can't come up tomorrow, write a long letter to Lizzie telling me what to do. I will have to stop writing and go home immediately. Lizzie joins me in love to my little darling. No signature.

#### Letter No. 6

"Washington, D. C., Aug. 22. -- Oh, my darling! For God sake come back as soon as possible, there is a great long piece in the Baltimore paper, and it says you ran off with the agent's daughter from Manassas, and that you have a wife and three children.

"Oh God, what are we to do? Come to me at once. I am cast off from them all at home; you are all that I have to look to and don't leave, but come right back to me. Mr. Gale came up here and told me of it just now. He says he heard some one making remarks about it, and told them it was another man. Please darling come back to me tomorrow. I am so nervous I can scarcely hold the pen. Don't fail to come right away. Yours, I hope forever, F.\_\_\_\_

The counsel for the defense, with the view of preventing the reproduction of Miss Fewell upon the witness stand, after a consultation among themselves, decided to acknowledge the genuineness of the above letters.

The letters written by Clark to Miss Fewell, were introduced as evidence. The first is postmarked St. Louis, Aug. 15, and is to this effect: "My Darling little Girl: I telegraph this morning as soon as I reached here and got my breakfast and although it is now after three o'clock, I have not heard a word from them. I truly and greatly hope to hear to-day, so as to have you come up tonight, and I could meet you and go on to Cincinnati but have been disappointed. If you knew how I have felt, darling, since I left you, you would never doubt or distrust me, I never felt as lonely and miserable in my life. If I don't hear by eight o'clock tonight I am going to Cincinnati to night; will get there by 8 o'clock in the morning, and if I do not hear from them to-morrow, I will go on to Washington and send you money back from there. Oh, how I do hate this arrangement and I am really afraid you will have to come to Cincinnati by yourself, anyhow, if you do, you can take the next night train at Mexico, and get to Cincinnati at 6 next night, and I will meet you then, if possible. Don't get mad with me darling, or discouraged because of the delay, for as God is my judge, it is no fault of mine. Take good care of yourself darling, and just as soon as I can hear I will telegraph you.  
"Yours devotedly.

August 18, 1872

"To Mrs. Fannie S. Clark, 50 Ringo House, Mexico, Adrian County, Mo."

The "them" to which the letter alludes are friends from which Clark expected to procure money. The second letter was written the same day and addressed like the first: "My Darling little girl: In addition to what I wrote this evening I think it best to write again. It is now 5 o'clock, and still no answer. If I do not hear by half past eight I shall go to Cincinnati to night, and if in no other way will borrow enough to bring you to that place, and send it to you, so that you can leave to-morrow night. Oh darling, If I only had you with me tonight. You do not know how much I missed your dear little hand on my own in the train. When you get on the train, get the conductor to see that your baggage is properly attended to, if you want to change cars here. I will send you a money order, and you can collect it yourself. I want you to take the letters and photograph out of the trunk and put them in your pocket. You know the photograph I mean, the picture of somebody when she was small. I believe though, it is an ambrotype and is in the bottom of the trunk. It should be so that I cannot meet you at the depot at Cincinnati, you must go to the Galt House and register as Mrs. J. M. Moore, N. C., and I will find you. It may be that I cannot get off from Taylor Thornton but I do not apprehend any difficulty. I will send you a telegraph money order for enough to get you a ticket to Washington and to pay your expenses to Cincinnati, and after you get there I will meet you. Bring away all letters that may come for me. I hope to be with you in a day or two, darling, and until then I hope you will try to be happy. You can tell Mr. Ringo that I could not return as expected, and will send him whatever I may not have paid him. If you leave to-morrow night you will get to Cincinnati Thursday night at 9. Good-bye till we meet. Ever and devotedly yours. Destroy these letters, or take mighty good care of them.

The photograph referred to is one of his wife's taken when very young. These two

letters, Miss Fewell testified, were sent to Mexico after her departure from that point, and forward to Manassas, where they were taken into the possession of her family and kept from her sight.

The third letter dated Fredericksburg, and which was handed Miss F. at Boyle's Hotel in Washington, signed "Jim," and in which the expression "As bad a little flirt as you are, I am not afraid to trust you," is used, has heretofore been published in the Gazette.

Wm. Wright, conductor of the freight train on which Miss F. left Manassas, was the first witness in rebuttal.

Examination by Mr. Menifee -- I was in charge of the train on which Miss F. went off; left Manassas at 12:39 a. m.; after starting the train Mr. Fewell came out and requested me to stop it; I did so and he went through the caboose; when about a mile and a half from the place I observed an old gentleman who appeared to be very restless; soon after I saw a lady; I walked up to her and asked her if she wasn't Miss. F.; she said yes and told me she was going to Washington to be married; I remonstrated gently with her, told her that I was much older than she, and advised her to return to her father, she said she had fully made up her mind to go; arrived at Alexandria 3:30, and there saw a hack, to which I escorted her, I saw a man on the pavement; they saluted each other, he helped her into the hack and got in with her; the old man got in also.

By Gov. Wise -- She said she was going to marry a man by the name of Bee; stated she was about sixteen.

Cross examination by Judge Thomas -- Heard Miss F's testimony yesterday; so far as she went I think it was correct; the man she met was a small man weighing about 130 pounds; did not know Clark.

At one o'clock Gov. Wise asked the Court to adjourn till to-morrow morning, as two of the witnesses for the Commonwealth were not present and could not get here until tomorrow morning. Considerable discussion ensued on both sides. The Court decided to adjourn in order to allow these witnesses to be present.

#### Testimony of Miss Fannie Fewell

The following is Miss Fewell's testimony: My name is Fannie Sandford Fewell; I was sixteen the 29th of last June; I became acquainted with Clark when he first moved to Manassas; had heard of him before; while we lived at Manassas we met frequently; I saw a great deal of him during this time; I left home July 21st. 1872; was persuaded to leave by the seductions of Mr. Clark; I met Clark at the depot in Alexandria; he was standing on the pavement, near the track; the conductor escorted me to the carriage; left Alexandria at 3 a. m.; we drove towards Washington; I thought we were going to stop in that city, but am told we went directly to Bladensburg, which I thought was a part of the suburbs of Washington, we procured tickets here and went to Baltimore; arrived there about 6 a. m., and drove to the Rennert House; Clark accompanied me; remained during the day, and left about eight the following morning; Mr. Clark had promised before I left Virginia to marry me when I reached Washington; when we arrived in Bladensburg I asked him why he did not do so; he said it was too early in the morning; asked him again when we reached Baltimore to marry me; he said it was impossible -- that he was a married man, and it would be bigamy, a penitentiary offense, to marry while he had a wife living; this conversation occurred in my room,

after supper; Clark then went down into the office of the hotel; about ten o'clock he returned to my room, he found me in tears and told me that I might as well become resigned to my fate; that if I had made a sacrifice in leaving home with him, he also had made sacrifices for me; I told him if he did not intend to marry me I would return to my home; he said that our fates were linked irrevocably, that I had taken a step which I could not recall, that my family would not receive me, and the world would not believe me faultless; he also said that if I left him then he would leave me, and I would have no protector; we registered at the Rennert House as Mr. Green and wife, From Baltimore we went to Rochester, N. Y., without change of care; remained there two or three days; from Rochester, N. Y., without change of care; remained there two or three days; from Rochester we went to Detroit; reached that city at 9 p.m.; left next morning at 7 a. m. for Chicago; reached there Saturday night; did not leave Chicago until 10 o'clock Monday morning; did not go to church Sunday, but drove out to Lincoln Park with Clark in a hack; in Chicago we registered as Mr. and Mrs. Paxton; on leaving Chicago went to Palmyra, then to Hannibal, where remained several days, thence to Louisiana, Mo. where we stayed from 2 to 10 p. m.; from there we went to Mexico, Mo., the end of our tour, where we registered as John R. Lee and wife. Mr. Clark said he registered by the name of Lee because he had a friend named Dudley living near, and he wanted to surprise him in a few days; Dudley saw Clark; Mr. Clark did not say where he lived, and Mr. Dudley came to the Ringo House, where we were stopping, and asked the clerk if James F. Clark was there; he replied no; Mr. Clark told me that he did not want Mr. Dudley to find out where he was living because he might have likeness of his (Clark's) wife, and thus detect that I was not what I purported to be. Afterwards Mr. Dudley met Mr. Clark on the street and came with him to the "Ringo House;" Mr. Dudley was left in the saloon, and Mr. Clark came into my room and prepared me to be presented as his wife; he said if Dudley had a photograph of Mrs. Clark he would treat the subject of our marriage as if it were a ruse to amuse his friend, and then say that I was his cousin traveling with him; Mr. D was introduced and suspected nothing; his (Clark's) cousin, Miss Patten, called upon us, and I was introduced to her by him as his wife. Mrs. Clark; after Mr. Dudley's visit Mr. Clark assumed his right name; Mr. Clark remained with me two weeks and then started for St. Louis, while he was in St. Louis I received a letter from him; he also wrote to the clerk, telling him to advise me to come on to Cincinnati; I was then without means, and the hotel bill was unpaid; I ask the clerk what I was to do; he sent for Mr. Patten and Mr. Ringo, proprietor of the hotel; they bought me a ticket to Cincinnati; Mr. Ringo detained my clothes to secure his hotel bill; Mr. Clark said he would meet me in Cincinnati; I arrived there about six in the morning; I remained in the ladies' sitting-room of the depot until 11 in the day, looking for Mr. Clark; about midday a policeman, observed my disturbed manner, approached me and inquired what I was waiting for; I told him my story, and he declared that I was abandoned; while we were conversing the conductor of the train on which I had come to Cincinnati stepped up and claimed me as his guest; he offered to carry me to a hotel and pay my bills; his name was Marsh; the policeman, Mr. Kinney, told me that the conductor was a single man, and warned me to have nothing to do with him; he invited me to go home with him and let his wife take care of me; I accompanied him; in the meantime the policeman interested himself in my behalf; I stayed at his house until

the next day; a proposition was made to send me to the Home of the Friendless; the telegraph operator sent me a message saying that Clark had been at the office and dispatched an order for \$31 to Mexico, and that I could get the money by calling upon him; I went twice; each time the operator said Clark had just been there; I saw a notice in a Cincinnati paper that a man by the name of Clark had deserted his wife, and that she was without money or friends in that city; a few days afterwards a publication appeared in the same journal congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Clark upon having met by accident on the train, as they were each going east in search of the other; this paragraph was uttered false; I did not see Clark from the time I left Mexico until I arrived in Washington; through Mrs. Kinney's exertion I obtained a ticket for Washington; I had only a dollar when I left Mexico; by this time it was all expended, I reached Washington about 10 p. m.; had heard Mr. Clark speak of a friend who was clerk at Boyle's Hotel; I knew no one in Washington; called a policeman and asked him to conduct me to Boyle's Hotel; inquired if John R. Lee was registered there; he replied "yes," and went to the room which he thought Clark occupied; he returned and said he was not in his room, and had probably left the city; I asked to be shown to a room; this was Sunday night; in a short time the clerk knocked at my door and said he had mistaken another for Mr. Clark's room, and that he had just entered the hotel; I requested that he should be brought to me; when he entered my room he seemed astonished and exclaimed ' my God, how did you manage to get here? Mr. Clark spent this night with me; when I awoke I examined my pocket book, and found \$26 of the \$30 which I had when I arrived in Washington gone; I thought I had been robbed and told him of it, he said he had taken the money; he was angry that the publication had appeared in the Cincinnati Commercial setting forth that Mrs. Clark had been abandoned by her husband and was destitute condition; he said this might be seen by my family and lead them to search more diligently for me; he announced his intention to go to Fredericksburg and collect some money that was due him there; he asked me to lend some more of what I had left; he took five dollars; I then had a two dollar note and some small change remaining; he left me the same morning (Monday) for Fredericksburg, telling me that I must still pass as Mrs. J. R. Lee; I staid here until Saturday night, August 24, 1872, never during that time having left the hotel but on one occasion, and then in company with Mr. Clark; I was brought away by Mr. Merchant, my brother in law.

The examination in chief of Miss Fewell here closed. It was conducted by Judge Thomas.

The defense proposed to introduce Thomas M. Sullivan, a policeman from Washington but the court declined to receive his evidence.

Cross-examination -- Made Mr. Clark's acquaintance in June last, at Mr. Hynson's; he was then living at Manassas, and had a wife and two children; had no reason to know positively that he was married, but had never heard it denied, and believed such to be the case, did not accept Mr. Clark's advances until I supposed he was divorced from his wife; do not know how long our intimacy had lasted before Mr. Clark's family left Manassas; they went to her father's; I inquired, and was told that they did not live happily together; after they had been gone some time I received a note from Mr. Clark asking me to meet him at Mrs. Hynson's, in which he said that he was separated from

his wife, and wanted to see more of me now; I went to Mrs. Hynson's that night, and met Mr. Clark there, as I had done several times before; the following day he wrote a note asking me to go away to Washington with him and be married; on being assured that he was divorced I agreed to this; did not feel that it was morally wrong for Mr. Clark to pay his addresses to me under the circumstances; it did not occur to me that I should not go to Washington and be married when I had every assurance that he was an unmarried man; was also told he was divorced by Mrs. Hynson, who said she had letters in her possession to confirm this statement; knew that I was deceived and ought not to remain with him longer than the night we spent in Baltimore; but where could I go; I left Manassas with an emissary of Clark's his name is Hartman. and he staid at Boyle's Hotel; I paid my own fare down; the conductor remonstrated with me and advised me to return to my father; upon his insisting on this I again refused, and told him if returned against my consent I would seek the first opportunity to escape, and find him, (referring to Clark;) the man who came for me was a stranger; the first night appointed for my elopement I was not ready when the train passed; the following night my escort came again and we got off safely; Mr. Clark told me to reply "Mr. Lee," if any one asked me whom I was going to marry; he had supplied me with fifty dollars, through Mrs. Hynson, to meet any expenses when we reached Alexandria the conductor escorted me about a square, and we found Mr. Clark in waiting with a hack; I had been receiving notes from Mr.. Clark for about a month before I agreed to leave home, at Manassas I lived with Mr. D. B. Merchant, did not receive Mr. Clark's visits at their house, they did not like him, and discouraged our growing intimacy; we passed the night in Baltimore together as man and wife; this was after he told me he could not marry me; I kept the money given me by Mr. Clark until we arrived at Mexico; I then gave it to him; during our relations several notes of affectionate character passed between us.

The Commonwealth here announced that they could not proceed further with the evidence of this witness until some valuable documents were obtained, which were then in the hands of the Governor.

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The Fewell Trial reported for the Alexandria Gazette.

Brentsville, November 9, 1872 --- Miss Fewell appeared this morning on the stand. She seemed to bear her examination with the same degree of fortitude and calmness which she exhibited on Thursday, answering every question put to her by Gov. Wise, with distinctness, clearness, and sometimes with much emphasis. The court on assembling asked the counsel if they were ready to proceed. Gov. Wise desired to enquire into the health of Miss Fewell; also whether she was able to come into court. Shortly afterwards she appeared, escorted by Mrs. Fewell, her step mother, and Mr. B. D. Merchant, her brother in law. Miss Fewell was introduced by the prosecution for the purpose of explaining six letters which she had written to Clark. Each letter was numbered in the form in which they were handed to her and read and explained by her.

Gov. Wise opened the examination as follows : Q.- Miss Fewell please look at that

letter and tell me if you wrote it? Ans. I wrote it sir, In the sentence "It will be a day or two before I can decide at what time I can leave," I meant leave for Washington to be married. "But don't think I have given it out for I would not for the world; means that i thought a great deal of Mr. Clark, and was anxious to marry him.

On being pressed by counsel as to whether she preferred Clark to the world, she finally answered yes. "I will write you a long letter by Tuesday's mail; could not tell what date Tuesday was; I left these notes at the house of Mrs. Hynson; she sent the first five; she dictated them all, and examined them after I wrote them; she did not dictate the sentence in which the words "respectful or disrespectful" are mentioned; think I wrote this letter about the 4th of July; I don't know when Mrs. C. left Manassas; I know she was gone before I wrote any letter; I saw her when she left; don't know when Mr. C. removed there when Mrs. C. left. I had then known Mr. C. a short time; I asked Mr. C. to remain till Sunday because I wanted to go to church, and Mrs. Hynson told me to put it in; I want you to go down to church, Lizzie and I are going; Lizzie is intended for Mrs. Hynson; Mr. C. and I called her Lizzie; he addressed his letters to mean care of Lizzie Twyman, a name he gave Mrs. Hynson; she sent for me to her house to write my letters to Mr. C., she was my aide, --abettor, and counselor. Here a point was raised by Judge Thomas that this was not rebutting testimony. The court did not sustain the objection

#### SECOND LETTER

"I am not mad with you and I have never heard that you said anything respectful or disrespectful about me, except what Walter M. told me. Ans. The person I alluded to was Walter Merchant. He was a friend of mine and my family; I had learned that Mr. Clark had made some remarks about me in his store; I asked him (W. M. what Mr. C. had said; he replied that Mr. C. had not said anything particularly about me; he did not tell me what Mr. C. had said. "I do not hesitate to trust you. " I had trusted Mr. C. when I engaged myself to him; I thought he would take care of me for my future life. "In regards to fishing I can go at any time convenient to you, I will be ready and your company on the creek will be perfectly agreeable." I here alluded to fishing party, but did not go on that occasion; I had gone fishing before that; Mr. C. met me on the creek; I did not seek his company. I have never heard that any one ever suspected us but for fear this might get lost, I had rather you would destroy it immediately." My reason for saying that was because Mr. C. had asked if any of my family suspected us; they did not like Mr. C.; I asked him to destroy my letters because he had requested me on the other hand to destroy his lest they should fall into the hands of my family; I never heard that any person suspected me of any thing else; if they did, they certainly had no right to do so; I never took but one buggy ride with Mr. C., and then we went to church.

#### THIRD LETTER

The third letter was written in pencil, on a small piece of paper, the lines are transverse and impression is very faint.

To Gov. Wise, reading from Sun's report - Q. "I can't leave Monday, as I expected, but will go after the 4th of July?" Ans. Don't know what Monday is referred to.

Q. How do you know this letter was not written before Mrs. Clark left? Ans. (Petulantly) Because he did not address me until after she had left.

[Court interposed, prohibiting counsel from putting the same question so often]

Q. Mrs. H. tells me you expect to leave for B. tomorrow?" Ans. B. stands for Baltimore; I don't know why I called her Mrs. H. in this letter; did not intend to marry at Baltimore, but in Washington.

Q. "But darling try to put your trip off till next week? Ans. don't know how near first of next week was to the 4th of July; by first of next week, suppose it would be after 4th of July.

By Gov. Wise - Q. Then the time this letter was written would be in the week containing the 4th of July. Ans. I suppose so.

Q. "We think of having a dance tomorrow night, I expect you by all means to be there." Ans. The dance was to be at Mrs. Hynson's.

Q. "Don't think my seeming negligence is an indication that my feelings toward you have changed, but you become dearer to me every day, and I agree with you in the arrangements you have made for me to leave with you, and hope it will not be long before we can be together, to be separated no more?" Ans. Meant by that that I expected to be married to him; Mrs. Hynson dictated that letter.

Q. "Why was it written on such a small piece of paper? Ans. Written at Mrs. Hynson's, it was written on so small a piece of paper because it was all that was convenient.

#### FOURTH LETTER

Q. "I long for the sound of the freight whistle and still I dread for fear my darling will not come, but will hope for the best?" Ans. Mr. C. had gone to Alexandria and was expected to return on the freight train; don't know when this was written. [She replied with emphasis that it was no use asking her that question] R. means Richmond; don't know whether it was Winter, Summer or Spring.

Q. We are all going after raspberries tomorrow about two miles down the railroad, and I want you to go and may be we will have a chance to have a little talk?" Ans. This must have been written in Summer; I did not go raspberring.

#### FIFTH LETTER

Q. "At home, July 2d, 1872. According to promise I seat myself this morning, not at home, but you can guess?" Ans. I wrote this at Mrs. H's she dictated every word, I said "guess" because he knew where I went when I wrote it; did not tell Mr. C. myself where I went to write, but he had been told; I accepted an appointment to meet Mr. C. at Mrs. Hynson's when I accepted I suppose it was of my own free will; Mr. Clark and myself were never alone at Mrs. Hynson's; she or her husband were always present.

Q. "I find that I can leave either on the passenger or the freight without anybody finding me out; but tell me which you think best?" ans. Mr. C. told me to leave on the freight.

#### SIXTH LETTER

Dated August 22d, Washington. Ans. I wrote this myself, no one dictated this to me. Gov. Wise then read from the letter that she found out that there was a great long piece in the Baltimore Paper about them.

"Mr. Gale told her so "Ans. Mr. Gale was clerk at Boyle's Hotel; don't know his other name; never knew him before; I left home on Saturday July 21; the name of the man who went with me from Manassas was Carpenter; said he lived in Washington.

Miss Fewell by consent of counsel, was then relived of all further attendance at

Court.

G. M. Weedon, brother in law of Clark, was sworn and testified. Do not know positively when Mr. Clark left Manassas for King George County; staid at my house on his way; had with him his wife and two children; cannot give the exact date when they passed my house on their way to his father in law; was very near the last of June; believe it was latter than the 16th.

Cross examination - Believe they left for King George after the middle of June; had with them as baggage only three carpet sacks, two were of leather; I think the other was not; had no furniture with them unless contained in carpet bags; knew of no sale of furniture by them at Manassas.

Here, at 3 p.m., the prosecution closed their case, though it is believed that they will make an attempt to introduce Mrs. Hynson on Monday, if she arrives by that time.

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#### The Fewell Trial

Brentsville, November 12. - This morning Judge Nicol read to the jury the instructions prepared mostly by the counsel, with such corrections as he deemed necessary. [The instructions are very long, and the crowded state of our columns, to-day, compel us to omit them. The following are some of the instructions granted, prepared for the defence: First, If at the time the prisoner committed the act charged upon him from an association of the deceased with his real or fancied troubles, arising from the abduction, debauching, or abandonment of his sister after she had been debauched, his mind became so deranged that he was deprived of his memory and understanding so as to be unaware of the nature, character and consequences of the act he committed, or to be unable to discriminate between right and wrong in reference to that particular act, at the very time of its commission, he is entitled to acquittal.

Second, If at the time the prisoner committed the act charged upon him he was by reason of the causes aforesaid thrown into a state of excitement and frenzy, in which he was divested of his reason and judgment, and was from mental disease incapable of governing himself in reference to he deed, he is not responsible for the act.

Third, If by reason of the causes as aforesaid the prisoner's mind was so controlled and operated upon that he could not resist, or that he could not control the impulse which prompted the act complained of, he is not responsible, provided such impulse was not of anger or revenge, or other kindred evil passions.

Fourth, If the prisoner was deprived of his reason before and at the time the act was committed, and on account of the conduct of the deceased in the abduction or seduction of his sister, the jury have the right from their own knowledge of human nature and the tendencies of the human mind, to judge whether the act complained of was not the result of an ungovernable frenzy, sufficient to unsettle his faculties, and by an insane impulse deprived the mind of its controlling and directing power, thereby rendering him legally irresponsible for what he did.

Fifth, If the jury believed that by reason of the abduction or seduction of his sister, the letter which deceased wrote to her, the card of the prisoner issued by him whilst in custody, and all the circumstances attending upon the abduction or seduction as came to his knowledge, and the declaration of the deceased that there was no law to punish

him, the prisoner committed the act, then the jury have the right to judge whether the moral or mental faculties of the prisoner were not so diseased by reason thereof, as to deprive his mind of its controlling powers, and to render him irresponsible therefore.

Mr. Menifee then commenced the argument before the jury for the prosecution.

#### MRS. HYNSON'S AFFIDAVIT

As Mrs. Hynson was not allowed to testify yesterday, she was desirous that a history of her connection with the transaction should be made public and with this view appeared before Geo. C. Round a notary public at Manassas, and made an affidavit, from which is extracted a synopsis that will doubtless prove of interest in throwing some light upon the particulars of this painful affair.

The instrument, after giving her reasons for not appearing in court in obedience to its summons, recites that it contains, without abridgment or extenuation, what would have been her evidence had she been suffered to testify, and relates that she has known both of the parties to the elopement all of her life, and that while she does not know when they became acquainted is inclined to believe that the introduction did not take place at her house; she remembers however having seen them both at her house at a dancing party given in the latter part of the winter of 1871-2

The Fewell family, it sets forth, had always been very intimate with her, and Fannie had always been a constant visitor at her house and she had always looked upon her in the light of a very near relation, but she does not think the number or frequency of her (F.s) visits increased after Mr. Clark came to the village and often became a guest at her husband's house; recollects that Mr. Clark and Miss Fewell were members of a fishing party, of which she was one, that had gone to Millford Mills during the month of May, and that they conversed on that occasion. It states that she had never encouraged any intimacy between them, and that she never told Miss Fannie that she knew Clark to be separated from his wife, and had papers in her possession to confirm that assertion; that no money had ever passed through her hands, either directly or indirectly, from Clark to Miss Fewell, and that she did not know of Miss F.'s having a sum of any amount in her possession until she was informed of that fact by another, to whom it was entrusted one day when Miss Fannie took a drive with a young man; that she had never corresponded with Mr. Clark under her own name or a fictitious one, and was not known to him by the nonme de plume of Lizzie Twyneman; that she had never inquired at the post office for letters for Lizzie Twyneman, and had never seen any so addressed on but one occasion, and under these circumstances: "Miss Fewell was at our house one morning, and asked me to let my servant girl, Bertie Robinson, go to the post office for her; Fannie told her to ask for her mail and for Lizzie Twyneman's on her return she brought one letter for Lizzie Twyneman and one for Fannie; i saw the former letter, and noticed it was postmarked Alexandria; I asked her who Lizzie Twyneman was; she replied, the girl at Noonnie's (Noonnie was a pet name she had given Mrs. Merchant:) i did not know the name of the servant at Mrs. Merchant's at that time, nor do I know it now; she then put the two letters in her pocket and walked out of the house." The affidavit continues: "I had never heard Fannie speak in affectionate terms of Mr. Clark; on the contrary she told me several times, both before and after she became acquainted with Mr. Clark, that she intended to elope with a young man who was then living in Fredericksburg. I not only never dictated any

of these letters, but to my knowledge none of them were written at my house. Mr. Clark did not leave his clothes with me; he took his meals at my house after his wife left, and remained during the night once or twice; was invited to stay much of time, but generally declined, and would leave about 9 or 10 p.m., on the plea of having some visiting to do, and go to his own home; often visited Mrs. Clark and thought her husband was devoted to her; never knew of any arrangement between Mr. Clark and Fannie to meet at my house; have always had a great deal of company, and they sometimes met there though without any knowledge on my part of concert between them, have once or twice heard Mr. Clark speak in light terms of Miss Fewell, and she always acted when with me, as if his presence was not particularly agreeable to her.

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#### The End Of The Fewell Trial - Acquittal Of The Prisoner

The trial of Lucien N. Fewell for the murder of James F. Clark, was concluded yesterday, and the prisoner acquitted. Upon the opening of court Judge Nicol presented the following instruction to supplement those offered by the sentence yesterday, touching the plea of insanity: "The insanity contemplated by the series of instructions granted the defence in this case, may proceed from one of the two distinct species of disease of the mind, either of which, if a person was laboring under at the time of committing the act might render him irresponsible therefore, however criminal such an act might be in a person free from disease. The first is when the disease so affects the mental or reasoning faculties of the brain that the person subject to it is unable to determine the nature and quality of the act he is doing, or if he does know it he does not know that it is wrong. The other is when the disease so affects the moral faculties that the person subject to it is liable at any time to break out into such paroxysms of violence that it is impossible for him not to give way to them, and this though the person at the time is fully conscious of the nature and quality of the act he is doing, and that is wrong. The difficulty in such cases is to determine whether the act proceeded from passion or malice on the one side, or from a diseased mind upon the other. It is for the jury to say, if they believe the prisoner committed the homicide with which he is charged, from all the facts in evidence before them, whether he was at the time of committing such act, laboring under either of the aforesaid diseases of the mind, and so affected thereby as to render him irresponsible for such act."

Mr. Menefee, for the prosecution, then commenced and concluded his argument in the case, which was an able one, and in which the law and the testimony was discussed at length.

The counsel for the defence then submitted a proposition to give the case to the jury without further argument. The Court referred the motion to the counsel for the prosecution, who declined to accept it, Governor Wise remarking to Judge Thomas that he could not be caught, as he knew him (Judge T.) intus it in cute - from centre to circumference."

The concluding argument was very brief, ex Governor Wise making only a short speech. The case was given to the jury at night, and after they had been out but a very few minutes rendered a verdict of "not guilty." The prisoner was then discharged from custody, and thus ends the story of this famous tragedy.

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#### The Argument in the Fewell Case

The Correspondent of the Baltimore Sun gives the following account of the arguments of counsel in the Fewell Case. After Mr. Menifee had concluded, Judge Thomas commenced with an eloquent allusion to the importance of the issues at stake in this trial, involving not merely the life or death of the prisoner, but the happiness or misery of two families, and the well-being of society itself. He reminded the jury that they were expected to verify that pet maxim of the law, that every man's house is his castle, and show to the world that when one undertakes to enter that stronghold, and defy the protection it should afford its inmates, he must be prepared to take the consequences of his act.

Judge Thomas based the grounds of the defence, as General Payne had done before him, on the two pleas of justification and insanity. To substantiate his first position he commented with minuteness upon the evidence adduced in the case, all of which had been published in the reports, and cited the cases of Ayre, Grant, and Pollard, Bowyer, Richardson and McFarland and others of similar import, to show that the higher law, as he termed it, public opinion, had always extenuated such deeds as Fewell committed. In defence of his second position he called attention to the instructions submitted by the defence relevant to insanity, and read from "Ray on Diseases of the Mind" to show that there can be a moral derangement, unaccompanied by any symptoms of physical disease.

Judge Thomas was followed by General Eppa Hunton, who began with a reference to the proposition made by the defence to present the case to the jury without arguments, and said the refusal of the prosecution to accept it indicated in them a want of confidence in the strength of their cause. He avowed that he came into the case expecting to meet charges brought by the Commonwealth, but he had seen the Commonwealth retire, and only the private counsel pressing, and this anomaly is not only enough to vindicate the jury in giving a verdict of acquittal, but demands that they should do so.

He alluded to the testimony of Davis, who stated that the prisoner had given as a reason for killing Clark the seduction of his sister, and drew a vivid picture of the scenes that were enacted at Manassas, while the seducer was expending every wile and artifice in the endeavor to beguile and infatuate his victim. He referred to the futile efforts that had been made by the prosecution to asperse the previous unsullied reputation for chastity that Miss Fewell had hitherto borne, and asserted that this, if proved, would not affect his plea of justification, unless the counsel also showed that the accused knew of his sister's former bad character at the time he committed the homicide. Referring to the interview held by Clark with the reporter of the Alexandria Gazette, he said it was evident that Clark only considered the jail a haven of refuge, and that Fewell was advised of this fact on the 30th of August, which was the provocation to commit this homicide.

Gen. Hunton also based the request for a verdict of acquittal upon the two pleas of justification and insanity. To sustain the first he recited, succinctly the circumstances attending Miss Fewell's abduction, and took the ground that when a man's wife or

daughter has been seduced the laws of Virginia confer upon the injured party the privilege of taking the life of the seducer. To maintain his second plea he read from Dr. Hammond's opinion in the McFarland trial, with reference to temporary insanity. Gen. Hunton spoke about one and three-quarter hours.

Gov. Henry A. Wise closed the argument for the prosecution. He ascribed much of the mischief that had resulted from the liaison to the loose morality of the age in which we live, and descanted at length upon free love and the other isms of the day, not sparing Greeleyism, which he characterized as immeasurably the worst of all. He reviewed the evidence with great minuteness, and attempted to implicate in the assassination and elopement several others besides those whose names have already been made public. He combatted the pleas of the defence by showing that no cause of resentment can extenuate murder, and no evidence had been adduced to show a diseased condition of the prisoner's mind at the time the homicide occurred. Gen Wise's speech, contrary to the expectations of his auditors, was short. At the close of the argument, at about 7:30 p.m., the jury retired to consider upon a verdict. At the expiration of five minutes they returned, and through their foreman John S. Ewell, presented the following verdict in writing: "We of the jury, find the prisoner not guilty as charged in the indictment.

The verdict was greeted with vociferous and long continued applause by the large number of spectators, who had assembled in the court room to await the closing scenes of this famous trial. After his acquittal the accused came out of the prisoner's box and received the congratulations of many friends, who immediately hastened towards him. These formed an escort of honor and conducted him to Reid's Hotel, where he supped, and was afterwards driven to Manassas.

Alexandria Gazette 25 Nov 1872

The Manassas Agricultural Society holds an adjourned meeting on the evening of the 25th instant at the Methodist Church, and will have under consideration the question of shade and ornamental trees. The various kinds, and the proper time for transplanting the same is to be discussed.

The Manassas Gazette says: "Mrs. M. H. Bodine, who resides near this place, pulled from her garden during this week a beet of the yellow sugar variety, which measured twenty-three and a half inches in circumference and weighed nine and a quarter pounds!"

Alexandria Gazette 25 Nov 1872

AUCTION SALES - Sale of a Valuable Mill Property - By virtue of a decree pronounced by the Circuit Court of Prince William county, the 11th day of October, 1872, in the cause of Hedgeman Carney, plaintiff, against Franklin Taylor, defendant, the undersigned, Commissioners, appointed by the said decree, will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House of the said county, on the 2d day of December, 1872, that being court day, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in Prince William and Stafford Counties, containing about 104 1/2 ACRES, lying on the Chappawamsic run. This tract of land has upon it a very comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, with four rooms, and all necessary out houses, barn and stable,

and a valuable GRIST AND SAW MILL.

TERMS: One fourth cash, and the residue on a credit of one, two and three years, with interest from date: the purchaser to execute bond and security for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained until the whole of the purchase money is paid, as a further security therefor.

W. Willoughby, Wm. H. Payne, Aylett Nicol, Commissioners - Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 28 Dec 1872

Prince William County Items - Mr. George Weedon, said to be the oldest man in this county, died at his residence, "Cole Hill," below Brentsville, on the morning of the 23rd inst. in the 86th year of his age. He was for many years a magistrate, and under the old regime a member of the county bench. He was a native of the county, being a member of a numerous relationship, and highly respected for his worth and integrity as a citizen.

The F. P. Gaskins Lodge, 1467, I. O. O. F., gave a ball at Davis Hall on last Thursday night. Everything passed off very pleasantly, and the tables were supplied bountifully with refreshments. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity although the weather was very inclement. On Monday night the same Lodge will give a grand ball. The F. P. Gaskins Lodge was the first institution of the kind ever organized in Prince William.

Christmas passed off very quietly yet pleasantly in this village. Owing to the unpleasant state of the weather, a snow storm prevailing all day, but few persons were on the street, yet within doors all was cheerfulness and jollity, whilst egg-nogg and other drinkables aided to commemorate the occasion. -Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 02 Jan 1873

A letter from Manassas in the Washington Star, says that, on Sunday last, Mr. John Payne whilst walking up the railroad, discovered a broken rail near the "brown-stone" quarry, about a mile from the village, and where the embankment is steep. He had scarcely time to run some three hundred yards along the track before the Northern bound train, loaded with passengers, came thundering along. The engineer perceiving some one waiving a handkerchief stopped his train, and on examining the track expressed his opinion that but for the gentleman's fortunate appearance the train would have gone over the embankment."

Alexandria Gazette 04 Jan 1873

Prince William Items - We take the following items from the Manassas Gazette: An army musket burst in the hands of a colored man near this place on Saturday last, killing a rabbit which he aimed at; ten partridges out of a flock which flew by him at the time; blew the soles of his boots off, set off a half pound of powder which he had in his pocket; melted four pounds of shot, and strange to say no damaged was done except the total wreck of the gun and ammunition. After the explosion the man discovered the wreck of his gun in the top of a tree, where it is said to still hang. The strangest thing of all was that the effect of the explosion caused the hunter's hair, which was curly, to become perfectly straight.

Mr. Arthur F. Woodyard has been appointed jailor, vice Mr. John T. Goodwin,

resigned. Mr. Matthew Woodyard has taken the Roseberry property in the village vacated by Mr. Arthur F. Woodyard. Mr. Goodwin has moved into the "White House" Hotel, and we learn he will open it sometime during the coming spring.

It is rumored that a ghost of a departed has been seen in this place, causing considerable commotion among some of our people. We have made some inquiries in regard to the matter but cannot get any particulars about its appearance.

A few nights since the cellar of John Johnson, shoemaker of this place, was entered and one hundred and fifty pounds of bacon carried off. The thief was tracked in the snow as far as Thomas' Grist Mill.

Christmas passed off quietly in Brentsville, there being but one drunken man seen on the streets, during the holidays, and he being a citizen of a neighboring village sometimes called "Stump Town".

We learn that another hotel is to be opened at Brentsville. If it is to be equal to that of Mr. J. B. Reid's Brentsville will be able to boast of two excellent hotels.

The quarterly term of the County Court meets on Monday next. A full grand jury has been summoned to take cognizance of all violations of law.

The store of Messrs. Kincheloe & Lynn, at Independent Hill, was broken into a short time ago and robbed of a small amount of money.

The population of Brentsville has increased the past year; there having been seven births and only two deaths.

We learn that one or two of our citizens contemplate making a business of butchering hereafter.

Some of our good friends of Clifton Station "busted up" one drinking place by an appeal to the Court and started three.

The epizootic has had a damaging effect on sleighing this season.

The wife of Mr. Harvey Varns is lying very ill.

#### Alexandria Gazette 11 Jan 1873

Letter from Prince William County - Last Monday was the regular grand jury term of our County Court; owing, however, to the high waters many people were not able to attend. George W. Larkin qualified as Commonwealth's Attorney and entered upon the duties of his office. Little business was transacted at this court, some criminal cases were continued. The grand jury, with Wm. H. Bryant as foreman, found "true bills" against A. D. Finch for adultery and attempt to procure abortion, and on motion to quash, by Judge Charles E. Sinclair, who was counsel for Finch, after argument, both indictments were quashed. Messrs. Larkin and Round for the Commonwealth, and Judge Sinclair and J. J. Davies for defence.

John Appleby, the colored boy who was convicted at the last term of the court of house burning (the residence of J. P. Baldwin) was recommended to the executive clemency by the jury, Judge A. Nicol, Judge Chas. E. Sinclair, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Mr. Baldwin, and whose sentence was commuted to confinement in the penitentiary for the term of 10 years, left here on Wednesday morning in charge of Sheriff Butler for Richmond.

The mill race of J. F. Wheat, esq., near Dumfries was partially destroyed by ice floats on Monday. The damage to the dam is estimated at \$150.

The citizens of Occoquan were startled on the same morning the ice on the Occoquan having backed up into the streets, the water entering the house of Mr. Underwood, who was forced to leave his house till it had subsided.

The snow which made its appearance before Christmas still continues on the surface in many places; it froze as it melted, coating the roads and patches with ice, and rendering them dangerous for traveling purposes.

The citizens of this county with great unanimity have recommended the re-election by the Legislature of Judge Aylett Nicol to his present position, and in the event of a rearrangement and increase of the judicial circuits, are earnestly advocating his election to the judgeship of the circuit, of which Prince William shall form a part. Judge Nicol is certainly one of the ablest county judges in the State, and would fill the position with credit to himself and the circuit. D.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jan 1873

Commissioners' Sale of Valuable Real Estate and Fishery in Prince William County. By virtue of decrees of the Circuit Court for the city of Alexandria, Va., rendered at the November term, 1872. in the suits of Newton against Newton and others, and Phillips' administrator against Newton's executors and others, (consolidated) the undersigned, commissioners, appointed by said decree, will offer at public auction, in front of the Mansion House on Fairfax Street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on SATURDAY, the 22 day of March, 1873, at 12 o'clock m., a TRACT OF LAND, situated in the county of Prince William, Virginia, on the Potomac River, containing about 852 acres, being the residue, after deducting the purchases of Naglee, Musser, and OPP, respectively, of a larger tract known as DEEP HOLE, MOUNT PLEASANT and THE FARM, which was conveyed by Isaac Newton and wife and Samuel N. Garwood and wife, in trust, to Edward T. Tayloe and Presley Thornton Lomax, by deed, dated May 29th, 1854, recorded in the land records of Prince William County, Virginia.

This is a very valuable estate, and has on it a large quantity of excellent timber and a valuable FISHERY, known as "DEEP HOLE," Facilities to market are afforded by the Potomac River and the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad, which latter passes through the land. A plat and survey will be exhibited at the time and place of sale, and the tract will be sold entire, or divided into parcels as may seem to the commissioners most advisable.

Terms of Sale: Enough of the purchase money to be paid in cash to defray the costs and expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal installments, with interest from the day of sale; the purchaser giving bonds with approved security, and the title to be retained to secure the deferred payments, and the land subject to be resold under decree in said suits at the purchasers' risk, in case of a failure to comply with the terms of sale. Frances L. Smith, Eppa Hunton, Commissioners of Sale

Alexandria Gazette 14 Jan 1873

Prince William County Items - Mr. James Vowels, aged 72 years, died on the 25th of December, at the residence of Mr. Matthew Priest in this county. Mr. V. was a native of Talbot County, Md., but had been a resident of this county upwards of thirty years. He was a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, and probably the oldest

member of that order living in the county. He was buried in the family burying ground on the farm of Mr. Priest.

On motion of Judge C. E. Sinclair a rule was entered against Mr. Geo. W. Jones by the Court, on Monday last, to show cause why he should not be removed from the office of constable, for having charged improper fees, Mr. Jones contends that the fees charged were proper.

Mr. Charles H. Whittington, telegraph operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company at this place, was taken down a few days ago with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Mr. H. S. Sneed of Gordonsville has taken his place until he gets able to resume his duties.

We learn that Mrs. Vanderhoof, the widow of a man by the name, who purchased a farm near Nokesville, about a year ago, is in very destitute circumstances, her husband having died leaving the widow and six children without support.

A man by the name of P. H. Smith, a resident of Monroe County, West Virginia, passed through here on Wednesday last in charge of three guards who were conveying him to the lunatic Asylum at Weston, West Va.

Messrs. Nicol and Hunton, commissioners, sold on Monday last in front of the court house, 200 acres of land, a portion of the homestead of the late Seymour Lynn, near Independent Hill, to Burress Norman for \$4 per acre.

Messrs. Sinclair and Nicol, commissioners, sold on Monday last four lots of land, each containing half an acre, of the estate of the late James Purcell, to Jas. R. Purcell for the sum of \$399.50

Mr. M. M. Roseberry who has been confined by sickness for the past three months at his home near Brentsville, is we are glad to report nearly recovered and will soon be out again. MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 27 Jan 1873

Prince William County Items - The "donation party" given by the ladies for the benefit of Rev. Wm. I. Bain on Thursday night, the 16th inst., was notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and frightful condition of the roads, a signal success. The donation was held at the residence of Mr. Geo. W. Sexsmith, near the village of Brentsville, where assembled near a hundred persons, made up largely from the youth and beauty of that section of the country. About half past nine o'clock supper was announced, and an elegant one it was. Two or three impromptu addresses were made, mostly on the subject of donations. The evening was passed most delightfully, and will long be remembered with pleasure by those who were so fortunate as to attend. A most interesting part of the program was an address on the subject of astronomy by Mr. I. P. Baldwin.

The private "hop" given by a number of the young men of Manassas on Thursday night, at Porter's Hall, was a most pleasant affair. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the youth and loveliness of Manassas were out in full force. A band of music from Washington was in attendance, and the managers deserve the thanks of those who were present for the admirable manner in which the affair was conducted.

If a number of the substantial citizens of this county would organize a mutual fire insurance company, such as they have in Fairfax and Loudoun, it would not only

accommodate people of the county, but keep a large amount of money here, now sent away and put in the hands of companies often outside the State.

On Thursday evening of last week, the horse attached to a wagon of Mr. R. D. Johnson, agent for the Howe Machine Company, took fright from some cause and ran with the wagon for nearly a mile, through the fields and woods, but strange to say, nothing was injured in the slightest.

The rain of Thursday night of last week had the effect of raising the streams so high that several persons who attended the donation party at Brentsville were detained there until Saturday morning following.

A public meeting of the citizens of Manassas will be held at the Manassas Hotel on Thursday night next, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration a town charter.

The County Superintendent has ordered an apportionment of fifty cents per head of the county funds for school purposes in addition to the twenty five cents of the State school fund.

Mr. Francis J. Cannon has purchased the farm of Mr. John C. Poor, near Manassas, containing 103 acres, with good improvements, for the sum of \$4,000.

Dr. Benjamin F. Iden, of Fauquier, arrived at Manassas on Thursday, and will locate for the purpose of practicing his profession.

Tuesday, the 4th day of February, has been appointed for a meeting of the County School Board

#### MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 01 Feb 1873

AUCTION SALES - By virtue of a deed of trust to me, executed from David Vanderhoof and wife, bearing date December 1st, 1871, and recorded in the Clerk's office of Prince William county, in liber 28, page 445, for the purposes therein mentioned. I shall proceed to sell, at the front door of the Court House of the said county, on the FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH, 1873, the tract of land known as "WELLINGTON," containing 100 acres, adjoining the lands of Wagner and others, lying near the O. A. & M. R. R. The improvements are a FRAME DWELLING and WELL. The land is of good quality, with sufficient timber for fencing, &c.

TERMS: So much cash as will be necessary to pay the expenses of sale and \$397.50, that being the amount then due under the deed of trust; and \$300 payable within one year from day of sale; \$300 payable in two years from day of sale; \$400 payable in three years from day of sale, and the remainder, if any, payable in four years from the day of sale; the deferred payments bearing interest from date, and to be secured by the purchaser giving bonds for the same and deed of trust upon the premises.

Henry Wagner, Trustee Prince William County

Alexandria Gazette 08 Feb 1873

Prince William County Items - The County Court met on Monday last, Judge Nicol presiding. The weather being inclement but few persons were present. Com. vs. Edson Green charged with unlawfully killing a hog, the property of Richard Anderson, jury, verdict for Commonwealth; one cent damages and costs, Geo. W. Larkin for Commonwealth, J. J. Davies for defence. Com. vs. John J. Ashe charged with

standing a stallion without license. jury, verdict for Ashe; Larkin for Commonwealth, Moore for defence. A few chancery orders were entered and the Court adjourned on Tuesday morning.

The Piedmont Milk and Produce Association held their annual meeting at Manassas on Wednesday last, the President, J. P. Machen esq., in the chair. The President addressed the association and gave an exhibit of the transactions of the society during the past year. A number of the members gave their experience which showed that the dairy business is much more profitable than grain raising. The election of officers resulted in choosing J. P. Mechean as President and H. C. Newman as Secretary, and James Marshall of Warren County as vice President. Bleeker Canfield having declined a re-election.

A young cow the property of Mr. A. L. Davis, of Manassas, lost her calf a few weeks ago, and has adopted a half grown hog in its place, upon which she bestows her maternal affection in an unmistakable manner. She follows the pig about and whenever opportunity offers caresses it by lapping it with her tongue. When the pig gets frisky, or hurries home to its meals (for it has not taken to the maternal test) the cow goes for it, bleating as if terribly grieved at the seeming coolness of the object of her "young affection."

The value of manufactured fertilizers as compared with barn yard manure is shown by a report made by Mr. Detwiller of Clifton at the annual meeting of the Piedmont Milk and Produce Association held at Manassas on Wednesday last. Mr. D. stated that two years ago he sowed 28 bushels of seed wheat, upon which was put two tons of manufactured fertilizer at a cost of \$110. When the grain was gathered he got 97 bushels of wheat. This year he sowed 22 bushels of wheat and the manure made from the cows, using no other fertilizer. The yield of wheat was 180 bushels.

At a public meeting, held at the Manassas Hotel on Thursday night of last week a plan to incorporate the village of Manassas was adopted. A petition signed by nearly every citizen in the place has been sent to the Legislature asking for an act of incorporation. The following gentlemen are proposed to the Legislature as the first councilmen. Richard M. Weir; Geo. C. Round; H. B. Varns; C. L. Hynson; Geo. W. Hixson.

One case of smallpox has occurred in this place which has proved fatal, that of a colored man named Catlett Taylor. Strict precautionary measures have been taken to prevent its spread. The victim had been in Washington where he no doubt contracted the disease.

#### MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 11 Feb 1873

LETTER FROM MANASSAS - The excitement among the people in this place caused by the case of smallpox has subsided, though strict precautionary measures have been taken by the residents to prevent the spread of the disease if possible. The victim was a colored hostler at the Manassas Hotel, and there are various speculations as to how he took the disease. The last one is that he caught it from a colored musician who came here with a ventriloquist. Certain it is that the man bore marks of having had the disease not long ago, and it was remarked by persons at the time who saw him. The man who died was a hostler at the hotel, and also a general out-door

servant, and was said to be a most excellent and industrious young colored man. The attending physician Dr. Iden, (a young physician from Markham Station, who came here highly recommended,) pronounced the disease measles, and it was not known until within five or six hours of the patient's death, that it was the smallpox. Dr. Iden has published a card in the Manassas Gazette explaining the symptoms of the case to be that of measles, and says he is willing to submit his treatment and opinion to any number of physicians. No other cases have yet appeared.

There are several cases of measles in the neighborhood but none in Manassas.

The citizens of this place will ask of the Legislature for an act of incorporation, after which they propose to improve the streets and make some arrangements to meet the exigencies of a fire in the town, which, if one should occur, would most likely be very destructive, as all the buildings, including dwellings, stores, churches, and shops are of wood. A council of five members is proposed, one of which number will act as Mayor.

The new schedule of time just put in operation by the O. A. & M. R. R. will, I think give very general satisfaction to the people along the line, as it allows persons a more seasonable time to take the morning trains.

This morning is a beautiful one, and the mud is fast drying up, causing our streets to be a little more possible.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Feb 1873

SALE OF VALUABLE VIRGINIA LANDS - By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Loudoun, made in the chancery suit of Hopkins, Hull & Co. vs Berkley, the undersigned, commissioners of sale, will offer at public auction, in front of the Court House, in Leesburg, Loudoun County, Va., on MONDAY, March 17th, 1873 the following Real Estate, viz:

A VALUABLE TRACT OF TIMBER LAND, containing 408 acres, in Prince William County, adjoining the lands of Edmund Berkeley, Ewell, Bayley and others, about six miles from Thoroughfare Station, on the O. A. & M. R. R., and four miles from Aldie, on the Piedmont and Potomac Railroad, over firm roads of easy grade. This land is heavily timbered with chestnut, hickory and oak, and has upon it a vein of rich iron ore, running through its entire length.

(this issue also has for sale the estates "Goose Pond", and "Hays", on the Mattaponi River in Caroline County)

Matthew Harrison, B. P. Noland, Powell Harrison, J. H. Alexandria, Commissioners

Alexandria Gazette 18 Feb 1873

Prince William Items - Old Reb, the property of F. M. Lewis, esq., died at Rose Mount on the 12th inst., from the effects of the epizootic. Reb was about 20 years of age, and was a horse that had some valuable traits of character. Old as he was he had more life and spirit than some colts of the present day. He was brought to this State from South Carolina, and was wounded in the second battle of Bull Run, near Groveton, and was found on the field with his leg shattered. He was no doubt loved and petted by his former master, and in his remaining days honored and esteemed by his owner.

Mr. F. W. Hutchens living on the farm of P. B. Stilson, within a half a mile of Manassas

states that he planted a number of fruit trees last year, and that some of the peach trees show a growth of thirty inches. This for a dry season is certainly a remarkable growth. Mr. Hutchens mode of planting is to plow a trench the full length of the rows with a three horse plow running five times in each trench with a heavy weight on the beam of the plow. He thinks it would be better to plow trenches each way as it would have a tendency to keep up a moisture.

Our English fellow citizens are in luck. Mr Thomas Pringle, a subject of her majesty, but for a long time a resident of Prince William county has been awarded \$564 in gold by the Mixed Commission on British and American Claims; Capt A. C. Evans from "below the run" is also a claimant, and on Tuesday last his council, Judge Nicol, was taking the necessary evidence before United States Commissioner George C. Round at Independent Hill.

Our sportsmen had better hurry up and, kill all the foxes they can as at the next meeting of the Board the order for paying for them will doubtless be repealed. Those caught before the repeal of the order of course will be paid for.

A very pleasant donation party was recently given at the house of Mr. Ash for the benefit of rev. Mr. Muterbaw of the M. E. Church. The sum of \$17 was realized and presented to the minister.

The new M. E. Church at Manassas is just having the pews put in it, under the supervision of G. G. Bennett. The work is being done in a handsome manner.

Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 06 Mar 1873

Manassas - A correspondent of the Washington Republican, writing from Manassas, March 1st, says:

"The citizens of this place propose to incorporate the village under a simple and inexpensive charter. Messrs. H. B. Varnes, C. L. Hynson, G. W. Hixson, G. C. Round, L. H. Newman, W. S. Fewell and R. C. Weir were chosen by the citizens on Tuesday night as the councilmen to act until the first election by the people.

"A severe and malignant type of the smallpox has broken out among the colored people here. So far there are five cases and four deaths. The disease is said to have originated from a traveling musician, who was prematurely discharged from the smallpox hospital. So far the disease has been confined to the colored people.

"Several of the clerks in the Government printing office, in your city, have recently purchased small farms in this vicinity, and have settled their families upon them, and your correspondent is informed that a more formidable movement in this direction is in contemplation among the employees of various departments.

"The new public school system is progressing to the satisfaction of its friends. Great credit is due to State Superintendent Ruffner and his associates for the earnest and impartial manner they have carried into effect the system engrafed into our new Constitution especially when the poverty of the State and of her citizens produced by the late war is taken into account. In connection with schools I will name here a fact recently brought to light in connection with the "Bradley School House" claim now before Congress. This house, it seems, was built prior to the war, and has been rebuilt by the public school trustees since the war near the old site. The original deed of the

old "Bradley School House" contained this provision., that all denomination might use the school house for worship "except the Northern Methodist," who were to be entirely excluded. This, of course, was on account of the well known anti slavery views of those followers of John Wesley, who believed with him that "slavery was the sum of all villainies." It is but just to the people , however, to say that much of the hostility evidenced by this fact has disappeared along with the venerable "relic of barbarism" aforesaid. The Northern branches of the Methodist Church is expecting to dedicate their new church here in a few weeks. It is a neat frame building, capable of seating about three hundred. Rev Mr. Baldwin pastor, has just been returned by the Virginia Conference at its recent session, and is highly esteemed and popular."

Alexandria Gazette 10 Mar 1873

VIRGINIA NEWS -- A letter from Brentsville in the Manassas Gazette says: -- "Two hundred acres of unimproved lands belonging to the estate of Jas. Purcell, deceased, lying just below Cedar Run Bridge has been sold under a decree of the Court, Mr. Josiah Stone, purchaser at \$8 per acre. Mr. James Howison has sold his farm on Cedar Run, 6 miles from Brentsville, containing 510 acres, to Mr. John Stauffa for the sum of \$6,000, the greater part in cash.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Mar 1873

SALE OF VALUABLE MILL PROPERTY - By virtue of a decree pronounced by the Circuit Court of Prince William County, the 11th day of October, 1872, in the cause of Hedgeman Carney, plaintiff, against Franklin Taylor, defendant, the undersigned, Commissioners, appointed by the said decree, will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House of the said county, on the 7th DAY OF APRIL, 1873, that being Court day, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in Prince William and Stafford Counties, containing about 104 1/2 acres, lying on the Chappawamsic Run. This tract of land has upon it a very comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, with four rooms, and all necessary outbuildings, barn and stable, and a valuable GRIST and SAW MILL.

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W. Willoughby, Wm. H. Payne, Aylett Nicol, Commissioners, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Mar 1873

Manassas Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mr. Thomas Ellicott, an old and highly respected citizen of this place died at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning last, of congestive chills. He attended the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, on Sunday morning and partook of the Lord's Supper, and while at Church he was taken ill, and after intense suffering died, as above stated, in the 74th year of his age,

Dr. G. W. Bagby, of Richmond, has signified his willingness, if a suitable audience room can be obtained, to deliver one of his humorous lectures in this place during this Spring. His subject will be "Disease called Love."

A horse driven into the village by Mr. F. W. Hutchens on Thursday morning last became frightened at a train of cars and rearing up, fell backwards and broke one of his hind legs above the knee joint.

Mr. H. B. Varns, proprietor of the Manassas Hotel, is engaged in making such changes in his house as will enable him to open an eating bar or lunch room, for the accommodation of travelers and others.

There will be a land agency opened in this place in a few days.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Mar 1873

TRUSTEE'S SALE - By authority a deed of trust executed to me by R. N. Hall, dated February 24th, 1873, and duly recorded in the county of Prince William, and by direction of the parties secured by said trust, I will sell to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of April, 1873, about 12 o'clock m., on the farm of Dr. Jesse Ewell, in Prince William County the following property, to wit: An undivided one-half of a PORTABLE STEAM ENGINE and BOILER, SAW and GRIST MILL, with the Saws, Tables, Sheds, Tools and other appurtenances to said mill, now located on the farm of Dr. Ewell, in Prince William County, five miles south of Aldie, (the other half of said property belongs to E. A. Tyler.) This is a first class Mill, in good order, and doing a good business.

Terms of Sale : So much in cash as will pay 1st, the expenses of the trust, say \$75; 2d, \$500 with interest from January 1st, 1873; 3rd \$200, with interest from January 1st 1873; the residue on a credit of 12 months, secured by bond, with approved security bearing interest from day of sale. The sale will take place at the Mill, and possession given as soon as the terms are complied with.

B. P. Noland, Trustee. Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Mar 1873

Prince William Items - A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Prince William County has been called by Messrs. Cushing and Lewis, to convene at the county seat, on the first Monday in April (court day) for the purpose of taking action upon the bill for the reassessment of lands in those counties which did not avail themselves of the act for a similar purpose passed last session.

It is proposed by some gentlemen of Manassas and Brentsville to construct a telegraph line between the two places. In view of the great convenience that it would afford businessmen, and the fact that it would cost only about \$300 we hope measures will be taken at once to build it.

Mrs. Burkett, wife of Capt. Burkett was thrown from a wagon on Sunday last and had her wrist badly hurt.

The Legislature has passed the act incorporating the town of Manassas.

MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 05 Apr 1873

VIRGINIA NEWS -- The Manassas Gazette says: -- A considerable amount of damage was done to property in this section of the State by the storm on Saturday last. Out buildings were blown down, fences leveled, and fruit, shade and forest trees

uprooted. We are informed by our Brentsville correspondent that the storm in that section was particularly severe, and that property was injured to a very considerable extent.”

Alexandria Gazette 09 Apr 1873

The Surrender at Appomattox - (The following is a small excerpt from a very long article) Incidents of the Surrender which interested me and may be of interest to your readers. Soon after General Lee left the McLean House, owned by the same gentleman at whose house, near Bull Run, Beauregard had his headquarters during the battle of July 18, 1861, Sheridan stalked in and said rudely. “I mean to have this chair” ---taking up one of the chairs in which the Generals had signed terms of capitulation, and exhibiting at the same time a \$2.50 gold piece. Major McLean replied, “That chair is not for sale, General. If you choose to take it you have the physical power to do so.” “I mean to have it,” was the curt rejoinder.

As soon as the flag of truce was hoisted on Gordon’s lines, General Custar came riding furiously to General Gordon, demanding in his own name “unconditional surrender.” Gordon drew himself up to his full height, and with crushing dignity replied: “I can have no negotiations with you sir; and if the settlement of this matter rested between us there could be no negotiations but by the sword.”

Alexandria Gazette 14 Apr 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Quite an excitement was created at the old Union Church near Independent Hill during services last Friday, mused by the wailings of two or three young women, who learned that one of their sisters had gone to Washington and married an elderly widower who was a relation of theirs by marriage. It seems the first that was known of the marriage, was discovered by the daughter of the happy husband who went to her father’s room in the morning, for the purpose of waking him and there to her amazement, found a mother-in-law and a bride. Enquiries and explanations told that the two had gone to Washington where they were made one flesh, and had returned at night and unobserved gone to their bridal chamber.

At the April term of the County Court, Judge A. Nicol presiding in the case of the Commonwealth vs. H. M. Hite for willful trespass in cutting timber on the land of Wm. H. Brown, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Samuel Robertson, colored, charged with a misdemeanor, which came up on an appeal from the judgment of a justice, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was released. During the term a number of deeds were admitted to record, and a considerable amount of fiduciary and other business was disposed of.

The Board of Supervisors met on Monday last for the purpose of taking action in regard to the re-assessment of land. The Supervisors of Manassas, Gainesville and Occoquan Township voted for and those of Brentsville, Cole’s, and Dumfries voted against re-assessment, making it a tie vote. In case of a tie vote on any question by the Board of Supervisors the law requires that the judge of the County Court shall give the deciding vote.

There are several improvements contemplated in Brentsville during the coming summer; among the number the Commonwealth's Attorney George W. Larkin, esq., has purchased a lot of W. W. Kincheloe, upon which he intends to build a house immediately, a portion of which he will use as a law office, and the other portion to be fitted up for a private residence.

Masons are now at work erecting the stone piers for a new bridge across Broad Run at Bristoe Station. The present is a trestle bridge, but the new one will be a Howe truss bridge consisting of one span. Bridge inspector P. R. Evans is superintending the work. About two months will be required for its construction.

After the trial between Mr. M. H. Hite and Mr. W. H. Brown, the latter charging the former with trespass was concluded on Monday last, and both parties had gone to Reid's Hotel, some words passed between the two, and it is stated that Mr. Brown struck Mr. Hite with the butt of a whip cutting his face pretty severely.

The grass and wheat are growing rapidly, the land is in fine condition for plowing, and the farmers are busily engaged in seeding oats, fallowing for corn &c.

The jail is also empty, there has been but one prisoner in the jail during this year, and he for only nine days.

Mrs. Herrick, wife of Isaac Herrick, Postmaster near Brentsville, died on Saturday last of pneumonia after an illness of one week.

Alexandria Gazette 16 Apr 1873

Commissioners' Sale of Real Estate. - By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Loudoun, made at the August term, 1872, in the case of Hopkins, Hull & Company vs. Berkeleys, the undersigned, commissioners of sale, will sell to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House, in Leesburg, Va., on MONDAY, May 12th, 1873, TWO VALUABLE TRACTS OF LAND, of which Charles F. Berkeley died seized and possessed, viz:

1st. "ENDFIELD," situated on the edge of Prince William County, 3 miles southeast of Aldie, containing about 265 acres of unusually fine timber land, most chestnut. About the same quantity of land was recently sold off of "Endfield," to Mr. Letterman, of Baltimore, who now owns it. There is a steam saw mill near this tract, which makes the timber very valuable.

2. A BEAUTIFUL FARM, in Caroline county, known as "REDCLYFFE," containing 547 1/2 acres. This farm lies on the Pamunkey River, 2 miles from Hanover Court House, a depot on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and adjoins "North Wales," the splendid estate of the late Williams Carter. The neighborhood is a desirable one; the land is of good quality and easily cultivated. The DWELLING is large and well arranged, with fine lawn, garden and orchard, and is altogether a most beautiful and desirable farm.

Terms of Sale: So much of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale as will pay the costs of suit and expenses of sale; the residue upon a credit of one, two, three and four years, in equal installments, bearing interest from the day of sale; the purchaser to execute his bonds for the deferred installments, and the title to be retained till the purchase money is all paid. Matthew Harrison, B. P. Noland, Powell Harrison, J. H. Alexander, Commissioners, Loudoun County.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Apr 1873

MANASSAS - This place has been one of the most thriving, since the war, in this part of Virginia. At the close of the war there was scarcely a tenement of any kind left, except the brick mansion of Mr. Weir, which was in turn used as headquarters by both General Beauregard and General Sickles. The town now has between seventy and eighty buildings, some of which are very fine. Church privileges are good; the schools also; a good printing office here; with plenty of mechanic shops, and merchant stores, one steam mill; all presenting an air of prosperity in the midst of a truly fine and fertile farming country. There are two hotels here; and I find the "Manassas Hotel" comfortable and pleasant. The abundant quarries here of excellent red stone, for building, &c., are a source of much gain to the owners, and an attraction to the place. There are some fine gardens here.

There are magnificent and charming views of mountain and valley scenery, including the Bull Run range. In sight of here are the early Bull Run Battlefields; many of the fortifications are yet standing, the most prominent being Fort Beauregard and Bunker Hill, close by.

The location is an exceedingly healthy one, and the land is of the best quality. Many people from several eastern, northern and western States have settled and made fine homes in this town and surrounding country, and there are many signs of progress and enjoyment.

In sight of the village is the farm of Major McLean, on which took place the first day's fight of the Bull Run battle. He soon moved to Appomattox; and there, at his house, the terms of capitulation of Lee to Grant took place; so that he claims that the beginning and ending of the war took place at his two homes, in two counties.

This is a good fruit region, and I suggest that growers do their best to get up a good show for the Boston meeting of the National Pomological Society, and send to the Potomac fruit growers to prepare.

RICHMOND STATE JOURNAL

Alexandria Gazette 3 May 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mr. John L. Davis, residing "Below the Run" was thrown from his wagon this week by one of the wheels coming in contact with a tree, the front wheel passing over his head and the hind wheel passing over his breast. The escape from instant death was miraculous, inasmuch as the wagon had on it at the time about three thousand pounds. Although painfully injured, he is now out attending to his business.

One day this week while Judge C. E. Sinclair was absent from his office, which is in the "White House" Hotel at Brentsville, a burning stick of wood tolled, from the fire place against the Washboard, which soon ignited; setting fire to the partition. When discovered, the fire was roaring up through the studding. About thirty buckets of water extinguished the flames.

R. A. Sinclair is a candidate for the Legislature, subject to a convention. The Conservative voters of the country are requested to meet at their various voting places on Saturday, the 10th of May, for the purpose of nominating Township Officers, to be

voted for at the Election to be held on the 4th Thursday in May, 1873.

Mr. F. P. Ashford has sold his farm near this place on the Sprigg's Ford Road to Rev. Mr. Marsh, of New Jersey, a New School Baptist minister. Mr. Sam'l Treverner of Pittsburgh, Pa., has purchased a farm of Mr. E. G. Wheeler, of Washington, near Occoquan, containing 153 acres, for \$1,000

Mr. R. C. Weir has sold his residence with half acre of ground attached to Col. Robert Tansill, formerly of the U. S. Navy, for \$1,500 cash.

The Kingsley M. E. Sabbath School was reorganized at Brentsville, on the 27th ulto. Rev. Wm. I. Bain was elected Superintendent.

Mr. Edgar V. Weir, has rented his mill near Leesburg, and with his family has removed back to his residence near Bristoe Station.

A cock fight occurred here a few days ago between Alexandria and Manassas fowls. The Manassas chicken was the victor.

As the fine weather approaches, Manassas and its surrounding battle fields, are attracting many visitors from the cities.

The May term of the county court meets on Monday next 6th instant.

#### Alexandria Gazette 08 May 1873

Letter from Prince William from the Richmond Enquirer - Brentsville, the county seat, is three miles from Bristoe, a station on the Orange and Alexandria railroad, and is reached by staging from the latter point. It consists of a courthouse, jail (rather a rickety affair, as the killing of Clarke demonstrated), two hotels, one store, and several bar-rooms ---- what Virginia court-house, by-the-way, would be complete without those places wherein to refreshen one self after a ride over the dusty county roads? but at this time the roads are the reverse of dusty, and are very disagreeable to travel over on account of the slosh and mud.

The judge of the county, A. Nichol, esq., is a young man, whose position as judge has added dignity to the Bench of Virginia, and during his term has given entire satisfaction to the people over whom he presides.

The Brown Stone Quarries near Manassas are of very great importance to the county. The Mayfield Quarry is now being actively and energetically worked, and the stone is shipped by the Orange road to Washington, where it meets with a ready sale. The managers of these quarries tell me the greatest trouble they have is in getting cars in which to transport their stone. The Bloomfield farm, owned by Francis L. Smith, of Alexandria, is spoken of having upon it one of the finest quarries in the county.

Manassas, ever memorable in history, is a thriving village, twenty-seven miles from Alexandria, and now contains some half dozen stores, two hotels, a real estate agency, a newspaper, the Gazette, by D. W. Whitting, a church, blacksmith and wheelwright shops, and some twenty-five or thirty other houses. This is, I believe, the largest town in the county, although Gainesville and Haymarket, on the Manassas Railroad, are very thriving villages, as is also Occoquan and Dumfries, in the lower end of the county.

The crops, wheat and oats are looking very well, and the ploughman is busy in the fields preparing for the corn planting. The apple, that hardier of fruits, and the

dogwood have both put forth their beautiful blossoms. The woods have also begun to put upon them the garb of Spring, and in spite of the continued cold and rain, nature, as though rebelling against this usurpation of the loveliest season of the year, bedecks the fields and forest in splendor.

Alexandria Gazette 12 May 1873

TROUBLES AT PRINCE WILLIAM COURTHOUSE. - Messrs. Ash, Finch, Wolverton, & Company, our lightning rod firm, who had a contract to rod the Prince William court house, commenced operations while the court was in session on Monday last. They had not been at work long, when their hammering on the roof caused the court to prick its ears in an attempt to catch the words of the Commonwealth's Attorney, who was straining his voice to its loudest pitch to make the court and jury hear him above the thundering of the lightning rod men on the roof. The jury of course could hear nothing even if they had desired to do so, which is doubtful, and the court could hear less. This bedlam of voices and rattling of hammers, went on, until patience ceased to be a virtue, when Judge Nicol called out to the Sheriff to "Stop that Noise." The Sheriff rushed out and after screaming to the men on the roof several times succeeded in attracting their attention; but misunderstanding that official's order supposed he had invited them down to take a drink. The supposed invitation was quickly accepted, and the din ceased, but only for the length of time it took them to take a drink, (which it is said the Sheriff refused to pay for,) when the noise commenced with redoubled force, from the effects (it is supposed of said drinks. The Sheriff was again ordered to stop the noise, and to bring into court the lightning rod fellows. The Sheriff not being able to climb the steeple, called out to Finch, who was perched on top of it, who supposing the officer wanted to treat again, came down, but instead of going towards the hotel the grim official informed him, that he was wanted by the Judge. Ten Dollars deducted from the price of the job was all. exit Finch & Company, another drink and the curtain falls.

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Leesburg Washingtonian 19 May 1873

The Potomac and Manassas Railroad Company was chartered July 11th, 1870, by Messrs. Anson Bangs, and others for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Manassas Junction to some point on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, between the Aquia Creek terminus and Fredericksburg." This act of incorporation was amended in March 1872, changing the location of the road and extending the line from "the Potomac River, at Potomac, or Quantico, in Prince William County to the line of West Virginia," through "the counties of Prince William, Fauquier, Warren, Shenandoah and Frederick, or any of them," as the company might elect.

This last amended act was again amended by the recent Legislature, changing the route from that described to the route now prescribed by the act, from Quantico, or Potomac City, Northward to cross the Potomac at some point at, or between the mouth of Goose Creek and the Point of rocks in this county.

The work commenced, is upon the road which designed to connect Quantico with the Northern railroad at Frederick City. If built, as the charter prescribes, the road will pass near Leesburg, and cross the Potomac at that point which will be most convenient to

unite with the road leading into Pennsylvania from Frederick city. When the gap is filled up between Quantico and Monococy Junction, there will remain, as we are informed, only a short interval of fifteen miles, between a small town in Pennsylvania, called Petersburg, and York Springs, to give that splendid harbor at Potomac City, a continuous road connecting with the Lakes and all the Northern Cities. In Virginia and Maryland it will pass through a most productive and thickly populated section, which will add greatly to its value. The commencement of operations on this road and the promise of a more vigorous prosecution of the work in a short time, strengthens the hope and belief that we are to have a railroad, running North and South through this section.

#### Alexandria Gazette 24 May 1873

Prince William County - Manassas Township election results - Supervisor - F. M. Lewis, con. 142; L. N. Hazen, rad. 82; Lewis majority 60. Clerk - C. E. Brawner, con. 222, no opposition. Assessor - L. B. Butler, con. 224, no opposition. Collector - L. H. Newman, rad. 125; C. A. Cannon, con. 94; Newman's majority 31. Commissioner of Roads - F. J. Cannon, con. 130; Samuel Woolverton, rad. 92; Cannon's majority 38. Overseer of Poor - H. Colbert, con. 140; Isreal Jones, rad. 80; Colbert's majority 60. Justice of the Peace -- J. W. Hornbaker, con. 121; Chas. G. Bennett, con. 95; Isreal Jones rad. 17; A. L. Phillips, rad. 82. Constables - Martin Rector, con. 143; G. P. Jones, rad. 78; both elected.

In Gainesville Township the Conservative ticket was elected. No opposition except for Township Clerk and Overseer of Poor, Supervisor C. Cushing. Township Clerk - C. E. Jordan, 17 majority over J. E. Herrell. Assessor - J. Y. Cundiff. Collector - T. P. Hereford. Commissioner of Roads H. F. Lynn. Overseer of Poor - C. E. Jordan 14 over J. E. Herrell. Magistrate - G. A. Simpson. Constable - R. L. Lynn. Number of votes cast 80

#### Alexandria Gazette 31 May 1873

Prince William County Officers - The following township officers were elected at the May election, in addition to those given in our last issue.

BRENTSVILLE TOWNSHIP -- Supervisor, J. B. Reid; Assessor, James M. Sinclair; Clerk, A. F. Woodyard; Collector, John T. Goodwin; Commissioner of Roads, John A. Brawner; Overseer of the Poor, Benjamin F. Manuel; Justices of the Peace, A. F. Woodyard till 1875, and Jno. D. Payne till 1876; Constables, John T. Goodwin, till 1875; George B. Chichester, till 1876.

Occoquan Township -- Supervisor, Dr. Milton A. Ish; Clerk, L. Ledman; Assessor, Absalom T. Lynn; Collector, Geo. W. Tansill; Commissioner of Roads, A. M. Arrington; Overseer of the Poor, M. Curtis; Justice of the Peace, C. W. Holland 3 years; Constable, George W. Tansill 3 years.

Coles Township -- Supervisor, M. N. Lynn; Clerk, Wm. B. Lynn; Assessor, J. M. Barbee, Collector, Robert H. Keys; Commissioner of Roads, Roy L. Davis; Overseer of the Poor, John H. Lynn; Justice of Peace, Sam. r. Lowe, 3 years; Constable, Robert H. Keyes, 3 years.

Dumfries Township -- Supervisor, Chas. F. Bayley; Clerk, Wm. A. Dunnington;

Assessor, Wm. S. Chapman; Collector, James V. Nash; Commissioner of Poor, James Clark; Justices of the Peace, A. H. Fuechsel till 1876; George R. Atkinson till 1874; Constables, Jas. V. Nash, till 1876, Benjamin Lynn, till 1875

#### MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 31 May 1873

VIRGINIA NEWS -- The citizens of the town of Manassas held their first election as an incorporated town on Saturday last, resulting in the election of the same Board of Councilmen as were appointed by the incorporating act of the Legislature.

At Brentsville, Prince William County, last year, there were 24 births and 3 deaths; at Dumfries 27 births and 13 deaths; at Occoquan 11 births and 13 deaths, and at Gainesville, in the same county 29 births.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jun 1873

From the Washington Star - Manassas, Va., June 10 - Mr. John Hooe, an old and much respected citizen, died on Sunday night at his residence, "Mayfield," near this place, aged 73 years.

The crops in this neighborhood, with the exception of corn, which was planted late, are looking better than at any time since the war; especially is wheat and grass looking fine. The fruit crop in this vicinity will be short, but consequently of extra quality.

Manassas continues to improve, and under the act of incorporation we hope to have better streets, & c. A number of new settlers, including two from the West, with their families, have, purchased farms in this immediate neighborhood this spring, and several persons have been here lately examining town property, with a view of purchasing. Col Robert Tansill, lately a resident of Washington, and formerly an officer in the United States Navy, has purchased a residence here, and removed into it with his family.

The Sunday trains from Washington bring many visitors to this place; a round trip ticket to Manassas may be purchased in Alexandria for \$1.50. This including the boat and car fare, from Washington to Manassas and return would be \$1.85

There are many small farms in the neighborhood of Manassas that can be purchased low, and in small yearly payments, which would make desirable homes for department clerks and others of Washington.

Alexandria Gazette 14 Jun 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Brentsville, June 7. ,Wheat in this section is tolerable; fruit light, especially peaches.

The election of Overseer of Roads in Nokesville district, last Saturday, resulted in the unanimous choice of Henry Wagner. He has filled the position before, much to the satisfaction of everybody.

The new road from Greenwich to Nokesville is being cut out, and there is a petition in circulation for a continuation of the same from the station to the Millford Road. We hope that before next winter a much needed farther extension will be authorized through to Brentsville, where it will connect with the main road to Occoquan and Potomac City.

The Internal Improvement fever is slightly affecting us in this latitude. Surveys are about to commence on a line of railway from Potomac City to Harper's Ferry, in which the people of this section are deeply interested. Under the auspices of such men as Anson Bangs and Judge Nicol, the project can scarcely fail of success if ably seconded by the energy and enterprise of the county, irrespective of location, as it will not only make accessible a large tract of country now too distant from market to be profitable, but will also afford the shortest practicable route from the Cumberland and Pennsylvania coal mines, to tide water at Potomac City. An experiment is being made of sending milk to Washington, the success of which is still doubtful. A Co-operative movement on the part of farm produce would probably insure its success.

The citizens of Nokesville have been repairing and whitewashing the First Presbyterian Church and cemetery fences, adding very much to the appearance of that structure and its surroundings. A Sunday school and choir have also been organized, which promise to add greatly to the elements of religious and social order in that community, and also afford gratifying evidence of the growth of appropriate reverence for the Divine Author of all happiness. Services are held there regularly every Sunday.

Brentsville, June 11. - The Board of Supervisor met in the Court House on Monday last for the purpose of laying the county levy, but postponed it until Saturday, the 21st inst. for the purpose of ascertaining what action Fairfax county Court will take in relation to the proposed bridge over Occoquan Creek, our Supervisors wishing to include the levy for the bridge, if Fairfax county agrees to pay the proportion of the amount, necessary to erect said bridge.

The wheat in this neighborhood is looking fine, and some crops will be ready to harvest in eight or ten days. The grass crop will be a good one; oats and corn are backward.

Mr. Martin Rector is now engaged in plastering the Episcopal Church at this place. It is a handsome stone building, and when completed will be a pleasant place for divine service. It will be ready for use in about two weeks.

Alexandria Gazette 25 Jun 1873

Letter from Prince William from the Fredericksburg Star - Potomac City, June 24th, Mr. F. H. Frankenburg has erected a storehouse and opened a wholesale and retail store at this place. There are now three stores here. The wharf, for the accommodation of the New York steamers, is approaching completion. A lot of several acres, on "Battery Hill," is being prepared for the erection of a dancing saloon, pic-nics, &c. The large hotel is nearly finished, and several of the rooms are already rented and occupied. A steam saw mill has been erected within the corporate limits.

Mr. Bangs has commenced a branch road, connecting with the R. F. & P. R. R. for conveying coal to wharves off ship Point, where the water is thirty feet deep and where vessels can have the coal dumped into them from the cars.

The oat crop has been so much injured that rains now will not improve it much. Our farmers are in the midst of the wheat harvest, and the crop is better than usual. Corn looks well and does not appear to have suffered much from the drought. The grass crop is very fine.

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Alexandria Gazette 10 Jul 1873

Letter from Prince William - Brentsville, Prince William, Co. July 9. Prince William, generally, celebrated the 4th as a holiday. a pic-nic and tournament was held at Woodbridge, where everything passed off quietly, all enjoining themselves. The charge to the Knights was delivered in eloquent and significant language by R. R. Farr, esq., of Fairfax C. H., and the coronation address by James Sangster, wsq., in his usual effective manner and happiness of expression. At Potomac City, there was a grand gathering from Maryland, Alexandria, Washington, Fredericksburg and other places; mirth and dancing were the order of the day. At Bellfair Mills, on the borders of Prince William and Stafford counties, the fair daughters and noble sons of the same counties mingled joyfully in the dance. after dinner all adjourned from the pavilion to witness the contest in the lists. The Knights were charged by J. J. Davies, of Brentsville. The coronation address, delivered by B. D. Suttle, esq., of Stafford, was welcomed by the continued plaudits of the spectators. Manassas was employed in giving a Sunday school celebration. The exercises at Nokesville have been already published in the Gazette.

Yesterday was the last term of our County Court under the present system. This being a grand jury term an indictment was found against Chas. Tatum, colored, for assault and battery. There were no Commonwealth cases tried and but little of other business transacted.

The report of the commissioners upon the purposed bridge at Occoquan was recommitted for further report on the 18th inst.

A commission of Justices and Physicians held a consultation on the condition of Jack Evans, colored, who has been confined in jail for sometime for threatening to kill Z. A. Kankey, esq., of Neabsco Mill. After some deliberation it was determined to send him to the asylum at Williamsburg or Staunton.

There was a meeting held to nominate candidates to the convention to be held at Richmond in August. The following gentlemen were nominated and promised to attend: A. H. Feuchsel, Dumfries; Z. A. Kankey, Occoquan; Lawrence Cole, Coles; Maj. Thornton, Brentsville; B. F. Lewis, Manassas, and Maj. Hunter Johnson, Haymarket.

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Alexandria Gazette 11 Jul 1873

A GOOD INVESTMENT -- ATTENTION, CAPITALIST -- BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AT PUBLIC AUCTION. By virtue of a decree of Fauquier County Court, pronounced on the 1st day of March, 1873, in the chancery cause therein pending styled "Campbell vs. Hunton et als.," the undersigned special Commissioners, appointed for that purpose, will expose to sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, July 5th, 1873, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Warrenton, county of Fauquier, state of Virginia, that valuable Mill and Mill property attached thereto, known as "THE BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS," situated at Buckland, in the county of Prince William.

These Mills are upon Broad Run, only a few miles distant from Gainesville, a station upon the Manassas Division of the Washington City, Virginia Midland and Great

Southern Railroad, (formerly the O. A. & M. R. R.) and contain ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.

The buildings consist of FIVE (5) TENEMENT HOUSES and Factory Buildings. The Factory is ready for work, and has in the very best and most improved machinery; the water power as good as can be found in Virginia, and the location in every respect desirable. Capital invested in these Mills, properly managed, must pay handsomely.

Terms of Sale: Ten per centum of the purchase money in cash; the residence in one, two, three and four years from the day of sale; the purchaser to execute bonds, with approved personal security, bearing interest from date, for the deferred installments; title retained until the last payment is made, and the property aforesaid subject to resale at the risk of the purchaser should he fail to comply with the terms of sale.

Eppa Hunton, Hugh R. Garden, R. Taylor Scott, Commissioners of sale.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Jul 1873

VIRGINIA NEWS - The Manassas Gazette says: "Some person or persons went into the pasture field of Mr. Thomas Goodwin, about two miles South of Brentsville on Saturday last night, and killed a valuable horse belonging to that gentleman. When discovered in Sunday morning the animal was almost dead, with its head chopped to pieces with some sharp instrument, supposed to be an axe.

At the commencement of Richmond College Charles E. Nicol, son of Judge A. Nicol, was presented with a gold medal for being the best writer in the Mu Sigma Rho Society of which he was a member, and had honors conferred upon him as follows: Greek, intermediate and final. Mathematics -- final, and graduated in French. This was his first session at college.

At a meeting of the County School board of Prince William held on the 7th day of July, on motion it was ordered, that J. B. Thornton be recommended as a student at William and Mary College.

A writer in the Manassas Gazette from Dumfries says: "I regret to learn that the Canada thistle has made its appearance in many places along the railroad.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Aug 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette, Considerable sympathy and excitement was created among the citizens of our usually quiet town, on Monday evening last by the appearance of an unknown foreigner, who was evidently crazy and sick. His strange actions, and distressing moans, soon collected a large crowd around him, but none were able to render him immediate relief. He seems frantic to get Alexandria, and after the necessary medical and pecuniary assistance had been rendered, he was put on the train and sent to Alexandria in charge of Dr. Hornbaker our town Sergeant. From what could be gathered from his very broken English ravings, signs, and a little writing, which he executed in a bold plain hand in the German language, was to the effect that he had been at Culpeper sick with some kind of fever, had been in bathing while the fever was on him, and was then convinced he was going to die, and desired that word should be sent to his father in one of the German States, whose address he furnished. Dr. Hornbaker gave the papers, and all the information that could be gathered from the unfortunate man to the hospital

authorities of Alexandria where he will undoubtedly receive proper attention, and thorough whom his friends will be informed of his whereabouts, and condition.

The association of the Episcopal Church will commence at Manassas on Saturday the 16th of August and continue several days. A large number of ministers will be in attendance during the association.

A dinner will be given by the ladies of Groveton and vicinity, at Sudley Church, on the 28th of August for the purpose of raising funds for the completion of the church.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Aug 1873

Letter from Prince William County - Brentsville, Aug. 21 - The Teacher's Institute for Prince William, was held here yesterday, (20th) and the meeting was called to order by Maj. W. W. Thornton, the County Superintendent. The attendance on the part of the teachers was small, this, no doubt, being due to the continuous rains we have had for several days past. The citizens in and around our little village, however, turned out, and especially did the ladies show their appreciation of our educational interests. The County Superintendent in opening the meeting stated that Dr. Ruffner, Prof. A. S. Marye, of Baltimore, and R. L. Carne, esq., your worthy and estimable Superintendent, has promised to be present. He regretted, however, that from unavoidable circumstances the two first gentlemen could not be present, but that Mr. Carne was there to address them; that he had been with them at their inauguration last year, and from the able and practical manner in which he had treated his subject on that occasion, as well as his wide and merited reputation as the champion of educational interests in this section of the State, he knew that the teachers and audience would hear much that was valuable; much that would be instructive and beneficial to the educators of youth.

Mr. Carne in an address of an hour's length first discussed the requisites of a good teacher. He said there was a time when the teacher was better known by the term "schoolmaster." This appellation to him seemed one infinitely more significant of that office; that it denoted the mastery of a school. A schoolmaster must be a lover of his profession; he must have more than an ordinary education, in other words he must have an education that would enable him to adorn any professional vocation; one that would more than fit him for the varied occupations of life. There were some teachers who were not schoolmasters, men of eminent instructive qualifications, yet they were men who could neither control their schools nor secure the attention of and excite an interest in their pupils. There were others who exercised the most rigid discipline yet still were deficient in ..... and emphatic terms the errors which inexperienced teachers shou'd scrupulously avoid. The inductive system was productive of much good, and would do much toward the advancement of the scholars. After dwelling upon this part of his subject and analyzing it thoroughly, he concluded by imparting some very salutary advice to the trustees, many of whom were present. Mr. Carne is a profound scholar, and indulges in plain but expressive language.

Mr. Owens, a teacher, then gave a short lecture on the best method of teaching grammar.

Judge C. E. Sinclair, in a very impressive and pathetic impromptu address, spoke for some time on the general and imperative necessity of education. At the conclusion he

was loudly applauded.

After remarks by other teachers, on motion, the Institute then adjourned. A picnic and tournament was held at Lansdowne yesterday, which was largely attended. The knights were charged by E. E. Meredith, esq., in very eloquent and beautiful language. The same gentleman delivered the coronation address, which was admired by all who heard it.

The nominees of the convention are received by acclamation by the people. There is but one opinion - they are the right men in the right place. Old Prince William will swell their majority in November. D\*\*\*\*\*.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Aug 1873

Commissioners' Sale of Valuable Land -- Pursuant to the decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, pronounced at the June term, 1873, in the suit of Carter against Birch and others, the undersigned, commissioners therein named, will, on MONDAY, the 15th day of September, 1873, that being Court day, sell, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door of said county, at one o'clock p.m., that valuable FARM called "MOUNTAIN VIEW," containing 636 acres. This farm adjoins the farm of George F. Carter and others, and is susceptible of the highest state of cultivation being of the red soil. Persons desiring to purchase this valuable tract of land are referred to Richard M. Weir, esq., at Manassas, who will take pleasure in showing the same.

Terms of Sale: So much cash in hand as will be necessary to defray the costs and expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal annual installments, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the notes of the Purchaser with approved personal security, and retention of title until the last payment is made.

Eppa Hunton, Thomas Moore -- Commissioners of Sale

Alexandria Gazette 22 Aug 1873

THE BUCKLAND WOOLLEN MILLS, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, WITH 50 ACRES OF LAND; TRACTS OF 250 ACRES IN FAUQUIER AND TRACT OF 320 ACRES IN CULPEPER AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

By virtue of a decree of Fauquier County Court, pronounced on the 1st day of March, 1873, in the chancery cause therein pending styled "Campbell vs. Hunton et als.," the undersigned will expose to sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on TUESDAY, Sept. 2d, 1873, that being the first day of Fauquier Circuit Court, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Warrenton, county of Fauquier, state of Virginia, the following REAL ESTATE in the bill and proceedings in said cause mentioned, to wit: that valuable Mill and Mill property attached thereto, known as "THE BUCKLAND WOOLLEN MILLS," situated at Buckland, in the county of Prince William.

These Mills are upon Broad Run, only a few miles distant from Gainesville, a station upon the Manassas Division of the Washington City, Virginia Midland and Great Southern Railroad, (formerly the O. A. & M. R. R.) and contain ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.

The buildings consist of Factory Building and FIVE (5) TENEMENT HOUSES. The Factory is ready for work, and has in it the very best and most improved machinery; (also see article dated 11 Jul 1873)

Alexandria Gazette 25 Aug 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The Methodist Episcopal Church, of this place, which has been used for a few years past by our public school, and since the erection of our new school house has been finished and is in a neat and comfortable condition. The arms and rails of the seats and rails around the pulpit and organ platforms are of black walnut, as is also the magnificent Mason & Hamlin Organ purchased by the Sunday School. The inside of the church is handsomely painted. The chandelier and lamps are a present to the church from Miss Anna M. Agan. The trustees are hoping that many more will follow this lady's generous example. It is the intention to dispose of a limited number of the seats, the proceeds to go toward paying off the debt on the church. On Thursday, September, 4th Rev. bishop Haven of Atlanta Ga., will preach at 10 a.m., and perform the dedicatory ceremonies; at 2 p.m., there will be a children's meeting, all the Sabbath School children of the county being specially invited to be present, which will be addressed by the Bishop and other distinguished speakers. The W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R. , will carry residents of Alexandria and Washington to Manassas and return at half fare.

A Colored man named Stacy, living at Brandy Station was run into by the passenger train coming north on Tuesday last and severely injured. He had been to Culpeper where he had become intoxicated, and on returning home had sat down on the end of the ties and it is most likely had gone to sleep. He received a very severe scalp wound, but no bones were broken. The train was stopped, when he was placed in the baggage car and brought to Brandy Station. He said "somebody had struck him" which was about so.

The county committee of the Conservative party of the county are requested to meet at Brentsville on the first Monday in September at the hotel of Mr. Joseph B. Reid, at eleven o'clock. Business of importance connected with a thorough and effective working organization of the party will be before it, and a full and prompt attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

We are informed by a "reliable gentleman" that Mr. E. J. T. Clark of this country killed last week a rattle snake at Thoroughfare Gap measuring four feet long, and having eight rattles.

The lumber to build the new Episcopal church in this place has arrived. Also that to build a new hotel.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Sep 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The picnic and tournament on Tuesday last at Brentsville was well attended by both ladies and gentlemen. Fifteen Knights contested for the honors of the day. L. B. Pattie was the successful Knight and crowned Miss Sallie Lewis Queen. Miss Camelia Bean, of Washington, was crowned first maid of honor by J. L. Keys, Miss Lucy M. Lynn second maid, by D. C. Cole and Miss Barbour, of Georgetown, third maid, by J. A. Nicol. A very beautiful coronation address was delivered by Dr. Barbour, after which The Royal set was danced. The charge was delivered by J. J. Davies, esq., who did ample justice to his subject. There was an elegant pavilion for dancing in a fine grove, and near by a

refreshment stand, sufficient to supply all present. About 4 o'clock it commenced to rain, causing a sudden dispersion of the pleasure seekers and a premature ending of the day's proceedings.

We have learned that George Hill, esq., of the District of Columbia has in contemplation the purchase of the property at Buckland, in this county, known as the Buckland Woolen Mills, with a view of turning the same into an extensive establishment for the manufacture of wood paper. If it be true that such is his intention we congratulate our people on a prospect of so valuable an acquisition to the business of their country, as well as having added to their population a most excellent and sterling gentleman. We shall be glad to welcome Maj. Hill and his family to our State, and know that every citizen will welcome him also.

On Tuesday last a match game of base ball was played between the Modocs of Manassas, and the White Stockings of Occoquan. At the eight inning in consequence of the rain, the game was called by the Umpire, at which time the score stood for the White Stockings 44, and for the Modocs 40.

A circular race tract will be laid out and graded near Manassas as soon as the weather will permit, for the purpose of trying the speed of fast horses, and for racing purposes. It is proposed to have a sweepstakes race soon.

Mr. Allen Howison, in a card, says please discontinue my name as one of the candidates for the Legislature. I have no desire to go to the Legislature; and respectfully decline; fully appreciating the compliment my friend or friends are disposed to pay me.

The dedication of the M. E. church at this place, which was announced for Thursday, Sept., 4th, has been postponed till Sunday Sept. 14th.

There is to be a mass meeting of the Conservatives of Prince William county, at Brentsville on Monday, (court day.)

Washington Republican 04 Sep 1873

Buckland Mills - George Hill, esq., the well known paper manufacturer of Georgetown, has in contemplation the purchase of the property at Buckland, in Fauquier county, known as the Buckland Woolen Mills, with a view of turning the same into an extensive establishment for the manufacture of wood paper. If it be true that such is his intention we congratulate that people on the prospect of so valuable an acquisition to the business of their county, as well as having added to their population a most excellent and sterling gentleman. Major Hill and his family will be gladly welcomed to the State of Virginia, although his many patrons will miss him from this city, where he has an extensive custom trade, and regret his departure to another field of business. His many friends will, with a unanimity of feeling, wish him prosperity in his new undertaking."

Alexandria Gazette 15 Sep 1873

VIRGINIA NEWS - The Manassas Gazette says: "A large party of the coal dealers of Wyoming Valley passed through Manassas last Wednesday morning to view a purchase recently made by them of fifteen thousand acres of the West Virginia coal region. They seek enthusiastically of their proposed investments."

Alexandria Gazette 15 Sep 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. One of the most pleasant affairs that has ever occurred in this place came off on Tuesday night last at the Manassas Hotel, it being the occasion of a birth day party given Miss Rachie Varns, daughter of the proprietor of the hotel. A large and fashionable gathering of invited friends were present to do honor to the occasion and the evening was spent amid enchanting music and dancing.

A tournament and ball will be given at Manassas on the 18th inst.; also one at Centreville on the 15th inst., both under the auspices of the colored fraternity.

A sharp and spicy discussion took place on Saturday last at Trenness', between G. W. Larkin and E. E. Meredith, candidates for Commonwealth's attorney.

We regret to learn the death at his home in Lesurur, Minn., on the 7th inst., of George D. Snow, esq., eldest son of Col. Wm. R. Snow of this county.

It is the first time we have known Manassas that we have heard the hum of that annoying insect, the mosquito.

A basket pic nic will be held in a grove near A. T. Marshall's on the 20th inst. Chills and fever are very prevalent in and around Manassas.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Sep 1873

Prince William County from the Manassas Gazette. James Burkett, a little son of Capt. Burkett, residing on the Manassas and Gainesville road, was thrown from his father's horse one day last week and very painfully injured.

Thomas Meredith, a young son of Mr. John T. Meredith, of Nokesville, was run over by a loaded wagon, on Tuesday evening last, and seriously injured.

Mr. Willie Ayre, of Fairfax, who lost one of his arms by a threshing machine about three years ago, came very near losing the other by the accidental discharge of a revolver which he was handling on Monday last. The ball entered at the wrist and came out at the shoulder.

Redmond Austin, a young man working at the "Mayfield" Brown Stone Quarries, was severely injured about the head on Thursday morning last by the falling of a derrick. One of the colored hands was also slightly injured at the same time.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Nov 1873

ELECTION NEWS -- Special to the Gazette -- Manassas, Nov. 5 -- At this place the vote for Governor was, Kemper 173, Hughes 131; At Brentsville, Kemper 83, Hughes 41; At Dumfries Kemper 90, Hughes 47; At Occoquan, Kemper 55, Hughes 68; At Cole's, Kemper 170, Hughes 25; At Garrisonville, Kemper 15, Hughes 77. A small precincts yet to hear from will probably give Kemper 15 majority.

There were three candidates in the field for the House of Delegates -- Messrs. Dunnington and Purcell, conservatives, and Round, independent, and it is considered quite certain that Round is elected by a small majority.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Nov 1873

Prince William County from the Manassas Gazette. Col. Tansill who a few months ago purchased the residence and grounds of Mr. R. C. Weir in this place has made a number of fine improvements. Mr. W. W. Davis has also improved the property he lately purchased in this village. Mr. Hampton Brenton has fitted up a new store and removed into it, and the building he lately occupied on the corner opposite the hotel, has been taken by the railroad company for tickets and telegraph offices; this building has also undergone some improvements. Dr Hornbaker has left his former place of business and removed into the store formerly occupied by Mrs. E. Newman (she having removed to Alexandria) which he has had fitted up for the drug business. J. Johnson is also adding improvements to his little dwelling and shop. Mr. George C. Round, has also made an addition to his residence.

Rev. J. W. Marsh, of this place, has been called to take charge of three churches in Montgomery County, Maryland; viz: Ligamore, Upper Seneca and Barnsville. Mr. Marsh will remain with us, and not remove to Maryland, as it has been reported he would do, in case he accepted the call there.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Nov 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mr. Matthew Woodyard, of Brentsville, a few weeks ago lost a grown son, then a valuable horse, then a son nearly severed a foot while chopping wood, and now, we learn that Mr. Woodyard himself, while putting on a load of wood last week, had one of his legs broken by falling with a stick of wood which he was carrying to the wagon. Mr. W. is an industrious and hard-working man, and has a large family to support.

Mr. John Alexandria, who purchased a farm in this county a few months ago, arrived here with his wife on the first of this month from Leelesaw County, Michigan. The contrast of the climate there and here may well be imagined when he informed us that he left snow 12 inches deep.

Mr. George Trimmer has sold the farm on which he lives, near this place, consisting of 241 acres, attached to which is a tolerable good saw and grist mill, to L. G. Prescott, of New Hampshire, for \$2,650.

As the north-bound train was moving off a few evenings ago a saucy and unmannerly Miss deliberately squirted a mouthful of water in a man's face, who stood on the platform, and to add insult to injury, laughed at the fun.

Snow fell here to the depth of five inches Monday last, and commenced again on Tuesday about ten o'clock and continued at intervals during the day.

A large number of fruit trees have been received at this place from several different nurseries, but the weather has not been very propitious for planting them.

Judging from the number offered for sale in this village, wild turkeys must be plentiful this season. The price ranges from 75 cents up to \$1.50 apiece.

The snow storm on Monday last put a stop to telegraph operations in this section by the breaking down of nearly all the wires,

Mr. John Varns, of the Manassas Hotel, was eighty years of age on the 19th inst. He is hale and hearty.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Nov 1873

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mrs. Johnson a widow lady who owns a farm about a mile from Manassas, has had nearly a whole flock of sheep destroyed by dogs in the last few weeks. As many as nine out of a small flock was killed in one night and a smaller number at several different times. A large Newfoundland dog belonging to an adjoining neighbor, was followed from the field on Tuesday morning and killed.

Mr. Prescott who purchased Mr. Geo. Trimmer's place has quite a fine outfit of fine carriages & c., looking as if he intended to make home happy. We hope he will be satisfied with his new home. Mr. Trimmer has removed into his house at Manassas near the saw mill. We learn he contemplates going into some kind of mechanical business.

Work on the new Episcopal Church has commenced, and we understand will be pushed forward to completion. Rev. Mr. McGill has succeeded in raising a considerable sum of money to be applied towards its erection.

Alexandria Gazette 06 Dec 1873

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY --From the Manassas Gazette -- The remaining unsold and unredeemed delinquent lands for taxes will certainly be sold at the January term of the County Court, without fail. Also that land bought in for the State can be redeemed at any time up to the first of January court.

Mr. Henry Lynn residing in the upper part of the county, had twenty seven valuable improved sheep killed and crippled by dogs one night last week; leaving him but three out of a flock of thirty.

Alexandria Gazette 1873/1874

CONSERVATIVE DEMONSTRATION -- A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Conservatives of Prince William was held at Manassas last night, graced by the appearance of a number of ladies. A procession with transparencies, on which were appropriate mottos, and headed by the Culpeper brass band, paraded through the principal streets of the village, and halted in front of the Manassas Hotel, of which Mr. Harvey Varnes is proprietor, and which was handsomely illuminated. From a stand erected in front of the hotel, eloquent and stirring speeches were made by Judge C. E. Sinclair, Col. Thos. Smith, of Warrenton, Hon. Eppa Hunton, W. D. Whiting, E. Meredith, J. J. Davies, A. Nicol, George W. Larkin, Maj. W. W. Thornton and E. Snowden, jr., all of whom counseled moderation and prudence, while joying over the recent great triumphs.

Alexandria Gazette 09 Jan 1874

Prince William Circuit Court, House of Representatives, January 8, 1874, Editor Alexandria Gazette: I am requested to make it known through your paper that Judge Keith will not hold his court in Prince William next week. He is holding court in Wytheville to try the large and famous case of the Salt Works. The case will be more

protracted than he expected and will take for its trial most of next week. You can therefore announce by authority that the Prince William court will not be held, and save the trouble and expense of attendance of jurors, suitors and witnesses. Yours Very Truly, Eppa Hunton

Alexandria Gazette 10 Jan 1874

Prince William County -- The January term of the County Court (Judge A. Nicol presiding) closed its session yesterday. During this term a number of deeds and other writings were admitted to record. In the case of the Commonwealth vs James Nokes for obstructing the Public Road the jury gave a verdict of \$5 damages and costs against the defendant. The Grand jury found a true bill against L. N. Fewell, for assault with intent to kill C. L. Hynson, also a true bill vs. same for assault and battery on John Varns.

The sale of delinquent lands for taxes was continued at this court by the Deputy Treasurer of the county; but few tracts were bought by individuals however, the greater part of the land offered being bid for the Commonwealth. About one third of the lands returned have been redeemed by the owners, they having come forward and paid the amount due to the Treasurer. The sale of delinquent land is continued to Monday the 12th inst. (Circuit Court) during which court the sale will be concluded. -- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 27 Feb 1874

THE FIRE AT DUMFRIES - Brentsville, February 24, A most disastrous fire occurred at Dumfries on Monday evening about dark, in the store of Mr. Charles H. Cockrell. It appears that Mr. Cockrell, whilst filling one of the store-room lamps, held the burning wick in his hand, the flame coming in contact with the floor, which was saturated with oil, and of course, immediately ignited. So rapid was the progress of the flames that every effort of Mr. Cockrell's to extinguish them was unavailing. The oil barrel soon was enveloped, and exploded in the hands of a gentleman who was trying to role it out of the window, but strange to say, it did not injure him, whilst the shock knocked down a young man named Brawler, tearing his vest, in which he had about fifty dollars, which was lost in the fire. The explosive substances, together with the high wind, soon placed the fire beyond the control of the citizens. Several parties suffer severely, and some are made utterly destitute by this catastrophe. Mr. Cockrell loses about \$2,500. Mr. King and family, who occupied the upper portion of the store are left in most destitute circumstances, everything they had being burnt up. Mr. Garrison loses his house and most of his property, and Mrs. Keys, the owner of the house, loses also. None of the property was insured, and the loss is a serious one to the sufferers.

Alexandria Gazette 02 Mar 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - We have known for sometime past that the husband of a lady who died in this county several months ago has been suspicioned by other members of the family of causing her death by poison. As we did not learn upon what grounds these suspicions were based, whether frivolous or otherwise, we did not feel it our duty to publish the rumor. As the subject is

one of common talk in the neighborhood where the family reside, it is perhaps not improper to state that we learn through one of them that there is a proposition to disinter the remains for the purpose of an investigation. The man who the terrible charge is made against is not now in the State.

The School Trustees of Manassas have determined to open a normal class for the instruction of teachers of public schools. It will begin on Monday, March 16th, and continue three months under the charge of the Principal of Ruffner School, Mr. W. R. Will. The Trustees intend to make the graded school at this place a model school, which the teachers present for instruction can pattern after. Teachers from outside of the county can attend on the payment of one dollar a month.

The frame of the new Episcopal Church at Manassas was raised on Friday of last week. The first section of the steeple was raised and presents a substantial appearance. It will be sixty-five feet high when finished. The church will be 30 by 40, 14 feet to the eaves, with dome formed with open framed work, dressed and oiled.

Alexandria Gazette 02 May 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. The town council of Manassas met on the 24th of April, Mr. H. B. Varns in the chair. The resignation of Mr. R. C. Weir as member of the Board and Mayor of Manassas, was read and accepted. Mr. Geo. Trimmer who had been previously elected to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Levi H. Newman qualified by taking the oath of office. D. W. Whiting for Mayor, and he was elected and qualified. Messrs. B. D. Merchant and Trimmer were appointed a committee to ascertain what the cost of a lot and erection of a lookup and pound would cost and report.

The flock of sheep owned by Mr. Jno. Reid, living near Greenwich, was raided upon by dogs on Friday night of last week, and five lambs killed and several crippled. Eben Laws, living near the same neighborhood, had his flock visited not long since and one sheep killed, but fortunately the dog was caught in the act and dispatched. Dr. Moxley also in the same neighborhood had six killed only a few nights ago.

The following bills have passed the General Assembly: An act making Bull Run a lawful fence from its junction with the Occoquan to its junction with the Warrenton Turnpike. An act for the protection of sheep by a tax on dogs. An act to incorporate the town of Occoquan.

Mr. Geo. B. Chichester, well known in the upper part of the county, died at his sister's near New Baltimore, Fauquier County, one day last week. He died suddenly while out attending to business.

The office of the Gazette was entered by some person on Thursday night, and a lot of clothing belonging to Mr. Tompkins, foreman of the office stolen.

Mr. Wallace Hixson is now engaged in the erection of a new and fine residence in Manassas for Robert C. Weir, esq., which will be completed early in the summer.

The collectors have renewed their bonds in accordance with act of the Legislature, extending the collection of State and county takes until the first of June.

Mr. W. W. Kincheloe and Mr. John T. Goodwin, of Brentsville, have declined to take out a liquor license for the ensuing year, and go out of the business.

Mr. John T. Goodwin, collector of Brentsville Township has declined to renew his

bond as collector, and has settled with the treasurer.

Alexandria Gazette 07 May 1874

COMMISSIONER' SALE OF VALUABLE LAND - Pursuant to the decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, pronounced at the June term, 1873, in the suit of Carter against Birch and others, the undersigned commissioners therein named, will, on MONDAY, the 18th day of May 1874, that being Court day, sell, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door of said county, at one o'clock p.m., that VALUABLE FARM called "MOUNTAIN VIEW," containing 636 acres. This farm adjoins the farm of George F. Carter and others, and is susceptible of the highest state of cultivation, being of the red soil. Persons desiring to purchase this valuable tract of land are referred to Richard M. Weir, esq., at Manassas, who will take pleasure in showing the same.

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Eppa Hunton, Thomas Moore, Commissioners of Sale.

Alexandria Gazette 09 May 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The regular May term of the County Court met on Monday last, Judge Nicol presiding. A case of unlawful detainer was tried, in which Mrs. Jane E. Branaugh was plaintiff, and Craven King defendant, and a verdict rendered in favor of plaintiff. The case was then taken up to the Circuit Court on a plea of non-jurisdiction in the County Court. About twenty "ordinary" licenses were granted by the court, a large number of them being to persons who have been heretofore doing a retail liquor business in connection with other merchantile business, such as dry goods, groceries, &c.

The boiler in the extensive steam mill owned by Judge Fullerton, near Clifton Station, exploded on Friday morning, making a perfect wreck of the establishment, but fortunately injuring none of the employees.

Hon. James Keith, Judge of the Circuit Court, will commence his term for Prince William on Monday next. It is expected that a large amount of business will be transacted at this term.

A check for \$300, contributed by the Peabody fund, has been received by the trustees for the Ruffner School of Manassas.

Mr. E. V. Weir, of this county, has sold his mill property near Leesburg to Harrison Mills of Loudoun, for \$5,000.

Alexandria Gazette 16 May 1874

The May term of the Circuit Court, which met on Monday, adjourned on Thursday, a large amount of business having been transacted. Esau Pinker, colored, indicted jointly with Mary, his wife, on a charge of stealing a satchel containing articles, in all valued at \$100, on the 13th of October last, from G. McHenry Gish, of Roanoke county, was found guilty of petit larceny and sentenced to six months in the county jail. A nol.

pros. was entered in the case of Mary, his wife. The accused, who had just been married in Washington, came on a "wedding tour" to Manassas, and in leaving the train, carried the satchel off with them, the owner being at the time in another car. Lang Lewis, colored, for stealing \$5 from the pocket of another colored man, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The case of the Commonwealth vs. L. N. Fewell, was continued to the December term of the court. Verdicts were rendered against the A. & F, Railway Company in favor of E. E. Conner and Hampton Brenton for losses on cross ties purchased by them for the company. The jury in the case of Basil Robinson against James W. Carr, for unlawful detainer, failed to agree.

In the suit of W. O. Richards, formerly of Canada, vs Alonzo D. Finch, formerly of New York State, for seduction of plaintiff's daughter, a verdict of guilty was rendered and damages assessed at \$1,000, the amount claimed by the plaintiff. The defendant set up no defence, not even having a lawyer, and it is reported that he has made way with all his property so that the verdict will be a barren one. Both of the parties have been residents of this State three or four years, and both purchased in this county. Richards came here in 1869, and purchased a small place near Sprigg's Ford, adjoining the place of Finch. Shortly after purchasing the place, Mr. Richards went back to Canada, and business keeping him there for a time, he sent his brother out to take possession of his new purchase, and with him sent a son and three daughters. They were here but a short time when the uncle of the children was called back to Canada. Before going back he put one of the girls with Mr. Finch to live, he agreeing, according to the evidence, to protect her the same as a father. The evidence went to show that instead of treating her as a parent would a child, he soon began to treat her as a lover, and was not long in succeeding in his fiendish desires. A short time before the birth of a child occurred the family arrived and took the girl home. The young woman, who is very handsome, testified that she was fourteen years of age when she went to live with Finch.

In consequence of the continued wet weather, rendering it impossible to train, and at the request of the parties who have entries in the races advertised to come off on the Manassas course on the 14th and 15th inst., the races are postponed to Thursday and Friday, June 4th and 5th. The time for entries is also extended to Thursday, May 21.; horses not entered by that time will be extended.

Mr. William B. Kincheloe has purchased of F. J. Cannon, esq., the property now occupied by Mr. Charles H. Whittington, in this place, for \$1,800.

#### Alexandria Gazette 29 May 1874

Haymarket, May 29., The following list gives the official count for the township officers for the Gainesville Township, at the election held yesterday: Supervisor, Crawford Cushing, 261; Assessor, J. Y. Cundiff, 274; Collector, T. P. Hereford, 206; R. H. Lynn, 74; Clerk, C. E. Jordan, 280; Commissioner of Roads, H. F. Lynn, 246; Overseer of Poor, C. E. Jordan, 280; Justice of the Peace, Edmund Berkley, 218; Constable, James McDonough, 5; Nelson Elliott, 45.

There was no opposition except for the places of Collector and Constable. In the latter case Mr. McDonough, who formerly filled that office satisfactorily, declined to serve again, the emoluments being little or nothing, and not suspecting what has

occurred, the whites failed to place one of their number on the ticket for that office. Seeing which, a certain colored school master of this neighborhood who bosses the colored votes succeeded, secretly, in placing the name of Nelson Elliott on a sufficient number of ballots to elect that party to office. Not a whisper of such a thing reached our ears until the ballot boxes were opened at sunset. another lesson for the white man. Of course this thing will amount to nothing except as a lesson, as Nelson Elliott is totally unfit for any office in the gift of his people.

Manassas Township, - F. M. Lewis, Supervisor; John H. Butler, Assessor; John Miller, Collector; D. W. Whiting, Justice of the Peace; Richard M. Weir, Commissioner of Roads; F. A. Weedon, Constable, were elected.

Brentsville. - J. B. Reid, Supervisor; J. M. Sinclair, Assessor; John T. Goodwin, Collector and Constable; Wm. T. Hall, Overseer of the Poor; John A. Brawner, Commissioner of Roads; Wm. A. Bryant, Justice of the Peace.

Gainesville - Crawford Cushing, Supervisor; Thomas P. Hereford, Collector; J. Y. Cundiff, Assessor.

Coles- M. N. Lynn, Supervisor; James M. Barbee, Assessor; Wm. B. Lynn, Clerk; Robert H. Keys, Collector; Roy W. Davis, Commissioner of Roads; John Keys, Overseer of the Poor; James L. Cole, Justice of the Peace; R. H. Keys, Constable.

Alexandria Gazette 25 May 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, for the purpose of providing for putting in force the act of the General Assembly for the protection of sheep by a tax on dogs. It was ordered that the Assessors in the several Townships list all dogs within their several Districts issuing licenses to keep the same to the owner at a uniform tax of fifty cents per dog; also that whenever the owner of any sheep shall become satisfied that any portion of his flock had been killed or seriously injured by dogs, he shall apply to the Supervisors or some Justice of his Township, who shall at once proceed to view the sheep so killed or seriously injured, and ascertain what the amount of damage is which has been sustained by the owner of the sheep and give him a certificate therefore. The Board agreed that a bounty of forty cents on gray fox scalps, and a bounty of sixty cents on red fox scalps shall be paid out of the dog tax to take effect on and after the 18th day of May.

During the thunder storm on Saturday last, a large locust tree, in Mr. John T. Leachman's front yard was struck by lightning, tearing it into fragments and throwing the debris on and over the house. Several members of Mr. Leachman's family were very much shocked. So great was the shock that articles in the house were thrown down. The rain was very heavy in that section, raising the streams unusually high, and washing away water gaps fencing &c. Lightning also struck a tree near the house of Mr. Mankins, a quarter of a mile outside the village, and severely stunned his daughter.

Mr. Samuel Allen, one of the most enterprising citizens of this county, was accidentally killed on Thursday last. He was at his steam saw mill, on the farm of Mr. John H. Kirby near Independent Hill, and about 4 o'clock in the evening was struck in the stomach with a slab which had been caught by the great saw and thrown from it

with tremendous violence. After undergoing intense suffering for 14 hours he died at 6 o'clock.

A dog having all the symptoms of hydrophobia was shot by Mr. F. W. Oakey on Tuesday. It is rumored that several dogs have been bitten, and it is said the dog was bitten some times since by a dog supposed to be mad, which was killed at the time.

Frank Cole a colored laborer, working at the new Presbyterian Church in Manassas, while helping to carry a large stone up the gang-way on Monday last, fell to the ground a distance of fifteen feet, severely spraining one of his ankles and receiving other injuries, not however serious.

After the thunder storm on Saturday last, several persons in this community discovered floating on the surface of the water in their rain barrels, a substance which on inspection proved to be a deposit of brimstone.

Mr. F. W. Hutchison has sold to Mr. Thurman of Germantown, Pa., one hundred acres of land near Manassas, improved by a frame dwelling and tolerable out buildings, for \$3,000.

The friends of Mr. W. W. Davis will be glad to learn that he is recovering from the severe injuries he received several weeks ago, by being struck to the ground by his horse.

The water in the well of one of our citizens has become so strongly impregnated with coal oil that the family have been compelled to discontinue its use.

We regret to announce the serious illness of Mr. Leonard Lywood, one of our most useful and highly respected English residents.

The concert at the M. E. Church on Thursday evening the 15th inst. was a most delightful entertainment.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jun 1874

IN PRINCE WILLIAM CIRCUIT COURT, May 13th, 1874, John R. Johnson, plaintiff, Against John R. Johnson, executor of Trunley Rigg, deceased, Richard W. Johnson, Charles S. Stone and Trunley Rigg, defendants. In chancery.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the complainant, as executor of Trunley Rigg, deceased, do render before one of the Commissioners of this Court his account as such executor; that said Commissioner also report the outstanding debts against the estate of said Turnley Rigg and their priorities, and also what estate, real and personal, the said Rigg died possessed of, and the value of the same. Teste: A. L. Davis, clerk., commissioner's office, Brentsville, June 8, 1874

To the plaintiff and defendants in the above cause and all others interested. Take notice, That I have appointed FRIDAY, the 24th day of July 1874, at my office, in the town of Brentsville, to execute the decree of which the above is a true extract, at which time and place you are required to attend. Given under my hand as Commissioner of the said Court the day and year above written.

Wm. E. Lipscomb, Eppa Hunton, p.g.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jun 1874

IN PRINCE WILLIAM CIRCUIT COURT, May 18th, 1869, John B. Hunton, survivor of

himself and Robert H. Hunton, deceased, plaintiffs, Against Catherine Purcell, Thomas K. Davis and Martha his wife, Josiah Stone and Emma his wife, James R. Purcell in his own right and as administrator of James Purcell, deceased, William E. Goodwin in his own right and as Sheriff, committee administrator of Lucien E. Purcell, deceased, Francis J. Cannon, John Clark and Joseph B. Reid, defendants. In chancery.

On consideration whereof, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that James R. Purcell, administrator of James Purcell, deceased., do render before one of the commissioners of this Court an account of his actings and doings as administrator as aforesaid, and that said Commissioner do take an account of the assets of the said decedent at the time of his death, and also of the debts of the estate, with their priorities and that he also take an account of the real estate, with its annual and fee simple value.

1872, May 15. -- "On consideration whereof, the Court doth recommit the said report with the said exceptions to the said Commissioner Sinclair for enquiry into the matters raised by the exceptions and for such other debts as may be proved."

1874, May 11 --"It appearing to the Court that R. A. Sinclair, a Master Commissioner of this Court, hath moved to Alexandria and cannot conveniently execute the order entered in this cause, the Court doth direct that Wm. R. Lipscomb, a Master Commissioner of this Court, do proceed to execute the order of reference heretofore entered in the said cause." June extracts.

Teste: L. A. Davis, Clerk, Commissioner's Office, Brentsville, June 8, 1874

To the parties, plaintiff and defendants, and all others interested: Take notice, That I have appointed TUESDAY, the 21st day of July, 1874, at my office in the town of Brentsville, to execute the decrees of which the foregoing are true extracts, at which time and place you are required to attend. Given under my hand as Commissioners of the said Court, the day and year above written.

Wm. E. Lipscomb.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jun 1874

IN PRINCE WILLIAM CIRCUIT COURT, May 13th, 1874 - Barrett & Higgins, plaintiff, Against A. D. Smith, adm'r. of Chas. H. Hunton, dec'd., Ellen Hunton, Belle Hunton, Annie Hunton, James W. Hunton, Henry Hunton, Logan Hunton, M. B. Washington and Fannie his wife, defendants. In chancery: On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the defendant A. D. Smith, render before one of the Commissioners of this Court an account of his acting and doings as administrator of Chas. H. Hunton, deceased; and the said Commissioner is directed to ascertain and report an account of all the outstanding debts against the estate of the said Chas. H. Hunton, deceased, with their priorities, and also an account of all outstanding debts due the estate of the said Chas. H. Hunton, deceased, distinguishing between those which are separate and those which are desperate; and said Commissioner is further directed to ascertain and report an account of the real and personal estate of which the said Chas. H. Hunton died seized and possessed, with the annual and fee simple value of the realty; and the said Commissioner in making up the account of said A. D. Smith, adm'r. as aforesaid is directed to take as prima facie correct any settlement

heretofore made by the said administrator, with the right to any party in interest to surcharge and falsify the same.

Teste: L. A. Davis, Clerk, Commissioner's Office, Brentsville, June 8, 1874

To the plaintiffs and defendants in the above suit and all others interested: Take notice, That I have appointed SATURDAY, the 18th day of July, 1874, at my office, in the town of Brentsville, to execute the decree of which the forgoing is a true extract, at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of the said Court the day and year above written. Wm. E. Lipscomb, J. J. Davis, p.g.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jun 1874

IN PRINCE WILLIAM CIRCUIT COURT, May 13th, 1874 - John H. Butler, sheriff of Prince William County, committee administrator of John Camper, deceased, plaintiff, AGAINST John H. Butler, Sheriff, committee adm'r. of John T. Williams, dec'd, Vernon Davis, Aylett Nicol, , Wm. E. Lipscomb, H. Colvin, Wm. Selecman, J. Howell Asmun, Basil Brawner, adm'r. of Wm. G. Brawner, Wm. W. Davis, J. R. Kincheloe, surviving partner of Gaines & Kincheloe, Philip Bear, Montreville Connell, adm'r. of John A. King, D. F. Phillips, adm'r. of William F. Phillips, Eppa Hunton, ex'r. of P. D. Lipscomb, and Jos. Curl, defendants. In chancery.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Wm. E. Lipscomb, one of the commissioners of this court, do ascertain and report whether any of the debts enumerated in the deed of trust mentioned in said bill have been paid, and which; and said Commissioner is directed to report any other lien upon said tract of land in the bill mentioned.

Teste: L. A. Davis, Clerk, Commissioner's Office, Brentsville, June 8, 1874

To the plaintiffs and defendants in the above suit and all others interested: Take notice, That I have appointed FRIDAY, the 17th day of July, 1874, at my office, in the town of Brentsville, to execute the decree of which the forgoing is a true extract, at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of the said Court the day and year above written. Wm. E. Lipscomb, J. J. Davis, p.g.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Jun 1874

IN PRINCE WILLIAM CIRCUIT COURT, May 13th, 1874 - Thomas B. Gaines' adm'rs, John Williams, Lawrence Cole and others, plaintiffs, AGAINST E. M. Lipscomb, P. Daniel Lipscomb, Eppa Hunton, executor of P. D. Lipscomb deceased, and as trustee of the said P. D. Lipscomb for the benefit of all creditors, P. D. Williams' adm'r and Lewis C. Asmun, defendants, In chancery.

It appearing to the Court that R. A. Sinclair, a Master Commissioner of this Court, has removed to Alexandria and cannot conveniently execute the order entered in this cause the Court, doth direct Wm. E. Lipscomb, a Master Commissioner of this Court, to proceed to execute the order of reference heretofore entered in the said cause.

A copy --teste: L. A. Davis, Clerk, Commissioner's Office, Brentsville, June 8, 1874

To the plaintiffs and defendants in the above cause and all others interested ; Take notice, That I have appointed THURSDAY, the 28d day of July, 1874, at my office in

the town of Brentsville, to execute the above decree. The first order to reference, entered at the May term, 1868 required one of the Commissioners of this Court to convene the creditors of P. D. Lipscomb and ascertain the amount of debts due by said Lipscomb or by any firm of which he was a member and to take an account of the personal assets of the said Lipscomb, and to settle the account of Eppa Hunton, executor of said Lipscomb. The second order of reference entered at the May term, 1869, "recommitted the report made by the Commissioner under the former rule with instructions to state, the debts against the said Lipscomb, according to their priority, and to state an account of the debts against the late firm of L. C. Asmun & Co." The third order of reference, entered at the May term, 1870, sustained sundry exceptions to the report returned and recommitted the report to the Commissioner, with instructions to conform his report to the decree sustaining the exceptions; and said Commissioner was further ordered to state and settle a partnership account of the late firm of Asmun & Lipscomb, and report any outstanding debts of said firm.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of the said Court the day and year above written.

Wm. E. Lipscomb

Alexandria Gazette 2 Jun 1874

DIED -- At his residence, in Prince William County, of pneumonia, on Monday, the 18th of May 1874, JAMES HOWISON, in the 70th year of his age. He was an honest man, a kind friend and good neighbor. He leaves a large number of relations and friends to mourn their loss. -- (Baltimore, Washington and Fredericksburg papers please copy.)

Alexandria Gazette 06 Jun 1874

MARRIED -- On the 2nd instant, at St. Phillip's Church, Laurel, Maryland, by Rev. James A. Kenney, JOHN O. WEEMS, Esq. of Prince William County, Va., and REBECCA, daughter of John D. McPherson, Esq., of Prince George's county, Maryland.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jun 1874

At the last term of the Prince William County Court, a jury composed entirely of colored men was summoned, but the only case on the docket being continued their services were not needed.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Jun 1874

From the Manassas Gazette - Judge Charles E. Sinclair has assumed the editorship of the Manassas Gazette. Mr. D. W. Whiting publisher. Judge S. in his salutatory says: "In all respects our editorial conduct will be independent. We shall be "devoted to --- elique and bound to no master." In discussing freely public men and measures, we shall always try to bear in mind that others are entitled to the same freedom of opinion we claim for ourselves, and with charity for all, and malice towards none, we hope to pursue the even tenor of our way in pleasant and mutually profitable relations with all who take an interest in the success of the Gazette is an excellent paper, and we wish it

and its new editor abundant success.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Jun 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - As Mr. A. D. Finch was about to accompany his family from home on Wednesday last, and had assisted his wife and young child in a spring wagon, the horse attached to it became restive and started to run. In attempting to stop him Mr. F. was thrown down and run over by the wagon and considerably bruised. Mrs. F. and child was thrown out, but fortunately escaped without serious harm.

On next Tuesday night there will be a festival at Ruffner school house for the benefit of the school -- the proceeds to supplement the amount already in the treasury for the purchase of an organ for the school.

The Colorado potato bug, known heretofore by people in this section, only by reputation, has made its appearance among the potato vines here in limited numbers.

The new hotel is receiving the finishing touches of the painter's brush, and will soon be ready for occupancy. It has not yet been ascertained who will "run" it.

Next Wednesday, the pupils of Ruffner school will have a basket picnic at the "Old Camp-meeting Ground." Vegetation which had begun to suffer from the drought, was refreshed by a fine rain on Thursday evening.

Our farmers are busily engaged in harvesting their wheat crop, which we learn is turning out well.

The closing exercises of Ruffner school will take place next Monday and Tuesday.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Jul 1874

BRITISH SETTLERS MEETING - A meeting of British settlers was held at Sarepta Hall, this morning at 11 o'clock. The American and British flags were hung side by side at the rear of the stand. The meeting was called to order by Captain John R. Masters, President of the British Settlers Society of this city, on whose motion Jefferson Tacey was elected President. Mr. Tacey, in accepting the chair, returned his thanks for the honor conferred on him. On motion of W. B. McClure, Messrs. S. Redgrave and James Hunter were appointed secretaries. Mr. John Brown was elected Chaplain and opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Kemper then addressed the association, welcoming the members to the hospitalities of the city. He spoke of the importance of immigration, but disclaimed any intention of making a speech, and merely wished to welcome them.

Mr. W. B. McClure then addressed the meeting, stating the objects of the association. He thought that we could reap an abundant harvest of prosperity by merely exerting ourselves a little. He believed that Virginia could be repopulated by people brought from the old country. Although British settlers, still they must not forget that they were adopted citizens of Virginia, and must work for the prosperity and well being of their State. He urges that none but practical farmers, who were not greedy for too much land, and were willing to work, should be enticed to emigrate. Although Britons regarded the right to grumble as a birthright and always exercised it, still he hoped that Virginians would bear with them and recollect that all people liked their own ideas the best, and were loth to give them up. Although they did sometimes grumble, they were,

in the main, jolly good fellows. He traced the cause of business in falling off since former years, and urged that it was the duty of every good citizen to do all in his power to change the aspect of things, and do all in his power to improve the city and State. He called attention to the fact that similar societies had been formed in other portions of the country with very beneficial effects. He gave statistics to prove what he had said, and evinced a thorough knowledge of his subject. Mr. McClure spoke for about half an hour and was greeted with loud and continued applause.

Mr. Davies, of Brentsville, then spoke for some time. He said that the British settlers were not here to encourage sectional animosity, nor to engage in political strife, but to aid the native born sons of Virginia in building up the grand old State of their adoption. He believed that reports imical to Virginia had been circulated in England, and that it should be the aim of every member to disarm such reports, and to give the people at home a fair idea of how they could succeed here better than they could where they were. He urged settlers to buy small farms, as they were more easily handled and improved than large ones. His speech was well received.

John S. Barbour, esq., then addressed the meeting, stating that he came merely as the representative of a railroad company, and as such deeply interested in the matter of immigration, as no railroad could prosper unless the country along its line prospered also. He depicted the condition of this portion of Virginia after the war, and its natural advantages. He said that this was one of the finest grass countries in the world. He pledged the hearty cooperation of his company in furthering the objects of the association. He said that lands within a few miles of railroad transportation could be bought for from one to four dollars per acre. His remarks were very practical and gained much applause.

Hon. Lewis McKenzie being called upon, returned his thanks and expressed his hearty cooperation in the objects of the association. He thought that there were splendid chances for investment here, provided they were not plucked by the land agents. He thought that Englishmen should settle in colonies, as they would thrive better in that way than any other. Now was the time to buy land, and he hoped that advantage would be taken of the fact. Although Richmond claimed to be the hub of Virginia, still he thought that Alexandria might presume to have an immigration society as well as Richmond. He spoke of the cheapness of rates of freight and passage on the Virginia railroads. Mr. McKenzie made some humorous remarks in regard to passes, which elicited much laughter and applause.

Mr. Tacey made a few elequent remarks in regard to the objects of the association. Mr. Moossom, of Gainesville, then made some practical remarks, combatting a remark of Mr. Davies, that this was not a field for the English laborer; he regarded Northern Virginia as pre-eminently the field for those men. The meeting then, at 1:25 p.m., took a recess until 3 o'clock.

Manassas Gazette 06 Jul 1874

There is a spot on the "BRADLEY" farm near this place, on the Brentsville road, and near where old "Bradley School House" once stood, that Heavens' artillery seems determined to desolate with its firey bolts of destruction. Two stately oaks once stood there under whose shady boughs the now grown up man and womanhood of this

section talked love and lessons in their school days. A portion of the trunk of one of these noble oaks now lies mouldering near by where it once stood erect in its pride and beauty, the victim of two successive fatal bolts. The other has withstood the storms while it kept guard over the decaying remains of the fallen partner until now its green foliage begin to fade and die from a fearful bolt of lightning descending upon it during the Fourth of July storm, crushing its great solid trunk like a reed shaken by the wind.

A few hundred yards from this spot the barn of Mr. Elias Goad was struck by lightning and destroyed in the summer of 69, and on the same day a flock of sheep were destroyed near by.

Alexandria Gazette 06 Jul 1874

From Prince William, Correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch. - Brentsville, July, 3, 1874 - Harvest is nearly over with us, and the farmers generally appear to be well satisfied. The wheat crop, in most instances, will yield well. The oats suffered during the few weeks of dry weather, but are now looking better.

Prince William land has improved to a greater extent than that of any other county in the State since the war. The Virginia Midland road has succeed in bringing in a good many settlers and establishing them upon their land near Bristoe Station. It would be of great advantage to owners of a large tracts of land to cut them up into small portions. This course has been adopted by the railroad company, and has succeeded admirably.

Potomac City, on the Fredericksburg railroad, is growing rapidly. Lots of one quarter acre are selling at a price range from five to seven hundred and fifty dollars. There are two brick yards there and they are turning out between them from thirty to forty thousand bricks per day.

In this part of the 1st Congressional district political excitement does not run so high as it does in our adjoining district, the Eight. The friends of aspirants are busy amongst us.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Jul 1874

The Fourth At Manassas - The Fourth was celebrated at Manassas and a most pleasant day spent in a beautiful oak grove a mile from the village. The Declaration was read by Mr. Wm. R. Will, who made a short speech as an introductory. An oration was delivered by Mr. George C. Round, his remarks being devoted to the "needs of the Commonwealth." He gave a description of the natural resources of the State, such as her great water-power, her mountains of mineral wealth, coal, &c. He also touched upon the proposed change in county organization and opposed the proposition to abolish the township system. His speech lasted an hour, and was listened to attentively throughout.

The toasts were responded to as follows: "Our Country," by J. P. Baldwin. "Industry and Perseverance," by E. E. Meredith. "The Pulpit," by Rev. C. H. Nourse, of Washington his address was a most interesting one, and highly spoken of by all who had the pleasure of hearing it. "The Ladies," by Mr. George Bennett in a short and eloquent speech. There was plenty of ice cream, lemonade, cake, and other good

things on the ground -- enough for all. The fire works at night were witnessed by but few, in consequence of the threatening storm. MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jul 1874

Prince William County - From the Manassas Gazette - The number of horses stolen, and the successful getting away with the same, has led us to believe there was an organized band of thieves operating in this county for sometime past. Warrants were issued last week and placed in the hands of officers, for the arrest of three brothers named Atchison, living in the neighborhood of Brentsville, and well known in the county. The suspicious leading to this step were caused by the description by a Baltimore police officer, of two men who delivered two horses in that city, stolen from the Messrs. Herndon of this county two or three weeks ago, and also the identification of the saddles and bridles found in Baltimore as the property of the Atchison's, which had been deposited at a livery stable with the horses. The officer and a force of citizens attempted to arrest the brothers at the house of their father on Saturday night last, but owing to the fact that they had wind of the intended arrest they gave the officer and his assistants the slip, and up to this time the attempt to arrest them has been futile. One hundred dollars reward is offered for the arrest of the thieves that stole the Messrs. Herndon's horses.

Two large engines and boilers have been unloaded at the depot this week and placed in position where they are to do service hereafter. One a forty-horse power for Mr. Geo. Trimmer, for manufacturing purposes in the village, and the other a fifteen horse power, for L. G. Prescott & Son to be used in the manufacturing of spokes lumber &c., at their place about three miles from town.

There will be an excursion from Alexandria to Clifton on the 23d inst., giving by the Good Templars of Alexandria and Fairfax C. H. The day will be spent in the beautiful shade around Clifton and a very pleasant time may be expected.

Mr. John Cannon, son of our fellow citizen F. J. Cannon, and one of the owners of our splendid new hotel, was elected collector and Town Sergeant, for the corporation of Manassas, by the council on Saturday night last.

The camp meeting at Pitkin's Corners for Accotink circuit in this country will take place on the 27th instead of the 14th of August as stated in a former issue.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Jul 1874

Prince William County Court July Term. - Twenty deeds and other writings were admitted on record during the month of June, 1874.

Hugh Hammill, appellant against James Davis, appellee; on appeal from Justice of Peace; judgement for appellee for \$27.57, and interest from 1st day of October, 1873, and \$4.50 cost.

James E. Williams, of Washington, D. C., qualified as attorney to practice in this court.

Commonwealth vs. Sandy Harris; on judgment for assault and battery; jury; verdict for defendant.

M. A. Ish, application to open road through the lands of Z. A. Kankey and others. Commissioner of Roads of Occoquan township ordered to view route.

Several estate accounts were confirmed.

R. A. Sinclair with Charles W. Latimer his surety, qualified as administrator of M. B. Sinclair, deceased.

A. D. Finch's homestead deed returned by sheriff, and H. B. Varnes, Newton Woodyard and Cyrus A. Cannon appointed appraisers. MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 25 Jul 1874

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ITEMS - From the Manassas Gazette! -- Mr. B. D. Merchant, who was a member of the Prince William Cavalry, received last week from a lady near Louisa C. H. the sabre he carried during the war, and Mr. O. T. Weedon, who was color bearer of the Prince William Cavalry, received by express, on the 16th inst., from Mr. Evans, of Richmond, who was a member, the company's flag which was presented by the ladies of Prince William when the company was organized.

Mr. George C. Round has hung up in the vestibule of the post office at Manassas two large finely framed pictures, one a photograph of Gov. Kemper and the other an engraving of President Grant.

The town counsel has ordered a deep and large well to be dug, and a pump to be put in it, at Manassas, for the use of the public.

It is now proposed by the Clifton and Manassas lodges to give a grand pic-nic and excursion at Clifton as soon as arrangements can be made.

Alexandria Gazette 01 Aug 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. - The water in the well of Mr. E. E. Conner, of this place, became so strongly tinctured with coal oil several months ago that the family was compelled to discontinue its use. Last week Mr. C. had the well cleaned out. There was found an oily substance on the surface of the water which, on having fire applied to it, burned as brilliantly as the best coal oil. Mr. C. cannot account for the presence of the substance.

Edwards, a German, living with Mr. C. Matthis, of this place, had occasion to go on top the barn one day last week, and, missing his footing, fell to the ground, a distance of fifteen or eighteen feet, sustaining a terrible fracture of one of his legs and a very bad sprain of an ankle. The bones were terribly shivered between the knee and ankle joints and protruded through the flesh.

Constable Keys, with a number of men, surrounded and arrested Monroe Atchison, on Saturday last, at Horton's Store. Atchison is one of the brothers, two others of which are at large, who are suspected of stealing two horses from the Herndons. He was taken before Justice Low, who committed him to jail. Atchison expects to prove an alibi.

A wandering albino, with a pack on his back, passed through here one day last week. His complexion was almost snow white, and his hair, including his beard, eyebrows and lashes, if possible, were whiter than his skin. His eyes were almond shaped, and a light cherry-red. He was of light stature, and walked as nimbly as a cat.

Nearly every well in the town of Manassas has gone dry, and will continue so while they remain at their present depth -- from fifteen to twenty feet.

On Wednesday, the 5th of August, at Sudley Church, a festival will be held for the

purpose of raising funds for the completion of said church.

Delegates to the Congressional Convention to meet at Tappahannock on Wednesday next will be appointed at Brentsville on Monday.

Horse racing, which bid fair in the early summer to be all the rage at Manassas, seems to have entirely died out.

Blackberries are plentiful now, and selling at from two to three cents a quart.

The corn crop, from present appearances, we fear, will be a short one.

The County Court for the August term sits on Monday next.

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Buckland, Prince William County, Va., Aug. 3, -- Yesterday (Sunday) afternoon about sunset the ladies at the residence of a well known citizen, near this place, witnessed a remarkable phenomenon, the like of which has never occurred here before, and doubtless will never happen again. It will be remembered that we are situated about forty miles west from Washington, and that the highest elevations near us will not afford a view beyond the heights of Centreville. While strolling in the fields one of the ladies, in admiring the glorious sunset, allowed her eye to sweep round the grand picture presented in the skies, when suddenly her attention was arrested by nothing more or less than a perfect panorama of the capital at Washington, with the river flowing at its base, painted with most startling faithfulness and surpassing beauty on the clouds in the direction of the city. She immediately called the attention of her companion, a young lady of thirteen or fourteen years, to the singular sight presented, when she immediately exclaimed, "Why Auntie that looks like the pictures I've seen of the capitol!" So faithful was the representation that walls and trees could be distinguished. The enchanting scene lasted but a few moments when the capitol gradually sank into the river and both disappeared. The lady would doubtless have been terribly frightened had she not remembered the stories told of "phantom ships" often seen in the clouds by sailors at sea, the philosophy of which is no more or less than reflection and easily accounted for scientifically. O. F. G.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Aug 1874

VIRGINIA NEWS -- A correspondent of the Manassas Gazette from Gainesville, Prince William County, says: It affords me pleasure to announce the arrival of B. L. Homer, esq., civil engineer and family from England; he is now in full possession of the very productive and beautiful farm bought of Dr. George B. Hunton last spring. I learn that several gentlemen are on, or expected on, from the old country, and will be looking for farms. If Prince William can only continue to command the confidence, and hold out the inducements to come, of such men as these, she need not fear her future.

Captain William Asheton, late of England, has harvested the finest crop of wheat, it is thought that has been grown in Prince William county this year; his oat crop is large and is also very fine.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Aug 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - At the last meeting of the Council of Manassas it was voted that each taxpayer setting out shade trees in the

street in front of his land should be allowed 50 cents for each tree, to be deducted out of the road tax of said taxpayer, provided that said trees are set out before December 1st, 1874.

Policeman Jas. M. Chany, from Baltimore, has been to Manassas, and after having had several men placed in the cell with Atchison, went in himself, looking scrutinizingly at each one, and decided that neither was the man he saw with Herndon's horse at a livery stable in Baltimore.

Owing to the scarcity of water and the prevalence of the prevailing drought, persons from Manassas, in many cases, are obliged to seek the historic streams of Broad and Bull Runs for water wherewith to wash.

Last Sunday, as Mr. Arthur Woodyard's eldest son, a boy of 13 years, was wrestling with another boy of the same age, he fell to the ground, dislocating his arm at the elbow.

Mr. Geo. W. Hixson is about to commence the erection of a large building on his lot, corner of Main and Battle Streets, at Manassas, which will be used as a town hall and for any amusements which may occur.

The expected hurdle race at Gainesville has been postponed until the 20th inst.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Aug 1874

Another Dead Town - Port Conway and Dumfries are not the only dead towns, the ruins of which mark the sites of thriving marts in Colonial times. They are numerous, and may be found on either bank of the Potomac and its tributaries from Alexandria to its mouth. On the right bank of Aquia creek about eight miles from its mouth are the ruins of Aquia City, once a famous tobacco mart of the olden time. Nothing now remains to tell of its ancient grandeur, except two or three chimnies, moss grown and covered with ivy - the main structures having yielded to times destroying element.

We are not sufficiently acquainted with its history, to know whether or not in its corporate limits, any of Virginia's gifted sons of the past century first saw the light of day, but learn from traditionary history that it was the seat of trade, and a port of entry for Stafford and the back counties of the then Commonwealth of Virginia. Its warehouses were numerous stretching along the banks of the creek, in a single street, for nearly a half mile, filled with the precious weed, waiting shipment to the ports of this and foreign countries. Upon its site hardly one stone has been left upon another, to mark the spot where it once stood. The traveler might stand upon its site as upon the site of old Memphis and muse upon its ancient grandeur, and wonder why Time's mutations have laid so heavy a hand upon it. Not far from the site of Aquia stands the old church of Apuia, however, unlike its namesake, stands the test of time, and is to-day in almost as good condition as when erected in 1753.

FREDERICKSBURG HERALD

Alexandria Gazette 29 Aug 1874

Prince William Items from the Manassas Gazette. Only last week we published a letter from "our new city." (Potomac) to the effect that it was fast building up, and was going to have a bank, & etc. and now we see the hotel keeper, Mr. Brink, advertises to sell out, and heads his advertisement, "being desirous of leaving the country." &c. This

looks bad for "our new city," for its first hotel keeper to leave right in the midst of the season.

The colored man, Henry Johnson, who was arrested last week at Woodbridge Station, on the A. & F. R. R., and lodged in jail, has been released on account of not being the guilty one. The jailor and sheriff of Pittsylvania after seeing him, stated that he was not the man.

The amendments to the Constitution in regard to changing the townships into Magisterial Districts, will meet with a hearty approval in this community, as the people generally are getting very much out with the township system, believing firmly that it will never work satisfactorily.

We expect the \$5,000, which was appropriated by Congress last winter for the deepening of Occoquan creek, to be made use of very soon now, as the dredging machine will commence operations in a short time.

Our young friend, J. Frederick Tansill, son of our townsman, Col. Robert Tansill, has joined a Government surveying party, and expects to leave for the West some time during the fall.

Major B. B. Douglas and Hon. James B. Sener, candidates for Congress for the District propose to address the people of Prince William at Brentsville, on Monday, September 7th, Court day.

Occoquan has been improved very much this summer, in the way of new buildings, and it still continues.

Occoquan is to be incorporated into a city before long, according to the act of the Legislature.

#### Alexandria Gazette 1 Sep 1874

The Manassas Gazette in publishing the card of General Hunton and Judge Keith, respective friends of Capt. Payne and Col. Mosby, who adjusted their difficulty honorably and amicably, observed: Judge Keith should have all honor and praise for the prompt and untiring personal efforts he made, crowned as they were with success, in preventing the hostile meeting of the parties.

#### Alexandria Gazette 18 Sep 1874

STOLEN HORSE RECOVERED. --- Mr. Delarue, mail carrier between this place and Port Royal, while at Rappahannock Academy on Tuesday morning, saw a Negro offering a horse for sale for twenty dollars. His suspicious were aroused and he asked the Negro to let him try the animal. He hitched him to his vehicle, and told the Negro to get in. The Negro got in. Mr. Delarue persuaded him to remain seated, at the same time reminding him that it would be dangerous to jump out. He drove to town and had the darkey lodged in jail. The horse was recognized by Mr. J. P. Gayle, of Spotsylvania as his property, and was stolen from him on Monday night. The Negro gives his name as Cole, and says he is from Prince William county. -- Fredericksburg News.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Sep 1874

POSTPONEMENT of TRUSTEE'S SALE - The sale of HAZEL PLAIN, also known as the Chinn farm, near Manassas, in Prince William county, Va., heretofore advertised for the 4th of August, was postponed until 12 o'clock m., SATURDAY, the 17th of October, 1874, at which time that valuable estate of 550 acres of land, with the improvements, will be sold at public auction, in front of the Mansion House, in the city of Alexandria, Va.

Terms: \$1500 in cash; the residue in 6, 12 and 18 months, with interest from the day of sale, and a deed of trust to secure the deferred payments. Persons disposed to bid for the property are referred to Messrs. Green & Wise, of said city, for a full description thereof.

Wm. H. Fitzhugh, Trustee, Fredericksburg, Va.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Sep 1874

SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA. - Under decree of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in the matter of Wm. M. Sutton & Co., we, the Commissioners, at 12m. o'clock, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, in front of the Court House of Alexandria, will sell at public auction.

First. LOT No. 1, in the city of Alexandria, at the northwest intersection of Union and Wolfe streets, extending 60 feet on Union street and 100 feet on Wolfe street; also LOT No. 2, which is one fourth of the square at the northwest intersection of Walter and Jefferson streets, and extending 176 feet and 7 inches on Walter street and 123 feet and 5 inches on Jefferson street -- the above being the real estate sold and conveyed to Wm. M. Sutton, January 4, 1870, by William Gregory and William H. Marbury, Trustees, and David J. Saunders, Receivers, by deed, duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Alexandria County.

Second. The northwest QUARTER OF THE SQUARE OF LAND in Alexandria, which is bounded by Wilkes street on the north, by Alfred street on the east, Gibbon street on the south, and by Patrick Street on the west, being the lot of ground sold and conveyed to William M. Sutton, July 25th, 1867, by George W. Camp, Trustee of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, by deed, duly recorded in Alexandria County Court Clerk's office, January 4th, 1870.

Third. ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT ACRES and ninety poles, four miles west of Occoquan village, in Prince William County. This land adjoins the lands of Francis Hanna, esq., and is the same farm bought by William M. Sutton of E. W. Kincheloe, September 18th, 1869.

Terms of Sale: One fourth in cash; the residue on a credit of four, eight and twelve months, with legal interest added. Negotiable notes to be given for the deferred payments. Title to be retained till last note is paid.

A. D. Williams, John Johns, Jr., Commissioners.

Alexandria Gazette 26 Sep 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. A dinner was given on Thursday last by the ladies at the new Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Catlett's Station, for the purpose of raising means to finish the church building. The dinner provided was a most excellent one, and was presided over by the ladies of the neighborhood. The attractiveness of the tables, and the smiles of the lovely women, made the occasion one of great pleasure, which was enjoined by quite a large attendance of gentlemen.

A number of gypsies have been encamped on the old camp-meeting ground during the past week, and have been visited by many horse traders, and several swaps have been made, to the infinite satisfaction of both parties, we suppose. One of the gypsies was fined \$2 by the Mayor yesterday for being drunk and exposing his person in the street.

On Thursday of last week, as Mr. H. C. Deer, who has been visiting his friends in Fairfax, was driving along the turnpike, near Cub Run, the bolt that holds the coupling of the buggy broke, which frightened the horse, causing him to run away, throwing Mr. D. from the buggy and injuring him about the head and face pretty severely. The buggy was also considerably damaged.

Chicken cholera has broken out afresh and is thinning out yards at a fearful rate. There seems to be no preventive or remedy, and through a thousand and one are recommended, we have been unable to see the slightest effect that any of them have, except to hasten the death of the victim.

Our county seems to be perfectly serene on the subject of local politics, and not much disturbed about "any other man." The usual county convention will not likely be held, as there seems to be no opposition to our very popular and excellent Clerk of the County and Circuit Courts and assistants.

A horse race of half a mile, \$50 a side, will be run at Centreville on Saturday, October 3d, B. Utterback enters bay mare Flirt, and J. P. Gheen enters sorrel mare Blonde.

There was quite a heavy frost visible on the line of the railroad between Clifton and Burke's Stations on Tuesday morning last.

It is said there are unusual quantities of squirrels and wild pigeons in the woods.

Alexandria Gazette 26 Sep 1874

GENERAL EPPA HUNTON from the Richmond Enquirer - The Eighth Congressional District of Virginia, represented in the present (43) Congress by General Eppa Hunton, and in which he is now the nominee of the Conservatives for the next Congress, is composed of the counties of Alexandria, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock, and Warren, and the cities of Alexandria and Winchester.

General Hunton was born in Fauquier County, Va., on September 23d, 1823, and is therefore just fifty-one years of age. In early life he was surrounded with embarrassments which necessarily limited his advantages for obtaining an education. But such as they were he improved them well. And having obtained a sufficient foundation, he turned his attention to the study of law, and having secured his license,

practiced the profession under some disadvantages at first, but subsequently with marked success. In 1849 he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Prince William County, and held the office up to the year 1862; filling the position with high credit to himself and country. In 1860 he was elected to the State Convention of Virginia, which assembled in February, 1861, as the representative from Prince William County. And having served through its first session, he entered the army as Colonel of the Eighth Virginia regiment of Infantry. In this position he rendered services to the South second to those of no man of his rank in the army. During the latter part of 1861, when his command was called upon to render special service on the Upper Potomac, he won golden opinion of his superiors in command. General Beauregard pronounced him "a trump," for his accuracy and thorough reliability in all his reports and the details affecting his duty or his command. All of this he greatly enhanced by his splendid section on the field of Ball's Bluff, where, though a subordinate in command, it is generally conceded he was the real hero of the occasion. Some little time after this, his regiment was incorporated into Pickett's old brigade, as fine a body of men and soldiers as ever trod American soil. By this time the war had commenced in good earnest, and nothing excelled the beauty of devotion and faith in the good cause exhibited by Colonel Hunton and his men. Though the enemy occupied their homes (they were all from Loudoun and adjoining counties), they stood to their duty firm and undaunted to the last. These noble men followed "Old Abattis," as the boys used to call him, through the terrible battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Gaines's Mill, Frazer's Farm, Second Manassas, Boonsboro, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, &c., up to Gettysburg, where they took part in Pickett's great charge. Here Colonel Hunton was wounded and disabled. After the battle he was promoted to brigadier general, to succeed the noble, gallant and deeply-lamented Gen. R. B. Garnett, who was there killed. He commanded the brigade up to the close of the war with an ability and fidelity to duty recognized by all, proving himself master of his position on many a bloody field, and under most trying circumstances. In his last battle -- that of Sailor's Creek in Prince Edward County, on that terrible retreat, he was captured by the enemy and sent to Fort Warren, from which he was released in July, 1865, having been held a prisoner about three months. Not long after his return he resumed the practice of the law at Warrenton, Fauquier County. Exercising at all times a lively interest in all that affected his people and the State, he gave his services freely and with marked effect to the Conservative cause. In recognition of his ability and valuable services he was elected to the Forty third Congress as the Conservative candidate by 2,600 majority over E. Daniels, Radical. The district convention, recently held in Alexandria, by a vote approaching unanimity, nominated him to represent the district in the next Congress. He is now actively engaged in the canvass, with every prospect and assurance of splendid success.

Alexandria Gazette 1 Oct 1874

Brentsville, Prince William County, October 1, 1874 - After a protracted silence your correspondent has concluded that Prince William ought to be heard from on such matters as it is hoped will be of some interest to your readers.

The same annual cry of crop failures goes up again this year. Harvest being over,

the result has proved that farming, of late years, is an up hill business; recently, however, we have been blessed with copious rains, which will afford abundant pasturage for stock during the autumn months.

The atmosphere of politics is calm and peaceful. Douglas is the man in Prince William; the manly and able exposition of his views, when here at September Court, has created for him much commendation, and there is at present not only a good prospect of a general turnout on the Conservative side, but also some considerable gain from the colored population, which has heretofore voted solidly for Radicals.

Our Circuit Court commences on the second Monday in this month. There will be several criminal cases of some magnitude, one for poisoning and three for assault and battery with intent to kill. The common law docket is about as full as usual, and the chancery docket has an increase in new cases. It is probable the Court will be in session during the whole week.

Our Tuesday last there was a shooting affray near Bristoe Station: One John H. Thomas, shot at, but did not strike, his son-in-law, George C. Reeves. The difficulty arose from a dispute about some property which both claim, and it is also alleged from some domestic differences.

#### Alexandria Gazette 03 Oct 1874

Prince William County Items. -- On Monday last over a hundred car loads of stock was shipped through Manassas, destined for the northern markets. Several of the B. & O. road camel-back engines were engaged in drawing the trains which numbered from 15 to 20 cars each. Most of the cattle were very superior and were shipped from Southwestern Virginia.

The County Court meets on Monday next, and the Circuit Court on Monday following. In addition to a large amount of chancery business to dispose of, there are several cases on the criminal docket awaiting trial the most important, the prisoner of Judge Nicol's family, Susan Cisson.

Mr. James McDonough, of Haymarket, while out pigeon hunting on Thursday was attacked with paralysis and fell in a helpless condition, where he was discovered by a little boy and taken to his home. -- Manassas Gazette

#### Alexandria Gazette 06 Oct 1874

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Gainesville, Oct. 6 -- Relative to the adoption of the game law, passed by the last Legislature, permit me through the columns of the Gazette to say for the information of the Manassas Gazette, that the Board of Supervisors of Prince William county adopted it several months ago; that the books are open to the inspection of all, and that if the editor of that paper will indicate a desire to publish such of our orders (as general news) as may effect our internal police, or be of special public interest, he shall have them furnished to him, but not as advertising matter. -- Crawford Cushing, Chairman Board.

Alexandria Gazette 07 Oct 1874

By Green & Wise, [Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers] Postponement of Trustee's Sale. The sale of HAZEL PLAIN, also known as the Chinn farm, near Manassas, in Prince William county, Va., heretofore advertised for the 4th of August, was postponed until 12 o'clock m., SATURDAY, the 17th of October, 1874, at which time that valuable estate of 550 acres of land, with the improvement, will be sold at public auction, in front of the Mansion House, in the city of Alexandria, Va.

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Alexandria Gazette 10 Oct 1874

Prince William Items from the Manassas Gazette - While Mrs. M. N. Lynn, of Independent Hill, was filling a lamp from a quart bottle of coal oil on Tuesday of last week, the oil took fire from a lighted candle which stood near by, enveloping the lamp and bottle both in flames, which would have proved a serious accident, had it not been for the presence of mind of Mrs. Lynn, who quickly threw the bottle out of doors, her husband throwing the burning lamp out, not, however, until he tried in vain to extinguish the flames with water. Mrs. Lynn's clothes were set on fire and she was slightly burned about the hands, and a little girl was quite severely burned by coming in contact with the flames as Mr. Lynn was throwing the lamp out of doors.

A protracted meeting by the New School Baptist closed last week, which had been in progress near Blands Ford for two or three weeks. The meetings were held in the woods in the day time and at Mr. Barnes' house at night. The exercises were under the charge of Rev. Wallace Newman who was assisted by Rev. Mr. Risdon, Rev. Mr. Lowe and Rev. Mr. Teasdale. The meetings were well attended and resulted in the addition of seven new members, who received the ordinance of baptism on Sunday last.

In the County Court, in the matter of stone bridge, the court appointed the following commissioners to meet those from Fairfax County on the 30th inst. Jno. T. Leachman, Crawford Cushing, and W. L. B. Wheeler. The Commissioners of roads of Gainesville Township were ordered to view a change in the road leading from Sudley to Warrenton turnpike and report to the next term of court. Wm. M. Smoot gave bond with F. A. Weedon and A. B. Weedon securities to celebrate the right of matrimony.

Judge Charles E. Sinclair and others will address the people on the political issues of the day at Dumfries on Saturday the 24th inst., and at Haymarket on Saturday the 31st inst. Messrs. E. E. Meredith, J. J. Davies, D. W. Whiting and others will address the people on the same subject at Montraville Cornwell's on Saturday the 17th inst., and Messrs. Meredith, Davies and others at Horton's store on the 31st.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Simpson, of Gainesville Township, heard a blow against his house the other day, that caused him to think it was being stoned by some miscreant, but on going out found a large fat pheasant lying dead near the well. It had flown so swiftly against the house that its breast bone was shattered to pieces.

Owing to some misunderstanding about the riders, we understand, the race which

was advertised to come off at Centreville on Saturday last between Messrs. Utterback and Gheen did not take place.

We are glad to see back on the Midland Road, our old friend Capt. Burd Skinner, who has been replaced in the position he so long and so well and faithfully filled; that of section master.

Nine buildings are in course of erection in Potomac City. A two-story schoolhouse, 24 ft. by 40. A two-story shoe shop, 24ft. by 40, and a two story wheelwright and smith shop, 40 ft. by 44. The others are dwellings.

The ladies will have an oyster supper in Centreville Saturday evening and night, Oct. 17th, for the purpose of raising money to finish the Methodist Church in that place.

Wild pigeons which have been plentiful in the woods, furnishing fine shooting for gunners, have gone for other pastures.

The Episcopalians of Greenwich are going to erect a church building in that place.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Oct 1874

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE AT MANASSAS. -- We have been requested by the committee to extend an invitation to the teachers, trustees and friends of public schools generally, to attend the Teacher's Institute to commence at Manassas, on Thursday October 22d. W. H. Ruffner, State Superintendent; George F. McLellan, late President of the School Board of Washington, and several other distinguished gentlemen have promised to be present and deliver addresses. There will be sessions of the Institute on Thursday morning, afternoon and night.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Oct 1874

The Prince William Poisoning Case. - The trial of Susan Cisson charged with poisoning the family of Judge A. Nicol, came off on Tuesday last in the Circuit Court of Prince William County, at Brentsville, Judge Keith presiding, and resulted in an acquittal of the accused and her discharge. At the conclusion of the testimony Judge Keith stated that the case was one of purely circumstantial evidence. The jury must be satisfied that John A. Nicol was poisoned, and that the poison was administered by the prisoner at the bar, and if there was a doubt they must give the prisoner the benefit of that doubt. Mr. Davies asked that the jury be further instructed, that if even they believed the prisoner had given the poison and did not know what it was they should acquit her. The court said certainly if the prisoner had given poison through mistake she could not be held responsible, but if she had given it at all, the defence would have to show that it was done through mistake. The case was then argued by the prosecutor and defence when it was submitted to the jury who after being out a few minutes returned a verdict of "not guilty as indicted" and the prisoner was discharged and left for her home. The verdict did not disappoint any one who heard the evidence, and no member of the family seemed disposed to urge her conviction.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Oct 1874

Letter from Prince William County, Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Brentsville, Oct. 17. 1874 - The Circuit Court of our county commenced on Monday last, Judge Keith presiding. The attendance was not as large as usual on such

occasions.

Comm. vs. Susan Sisson; poisoning; verdict not guilty.

Comm. vs. Sam Brown; larceny from the person; the prisoner has escaped; recognizance forfeited; amount \$100

But few cases were tried on the common law docket, absence of witnesses and counsel being the cause.

A large number of orders were entered in chancery, and quite a number of tracts of land will be offered for sale.

Court Adjourned on Friday morning.

A Teacher's Institute will be held at Manassas on Thursday next. At 11 a.m. Dr. Ruffner will address the public on Popular Education. Judge C. E. Sinclair is also announced as one of the participants, and we learn will devote himself specially to one of the departments of practical education. With such two men as Ruffner and Sinclair to lead off, the public and teachers will have a treat such as has not been vouchsafed to old Prince William for many years.

The Congressional canvas has commenced in earnest under the leadership of Judge Sinclair. The county is being thoroughly canvassed. Messrs. Meredith and Davies addressed a large audience at Independent Hill, on Saturday last. To-day the same gentlemen in conjunction with Mr. D. W. Whiting and others will address the people at Cornwell's. On next Saturday Judge Sinclair and other gentlemen will be at Dumfries; on the Saturday following at Haymarket, and also at Manassas on some day to be yet designated. Gen R. L. T. Beale and Hon. E. M. Braxton will be at Brentsville on the first Monday in November. Douglas work is progressing nobly.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Oct 1874

AUCTION SALES, VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE -- By virtue of a deed of trust from John S. Owens, bearing date the 8th day of July, 1865, and of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Prince William county, to secure the payment of a certain debt therein mentioned, I shall, on TUESDAY, the 24th day of November next, at Haymarket, offer at public sale that valuable farm known as STONECASTLE.

This farm lies in Prince William county, about three miles north of Haymarket, a station on the W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R., containing about seven hundred and thirty-five acres of land of most excellent quantity, with abundance of wood; is well watered, and the IMPROVEMENTS are comfortable.

The TERMS of sale will be: One third cash, one third in one year, and one third in two years, with interest on deferred payments from day of sale. Title to be retained until the whole is paid. Sale to take place at 12 m. -- Thomas Henderson, Trustee, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Oct 1874

DEATH of DR. McREA -- One of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Prince William County, Dr. Jas. W. McRae, died at his residence, near Gainesville on Sunday night last, and was buried yesterday at Haymarket. He had been confined to his bed for some time prior to his decease.

Alexandria Gazette 22 Oct 1874

Conservative Demonstration -- A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Conservatives of Prince William was held at Manassas last night, graced by the appearance of a number of ladies. A procession with transparencies, on which were appropriate mottoes, and headed by the Culpeper brass band, paraded through the principal street of the village, and halted in front of the Manassas Hotel, of which Mr. Harvey Varnes is proprietor, and which was handsomely illuminated. From a stand erected in front of the hotel, eloquent and stirring speeches were made by Judge C. E. Sinclair, Col. Thos. Smith, of Warrenton, Hon. Eppa Hunton, W. D. Whiting, E. Meredith, J. J. Davies, E. Nicol, George W. Larkin, Maj. W. W. Thornton and E. Snowden Jr., all of whom counseled moderation and prudence, while joying over the recent great triumphs.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Oct 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. The institute of the teachers of the public schools met in Ruffner school building on Thursday morning with quite a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. there was a pretty general attendance of teachers present. The visiting strangers present were Dr. Ruffner, State Superintendent of Public Schools; George F. McLellan, late president of the school board of Washington D.C.; D. McChichester, county superintendent of schools of Fairfax county; Capt. Baker, county superintendent of schools of King George County; Capt. R. L. Cooper, county superintendent of schools of Stafford, and Mr. H.A. White, principal of the Warrenton schools. There were also present a majority of the school trustees of Prince William County, and of course Maj. W. W. Thornton, through whose energy and efficiency the teacher's institute has thus been made a success. Dr. Ruffner delivered a lecture in the M. E. Church on Thursday night on popular education, to one of the largest audiences ever assembled in this place.

The steam saw and grist mill of Mr. Cyrus Thomas, situated in the lower part of the county, was accidentally destroyed by fire on Wednesday last. Fire was discovered in the roof in the morning and it was supposed extinguished, but on the return of the hands from dinner the roof of the shedding was in flames which soon spread, destroying the entire building, and rendering the engine and other machinery almost a total loss. There was no insurance.

The dwelling house occupied by Mr. Alonzo D. Finch at Varn's steam saw mill, had the roof crushed in on Monday last, by the felling of a tree by Mr. Keys who owns the adjoining land. Mrs. Finch seeing the impending danger left the house with her children in time to escape harm.

Mr. E. E. Meredith, Mr. James J. Davies and others, addressed a large and enthusiastic Douglas meeting at Cornwellsville on Saturday last. We learn that two or three Sener men who were there avowed their intention, after the speaking, to change their votes for Douglas.

Mr. Isaiah Keys of this place had his new buggy pretty badly damaged on Sunday last by the kicking of his horse. One of the shafts and the spring bar were broken and the front of the buggy as well as the harness considerably "soiled."

English sparrows have made their appearance in our village, and are quite a

curiosity for those who have never seen them before. They are quite friendly and will watch for food that is thrown them.

The friends of Maj. B. B. Douglas intend holding a public meeting at Manassas on some suitable day between this the 3d of November, at which a number of speeches will be made.

The slate quarries on the Neabsco Farm, it is reported are about to be put in operation by a Baltimore Company.

Alexandria Gazette 31 Oct 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette. We believe Capt. L. A. Davis will have no opposition for the county and circuit court clerkship. If the proposed constitutional amendments which are to be voted upon, are endorsed by the people at the poles, there will be another election next May for the clerks and also for county treasurer.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church South at Sudley, will be dedicated on Sunday Nov. 8. The Third Quarterly meeting of Prince William circuit, will commence at the same place on the Saturday before the dedication.

The November term of the county court meets on Monday next, at which time we are authorized to say Hon. E. M. Braxton will speak to the people in behalf of the election to Congress, of Maj. B. B. Douglas.

The donation for Rev. Mr. Porter on Tuesday night resulted very successfully. The receipts amounted to \$52.75 of which about \$40 will be clear of all expenses.

Alexandria Gazette 16 Nov 1874

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The new brown stone Church now being erected by the Presbyterians in this place will, when finished, be one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in this section of the state. The walls are built of the beautiful brown stone from the "Mayfield" quarries near this place, and the mason work, which is elegantly done by J. R. Tillett, is much admired by all who see it. The congregation expect to get it ready for use this winter.

Mr. James E. Larkin was, on complaint of friends, taken before justices D. W. Whiting, A. F. Woodyard and Chas. G. Bennett, on Thursday last, who, after inquiring into the condition of his mind, adjudged him a lunatic, and committed him to the custody of the sheriff, who has confined him to jail until a place in a lunatic asylum can be obtained for him.

One of the best signs of the renewed energies of our people, and their determination to improve their homes, is the great quantizes of fruit trees which have been shipped to this place in the last week or two. Our streets have presented a lively appearance with teams of all descriptions from the surrounding country to carry them away.

Mr. Jason Ketcham, an old and respected citizen of this county, died at his residence in Manassas, on Friday morning at a quarter to 9 o'clock, aged 51 years. Mr. Ketcham held the office of justice of the peace, to which he was elected last May.

An affray took place on Monday last at Haymarket between Mr. E. J. T. Clarke and Mr. J. E. Pickett, which resulted in the cutting of Pickett by Clark in the face with a hatchet, inflicting a serious wound.

Since the passage of the law for the protection of sheep in this county, many of our farmers who were before its passage afraid to engage in the business are now purchasing large flocks, many of them being superior breeds.

Edward Furlong, of Gainesville, was badly burned on last Thursday night by the explosion of a coal oil can while attempting to fill a lamp with oil while burning.

On Monday last as Mr. Feston Smith was proceeding to his home from Manassas, his horse fell with him and broke his leg.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Dec 1874

REPORTED MURDER OF A FAMILY. -- It was reported this evening that Jerry Herndon, his wife, and a colored man, a servant, were all found in the house of Mr. H., about five miles below Brentsville, Prince William County, this morning Mrs. H. and the colored man dead, and Mr. H. in a dying condition, all having been cut with an axe by some party or parties unknown.

Alexandria Gazette 07 Dec 1874

#### Mysterious Murder from the Manassas Gazette

One of the most fiendish murders we have ever recorded, took place at Harrison's ford, in Prince William County, near the Stafford line on Thursday night last. A rumor of the murder reached this place yesterday evening, and a reporter of the Gazette immediately repaired to the scene. In a low and humble looking house, or more properly a hut, not far from the banks of Cedar Run, lives an old man about seventy years of age, well known in this county as one of its largest land owners and wealthiest citizens, Jerry Herndon, and his wife a little his junior. Living with them as a farm hand was a black boy of small stature, aged about eighteen, named Jesse Fouks, and a little colored boy about ten years of age named Addison Russell. Fouks had been hauling wood and on coming in at night was accused of stealing a piece of pork from his employer, which he denied and a quarrel ensued. The boy was ordered from the house and refused to go unless the meat in dispute was given to him. Old man Herndon picked up an axe and told the boy if he did not leave the house he would knock him down. Here the tale ends until Friday morning, when about sun-up, Summerfield, a son of the old man who lives a short distance away, approaches the house, and on entering the yard discovered bloody foot prints, which he traces to the door, and upon entering a ghastly and bloody scene s presented to his view. Upon the bed laid Mrs. Herndon weltering in her blood. The father is missing, and frantically the son asks where he is, but no one answer. A little later the old man is discovered in the field about four hundred yards from his dwelling bareheaded and barefooted, with his head and face cut and bleeding in many places. Mr. John Alexander, a neighbor, who found him asked who had done the deed. The old man, who seemed to be bewildered, said he did not know who had done it, that he had been walking about all night, and felt cold when he walked in the water. He was conveyed to his home and there told his story to Justices Horton and Woodyard. He told about the quarrel, and said the last he knew or remembered, "that the boy started to the door."

The theory is, that if Fouks, the hired man, is guilty, that he picked up a new axe helve, one of the instruments of the bloody work, and dealt the old man a murderous

blow, or perhaps several, and thinking he had kill him, then took the axe and with it killed the boy, and crushed the head of the old woman. Supposing he had killed all three he left and went to the house of Mr. John H. O'Rear. After he had gone the old man revived, and in a delirium left the house. It was found on searching the house that \$235 had been taken from a drawer by the murderer. Fouks was arrested and lodged in jail, and will have a hearing before a magistrate today. It is the opinion of the majority of those who knew anything about the case, that he is the guilty party, and what gives color to the suspicion of his guilt, is that the weapons used, an axe and an axe handle, were in the house before the murder, and if it had been done by other parties they would have taken the weapons of murder with them and would not have gone there before bed time, the murderous attack having been done before the old folks had prepared for bed. The little boy who was killed had gone to bed and was probably asleep when he received his death blow. The old lady was in a dying condition on Friday evening, but the old man who is terribly cut about the head and face, may recover, through his dying declarations were taken.

The case is most mysterious one but it is to be hoped the guilty wretch or wretches may be detected and brought to the punishment their damnable crime deserves.

Alexandria Gazette 14 Dec 1874

#### The Herndon Tragedy from the Manassas Gazette

Another one of the victims of the terrible Thursday night tragedy, Mrs. Herndon, died on Wednesday night last week. Justice M. W. Horton took her dying declaration, which was to be effect that after having quarreled with her husband at dark about the meat he was accused of stealing, Fouks returned an hour and a half afterwards, and in an excited manner demanded the meat which had been taken from him. Her husband and Fouks had then got into a fight and she shoved Fouks out of doors, when she heard him exclaim "it would not take me long to kill you two old wretches." She turned to go back from the door and was struck by Fouks, and knocked senseless. Drs. Leach and Smoot who held a post mortem examination states that she had two cuts supposed to be made with the edge of an axe, one of them transversely across the forehead four inches long, extending to the brain, which was sufficient to cause death. she was perfectly rational on Monday, and her testimony goes to show positively, that Foulks, who is now in jail committed the deed. On papers in the drawer from which the money was taken was the marks of bloody fingers, showing that robbery was one of the incentives to the murder. Old man Herndon, it is said by his physician, is sinking rapidly, and his death is hourly expected. He too, now declares positively that Fouks did the deed.

The colored people of the neighborhood are terribly excited at the brutal murder of the little colored boy, and threats of lynching are indulged in. Foulks is terribly excited in jail, and is almost constantly crying and praying.

There was a considerable amount of gold coin in the drawer at the time the greenbacks were taken which was not disturbed. the stolen money has not been recovered, nor has there been any effort to discover it that we have heard of.

Alexandria Gazette 15 Dec 1874

Virginia Legislature - In the Senate, yesterday, bills were read and referred amending the Code relative to bridges between counties; amending the Code appointing trustees for Port Royal, Caroline County; and to amend the Code in relation to the maintenance of illegitimate children.

Bills were passed incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Educational Society in Virginia; amending the act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological High School in Virginia; and the joint resolution authorizing the Governor to cancel the contract with Mason, Gooch, & Hoge, relative to hire of convicts on certain conditions.

In the House of Delegates the Committee on Schools and Colleges reported adversely to the resolution for the establishment of a normal school for the education of colored teachers to be under the control of the state, which was adopted.

Mr. Round, Radical, of Prince William County, said that while he supported the resolution of the committee, he deemed it an appropriate time to say that he was in favor of establishing a system of normal schools for the training of teachers, both white and colored. We are now spending about a million of dollars annually upon our public schools and it would be safe to say that we were wasting one half of it on incompetent teachers. It would be true economy to vote a sufficient part of the public school funds to enable the State Board of Education to establish these schools at once. We have technical schools for lawyers, doctors and ministers, but none comparatively for the public school teachers, a profession as important as any.

The report of the Committee on Schools adverse to the election of school officers by the people was adopted after a debate, among those favoring the election being Mr. Round, of Prince William.

The bill to prevent the counterfeiting of coupons was discussed.

Alexandria Gazette 17 Dec 1874

#### The Herndon Murder

Examination of Jesse Fouks - Dying Declarations of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon -- Fouks Committed.

Brentsville, Prince William County, Va., Dec. 15 - This being the day set for the examination of Jesse Fouks, colored, upon the charge of murdering Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, and Addison Russell, a small colored boy in their employ, a large crowd, including both white and colored, assembled at the Court House, where the examination was held. Justices Horton and Woodyard were present and asked the prisoner when brought into court whether he had any witnesses he desired to be examined, to which he replied that he had none. The dying declaration of Mrs. Herndon was then read, which is as follows:

Question by Justice: Will you tell us who hurt you? Answer: Yes, God knows I will tell you all about it, and I won't tell you a lie. On Thursday evening I sent Addison Russel to the kitchen after a basket, and in it was a piece of meat which Addison said belonged to us. Jesse Fouks came in after that and swore we had his meat. I told him that I knew it belonged to Mr. Herndon. He then charged on Mr. Herndon, and they came very near to a fight. Mr. Herndon had the axe. I ran between them and pushed Mr. Herndon back, telling him not to strike, that there would be murder done. I shoved

the boy out of doors and put the stick against the door as I supposed I do not know whether Jesse struck me or not. He, however, raised a stick or something and swore he would kill us. He did not mind killing two such damned old people as us. I told him to go away that the law would protect us.

In reply to another question she stated: Mr. Herndon has struck me, but God knows he did not that night, and I won't tell you a lie about it.

Mr. Herndon's declaration was then read: I had been to Bristoe on Thursday and got back about 3/4 hours by sun. In the evening was eating my supper, when Jesse came in and commenced abusing my wife about a piece of meat; said he had plenty of money to bear him out. I told him he had said five times as much as a Negro ought to say to a white person, and to go out. He then turned round and went out quarreling. I told Add (the colored boy) to go out and hear what he said. Add came in saying that Jesse said if we would say no more about the meat he would not. I made no answer. Jesse came in again about an hour and a half after daylight dawn and said he wanted his handkerchief. I told him it was in the meat house and would have to stay there until morning. He commenced jawing, and said maybe it was his meat, I told him to go out. My wife touched me and said that he said he would not go. I picked up the axe and told him to go or I would split him down. He did not strike me that I know of, nor did I see him strike Mrs. Herndon. The boy Add was lying on the floor with nothing the matter with him. (In addition to this there is some other matters of no importance)

After reading the declarations the Justices announced that they were satisfied sufficiently to convict the prisoner Fouks, and remanded him to jail to await the action of the grand jury at the January term of our Circuit Court.

The prisoner Fouks is a boy about 17 years of age, and was raised about a mile and a half from the scene of the murder. Your correspondent visited him shortly after his committal, and found him in bed covered up completely with the bed-clothes, which I understand has been his habit since his confinement. He denies being guilty, and says that he did not see any of the family that evening except the little boy Addison Russell.

#### Alexandria Gazette 23 Jan 1875

Prince William County Items - Mrs. Jane French of Manassas, was taken suddenly ill Friday night of last week, brought on by fright, from being informed that the flooring over the Gazette office, in which one of her sons was at work at the time, was in danger of being crushed in from the weight of persons attending a Negro dance. She went to bed and Dr. Hornbaker was sent for, who administered a dose of morphine, but without avail, as she continued to grow worse until about 8 o'clock on Saturday morning when she was pronounced dead, by her attendants. Her body continued warm, though all outward signs of life ceased. Dr. Simpson, who happened to be in the place, was sent for. The doctor visited her and informed us that at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon signs of life were apparent and that he discovered the pulsations of her heart, though he says that half an hour after life was extinct. Her body, however, continued warm during Saturday night and Sunday, and large numbers of persons visited the house, and considerable excitement existed. Dr. Simpson examined the body on Sunday evening and made a thorough test, and pronounced life entirely

gone.

In the Circuit Court in consequence of the absence of lawyers having chancery suits, but few of such cases were disposed of. A large number of common law cases were tried. Robinson vs. Carr; unlawful detained; jury; verdict for Carr. Green & Wise vs. Hixson; suit to recover \$150 commission for sale of farm; jury; verdict for Green & Wise. Trimmer vs. Goodwin; jury; verdict for Goodwin. Commonwealth vs Clark for assault and battery upon Pickett, compromised by parties. Court adjourned on Thursday.

Master William R. Andrews, son of Mrs. Caroline W. Andrews, of Manassas, has been appointed a page in the U. S. House of Representatives through Hon. Freeman Clark, of New York.

A temporary establishment for the manufacture of hogshead hoops has been in operation in Manassas for some time, employing some half dozen hands. The hoops find a ready sale.

The ice harvest has been a plentiful one, and all who have ice houses have filled them with ice from five to six inches in thickness, of a pure quality.

Pneumonia in a very severe form is prevailing in this section of the State to a considerable extent, and has proved fatal in several instances.

Mr. John R. Simpson, who had his collar bone broken, and otherwise injured last week, by a fall from his horse, is fast recovering.

There will be a missionary tea party at Mr. Mann's, near Dumfries, on Thursday evening next.

The County Board of Supervisors will meet at Brentsville on Monday next.

Mrs. Bettie Foster, an aged lady, died on the 11th inst., with paralysis. -- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 24 Jan 1875

Auction Sales by Green & Wise, Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers. -  
Commissioners' Sale - In execution of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, rendered at the January term, 1875, in the suit of James E. Herrell, plaintiff, vs. L. B. Taylor, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction on SATURDAY, the 27th day of February next, at eleven o'clock a. m., at Gainesville depot, that valuable Tract or PARCEL OF LAND, adjacent to the said depot, between the Haymarket Turnpike and O.A.&M.R.R., containing by recent survey 15 1/2 acres, and now in the occupation of James E. Herrell aforesaid.

The improvements consist of a substantial, well finished, and convenient DWELLING HOUSE, 45 by 25 feet, fronting the Thoroughfare turnpike, and about 800 yards from Gainesville depot, lately built at a cost of \$4500; two stories and basement; It contains 4 rooms in basement; 4 rooms, besides a large hall, on first floor; 5 rooms and 2 good sized linen closets on the second floor; fire place, or arrangement for stoves, in every room but one; a handsome enclosed perch or umbra in front, and a large bay window in the Southern End; an excellent well of pure soft water in back yard; convenient out buildings, and about 75 choice, young fruit trees, upon the premises.

Terms: One tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash; the remainder in two equal payments at one and two years, from the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest, to be secured by the bonds of the purchasers with good surety, and

retention of title to the land until said payments are made in full; and the land to be resold at the risk of the purchaser upon failure to comply with terms of sale.

Persons desiring to examine the property are referred to Mr. Herrell, who can always be found upon the premises and will be glad to show them. Sale positive.

S. C. Neale, commissioner

C. E. Sinclair, commissioner

#### Alexandria Gazette 01 Feb 1875

Escape of Herndon Murderer - Brentsville, Jan 30 - At about half past six this evening Fouks, who murdered Mr. and Mrs. Herndon and a little Negro boy, and was convicted of the same at our Circuit Court, about two or three weeks ago; and was sentenced to be hung on the 19th of March, made his escape from the jail of this county, It appears that he burnt a hole through the partition of his cell and got out into the passage where there was nothing to prevent his escape except an iron grated door which was unlocked, and the outer door. On his appearance at the outer door he was met by the jailor's wife, who, with great presence of mind, seized the prisoner and called for help, but he managed to get free and got away. Neither the jailor or the guards were present at the time. The prisoner is supposed to have gone in the direction of his sister's. In his escape he left his shoes behind him, and consequently is barefooted and poorly clad. The prisoner is about five feet five inches in height, copper colored, slightly blanched, and of slender build. S. J. D.

#### Alexandria Gazette 02 Feb 1875

RECAPTURE OF FOUKS - Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Brentsville, Va., Feb. 1 -- Jesse Fouks was captured yesterday evening by the jailor in a straw rick, about five miles from Brentsville. He has since stated that he knew who committed the murder, and implicates another colored man by the name of Willis Tebbs. No one believes this charge, and it is thought that he will make a clean breast of the whole matter before he is hung. J. J. D.

#### Alexandria Gazette 03 Feb 1875

AUCTION SALES -- In Pursuance of a Deed of Trust executed on the 24th day of December 1873, by W. B. Sweeton to me, I will sell at Public Auction, in Warrenton, on the SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 1875, a tract of 135 acres of VALUABLE LAND, lying near Thoroughfare station, in Prince William county, the former residence of Major Robert F. Mason, but now owned by said Sweeton. The improvements are excellent, consisting of a Comfortable Dwelling and outbuildings.

Terms of Sale: Cash enough to pay the bond of said Sweeten for \$1,395.00, with interest from December 23, 1873, and the residue divided into three equal installments, payable in one, two and three years from day of sale, with interest, unless other terms are desired by said Sweeton --- William H. Payne, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 04 Feb 1875

Fouks, the Herndon Murderer -- Confession of his Guilt --- Why and how he did it. Brentsville, February 3 -- I have already informed you and your readers of the escape of Jesse Fouks and his subsequent capture. The particulars of the Herndon massacre are too well known to the country to require a repetition further than a brief recapitulation of what has transpired in connection therewith during the last few days.

The character of the evidence given upon the trial, whilst it was altogether circumstantial, pointed unerringly to the prisoner as the perpetrator of the crime; still the impression remained with not a few that Fouks had an accomplice, and indeed some of the circumstances justified such a conclusion.

On yesterday he told the jailor and others who were permitted to see him that though he did not commit the murder himself, he knew who did it, and at the same time implicated a Negro man by the name of Willis Tebbs, who was then and is still living with one of Mr. Herndon's sons. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Tebbs, but before his arrest, which took place to-day, Fouks sent for Sheriff Wm. E. Goodwin and the jailor and told them that he alone was the author of the deed.

Your correspondent on going to the prisoner's cell, this evening, found him lying upon his bed completely covered by his blankets. He is now in irons, and whilst outwardly he exhibits the same indifference and unconsciousness of his confinement, yet his voice has changed, and when speaking he impresses one with every indication of contrition and remorse. In reply to questions he stated that every avenue of escape being closed and utterly despairing of any commutation of his sentence, he desired to prepare to meet his maker and plead for forgiveness; that he could not go to him in prayer with a lie in his mouth. Continuing he said that on the evening of the murder he took some meat, and that Mr. Herndon threatened to prosecute him; that he went into the house to try to induce the old man to promise not to prosecute him; that he refused to retract; and that they then commenced quarreling, and Mr. Herndon took up the ax and threatened to knock his brains out. Fouks retreated to the door (the door being open,) seized the ax handle, and to use his own words, "Old Satan was in me. I struck Mr. Herndon and took de ax from him, and den struck de old woman twice wid de ax. I didn't strike her with nuffin else, and den I strike Add. (The colored boy) twice wid de ax also." He then said that he desired to state nothing but the truth, as he knew that he was bound to die. In reply to another question he said that old Mr. Herndon had his face towards him when he struck him; that Mrs. H. was close by, but before she could interfere he had gotton hold of the ax and struck her down as he supposed dead. whilst he and Mr. H. were talking the boy was on the floor rolling about in evident pain, and told Mrs. H. that he was suffering, when she got up and procured some camphor for him, but when he struck him he appeared to have swooned. When he killed the old people and the boy he thought it was about eight o'clock. He further stated that he did not strike the old man with anything but the ax handle, but the old lady and the boy were killed with the ax; that a candle was burning in the room at the time; that when he had finished his job he then bethought him of the money and took the keys of the beaureau out of Mrs. H.'s pocket; took up the bag of gold but concluded not to take it, but took the paper money and hid it afterwards in the brush pile, of which he told the jailor. He says that he did not kill them for money, but out of sheer madness; that he

killed the boy partly because he informed on him about stealing the meat, and partly because he was afraid he would tell.

his confession will be a great relief to the public, because however strong and positive the circumstances might prove in their nature, there is an indefinable feeling of doubt which arises in every bosom, and however aggravated the crime may be, as in this case, humanity is always willing to give the criminal the benefit of that doubt. But what can be said of this crime which has no parallel anywhere in history, a boy with the united passion of a legion of devils inhumanly butchers his victims to conceal a larceny, and probably if he had succeeded in his efforts to cover and hide his brutality, he would have been walking to-day a freeman by the verdict of a jury of his country. But "murder will out," and those two old people came back as it were from the land of the departed and fixed the crime where it properly belonged. J. J. D.

Alexandria Gazette 13 Feb 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - We publish the death of Miss Kincheloe, a half sister of the two Miss Hammetts, whose deaths appeared in the last week's issue. They have died in a few days of each other, leaving behind an only sister. Miss Mary Kincheloe. They were very old people, and have, we believe, lived under one roof all their lives. They leave as an inheritance for their legal heirs a large body of land. We learn that Mrs. R. C. Weir, of this place, and Mrs. W. W. Thornton, of Brentsville, are among the heirs. There was no will left, we learn.

Two half-breed shepherd dogs belonging to Feston Smith, were seen on Friday running Mr. B. G. Lewis' sheep, and killed one and crippled four. On the following night the same dogs crippled and killed nine for Mr. H. C. Steers. The dogs were killed by Mr. Lewis on Saturday morning. Thus in a few days, two worthless curs have destroyed, at a low estimate \$4 per head, for those killed, amounting to \$116, besides crippling a large number not in this estimate.

The deaths since the first of December, will number more than any whole year up to that time since the war, and in this immediate vicinity more persons have died in the past two months, than the whole of the time since 1868 up to the first of December last. The sickness has been principally pneumonia, and there have been many fatal cases of fever.

Mr. Paul S. Brown, of New York, who purchased the Ketcham tract of land, near this place, for his son, Mr. Alfred S. Brown, purchased in January a part of the Mount Vernon tract.

Mr. Ensign Ketcham had his leg broken just above the ankle on Saturday last by a colt which he was riding, running away and falling upon him.

Alexandria Gazette 20 Feb 1875

Prince William Items from the Manassas Gazette - Charles Crump, a dentist, who came to Manassas since the war from some place unknown, was adjudged a lunatic on Thursday last, and committed into the hands of the sheriff. He was taken to Brentsville jail, where he will remain until a place in some one of the lunatic asylums of the state can be procured for him. His condition is particularly unfortunate, he having no friends to care for him. He has been in such a condition for some time that he was

incapable of work, and depended on the charity of the public for a place to sleep, and for his food. He went to Warrenton some time ago and there was put in jail, until it was ascertained that he was from this place, when money was furnished him to pay his fare on the cars here. It is said his dental tools are held there for his board.

The furniture used in the Masonic Lodge just organized at Manassas in a portion of that used by George Washington in the Lodge of which he was Master, in Alexandria. The articles, though now rusty with old age, have the appearance of having been in their day and generation, of superior quality, and by a few touches of the artists brush could be made to present as elegant an appearance as when used by the Father of his Country.

The first case of want the Corporation has been called upon to supply, was on Saturday last, when the Mayor was informed that a colored family, the head of which had been disabled by getting his feet and hands frostbitten while cutting in the woods, was in want of fuel. A half cord of wood and a week's provision was ordered to be furnished the family, provided first that any member of the family who was able to work for a living, should be put out to work at once.

A new Masonic Lodge was organized on Monday last, with the following officers: Geo. P. Wright, W. M.; B. D. Merchant, S. W.; C. E. Brawner, J. W.; Richard M. Weir, Treasurer; George C. Round, Secretary; W. C. Merchant, S. D.; B. A. Beal, J. D., and Charles G. Bennett, Tyler. The Lodge meets at their new hall lately built by Geo. W. Hixson.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Feb 1875

DEATH FROM INTEMPERANCE -- Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. -- Brentsville, Prince William County, Va. February 23, 1875 -- This morning James E. Williams, a native of this county, who since the war has been practicing law in Washington and at one time was a resident of Alexandria, was found dead within twenty yards of the house of Mr. Sexsmith, about three-fourths of a mile from this place. The deceased left here last evening about half past six o'clock intoxicated. He was seen by several persons to fall on his way, but would recover himself. At the inquest held this morning the jury returned a verdict of death from intemperance. D.

Alexandria Gazette 27 Feb 1875

VIRGINIA NEWS -- In noticing the appointments of the M. E. Conference, lately in session in Portsmouth, the Manassas Gazette says: "While the congregation here regret parting with Rev. Mr. Potter, who has so faithfully preached to them the past year, they will be gratified to learn that he has been honored with the position of presiding elder, a place he is most eminently fitted for."

Alexandria Gazette 27 Feb 1875

Public Sale of HAZEL PLAIN, Better known as the "CHIN FARM," Near Manassas, Prince William Co. Va. - Under a deed of trust from W. Y. Downman to me to secure a debt, I shall, as trustee, offer for sale, at public auction, on THURSDAY, the 25th of March, 1875, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mansion House, in the city of Alexandria, the "CHINN FARM," designated in said deed as "HAZEL PLAIN," containing 550 acres,



the oath of allegiance to the federal government and was released from prison.

Not daring to come home he went to Washington and there received the appointment of Assistant Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, under Colonel Webster, which position he filled until Grant's second election. He then commenced the practice of law in Washington which he continued until a year ago, when he removed with his family to his native place for the purpose of idealizing himself with the people and continuing to practice his profession. The first case of any prominence in which he was engaged after his return here was in the defence of Fouks, the murderer of the Herndon family, whom he ably defended, and was engaged up to the time of the murderer's confession making arrangements to carry the case to the Court of Appeals.

The awful circumstances of his death have terribly shocked his friends. He leaves a widow and several small children. The deceased was very respectably connected here and was a brother in law to Aylett Nicol, Judge of the County Court of Prince William, and his father, for many years, was clerk of the same Court, and was held in high esteem. An inquest was held, and the verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death through intemperance and exposure.

Alexandria Gazette 08 Mar 1875

Prince William Items from the Manassas Gazette - The Board of Supervisors met at Brentsville on Thursday last. Joseph B. Reid and W. W. Thornton, the committee, recommended that a brick flue be built, and that a new roof be put upon the jail and some other minor repairs be made, estimating the cost at \$161.75, which recommendation was adopted and the committee instructed to make a contract with the jailor, A. F. Woodyard to do the work. The Board made an order to have the court-house and jail insured, and requested the judge of the county court to insure them in the sum of \$5,000. The Board elected Dr. B. F. Iden physician to attend the poor at the poor's house, for the present year, at a pay of \$35. The township school tax was levied as follows: Gainesville 5 cents on the \$100 worth of property, Manassas the same, Brentsville the same, Coles the same, and Dumfries and Occoquan 10 cents on the \$100 worth of property. Maj. Thornton urged the Board to make a levy of 10 cents on the \$100, stating the County Board unanimously recommended it, but the supervisors from Gainesville, Manassas, Brentsville and Coles declined to ask for more than 5 cents. It was ordered by the Board that the game law be adopted and put in force.

The wheels of the old flour mill at Occoquan have again commenced their pleasant clatter. The hauling of wood and hoop-poles is everywhere carried on with energy and the steamboats whistle joyously after being frozen up for such a length of time. The channel of this stream will be very much improved by next summer. Since the last of December the steam dredge of Messrs Dodge & Bro., has been at work on the large sand bank between the railroad bridge and the Potomac. The opening of a passage across the bar has been shown by experience to be of little value, and the present one is made the entire length of the obstruction, as the bank lies with the river. Five thousand dollars will be amply sufficient to secure a safe and lasting passage over the bar.

The jail of this county now contains Jesse Fouks, colored, the condemned murderer of the Herndon family, who is to be hung the 19th of this month; Ed. Stewart, colored, charged with attempting to fire the barn of Mr. Wm. H. Dogan; and Dr. C. Crump, who is confined there awaiting to be received into an insane asylum. Fouks complains of being in bad health, and constantly prays, but said on Tuesday last that he did not "feel that his sins were yet forgiven him." But few persons visit him, and he has as yet no spiritual adviser, though one or two ministers have had conversations with him. Ed. Stewart is confined in the cell with him, but they converse very little with each other, neither being inclined to talk much. The unfortunate man seems fully to realize his position and is no doubt fully resigned to his fate, and is doubtless trying the best he knows how to prepare himself for the fatal day. The coffin for his burial, a plain, poplar one, is already made.

A blind (?) man registered at the Exchange Hotel, in this place, on Sunday last and created such sympathy by his pathetic story that the proprietor of the hotel, Mr. Cannon, was induced to take up a collection among the boarders and other persons at the hotel for him. He went to bed on Sunday night with the understanding that he was to be aroused to take the two o'clock train next morning south, which he did. The room in which he slept was found next morning to be robbed of all the toilet articles, and the tassels of the window shades had even been taken. The sheets of the bed had been torn to pieces and carried off. The fellow registered his name as G. C. Collins and said he was just returning from Massachusetts, where he had been engaged in teaching school, and had gone blind a short time ago, and was trying to get back home to South Carolina, where he originally came from.

Major W. W. Thornton on Tuesday last qualified as administrator on the estate of the late Misses Hammett and Miss Kincheloe, and will proceed at once to settle up said estate. The real and personal property will be divided between the heirs of the estate, inherited by the surviving sister, Miss Kincheloe, and the Clagetts.

We learn through a New York paper that Judge Fullerton, of that city, and who is Tilton's leading counsel against Beecher, has purchased a fifteen thousand dollar bull for his farm in Fairfax County. It may be that the judge has learned since he has been in the Beecher Trial that high price stock is the best.

The freezing up of numerous streams throughout Prince William and the consequent obstruction to travel during the past winter, proves how sadly we are in need of bridges. Frequently persons have been compelled to travel seven or eight miles out of sequence of high water, or ice, or both.

Alexandria Gazette 13 Mar 1875

The Manassas Gazette announces that Judge Charles E. Sinclair has withdrawn his name as editor of that paper, on account of his professional duties, but will still be a contributor to its editorial columns. It further says that Judge S. is spoken of by his friends as a candidate for the State Senate, and will consent to run if nominated.

Alexandria Gazette 13 Mar 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Several new settlers have arrived here since the first of the present year and taken up their residence in this county. Among the number are the following substantial men and their families: Mr. George Glore from near Buffalo, and John Evans, of Allegheny County, N. Y., have jointly purchased the John Johnson tract of land, near Manassas, containing 102 acres. Mr. Robert Maxwell, of Philadelphia, has purchased the farm of Mr. Henry Bryant, near this place, containing 65 acres. Mr. Histed, of Allegheny county, N. Y., has purchased the farm adjoining the land of Messrs. Weedon, Brenton, Bradfield, and others, near Manassas, belonging to Edson Eaton, of New York, containing 120 acres.

Messrs. L. G. Prescott & Son, are now engaged in shipping hickory lumber, manufactured in this place, to Amesberry, Mass., there to be used in the manufacture of carriage stock. This lumber is of a very superior quality, such as abounds in great quantities in this State. The logs are brought here from the neighboring woodlands and sawed into one and a half inch plank.

It is stated by persons who live in the upper portion of Prince William, that thousands of dead crows are found in the pines where they are in the habit of roosting, and that many are killed with sticks in the hands of men and boys. It is supposed the severe winter has deprived them of sufficient food, and that they are dying from starvation.

Edward Stewart Trot, colored, who was arrested a week or two ago on a charge of attempting to burn the barn of his employer, Mr. Wm. H. Dogan, is now supposed to be a lunatic, and will be examined to-day in the jail at Brentsville, with a view to ascertain the condition of his mind.

Justice A. F. Woodyard held an inquest over the body of Mrs. Mary Cornwell, an aged lady, who found dead in her bed on Tuesday morning last at her residence in Coles Township where she lived alone. The verdict of the jury was that she died from natural causes.

Mr. G. F. Trimmer, while engaged at his father's steam saw mills, in this place, on Tuesday last, had the little finger on his left hand so terribly mutilated by striking it against the large saw while in motion, that amputation at the third joint was necessary.

Here in Manassas the headquarters of radicalism, in this section of the State, the colored people, the majority of whom, were born and raised here, have as yet made no public demonstration of a desire to make themselves more offensive than usual.

Mr. A. F. Woodyard, jailor, has received information from the Eastern Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg, Va., that will receive Charles Crump, who has been adjudged a lunatic on the 7th of April.

A bill has been passed in one branch of the Legislature to rearrange the terms of the 11th Judicial circuit which gives Prince William but two terms, May and October.

Mrs. E. E. Johnson, living near Manassas, had a valuable ewe and lamb killed by dogs on Tuesday night last.

Some of our citizens are beginning to plant out shade trees.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Mar 1875

### The Herndon Murder

The Murderer ----- The Approaching Execution ----- Vindication of the law

Brentsville, March 19. -- There was perpetrated in this community, on the evening of the 3rd day of December, 1874, a deed which has no parallel in the annals of crime, no counterpart anywhere in the entire category of savage brutality.

The malignancy and semi-barbarism of victorious Carthage never presented on its treatment of the Roman Regulus a spectacle more inhuman in its conception and more fiendish in its subsequent execution or more abhorrent to the sense of common humanity, than the tragedy which occurred on that date in this otherwise peaceful community.

Jeremiah Herndon, a well to do farmer, a man who had lived but his three score years in peace and harmony with his fellow man, with no breath of slander to asperse his integrity, or venomous tongues to assail his character; with no avowed enemy to mar the tranquility of his declining years, his wife, the partner of his joys, his griefs, and of his toilsome life, together with Addison Russel, a small colored boy, between ten and twelve years of age, became the victims of an ignorant, cowardly, passionate, brutal and malignant assassin, who, in the commission of his fell act, had no other motive than a suppositions revenge, no other palliation of his crime than a mean and aimless design to screen himself from a threatened prosecution for petit larceny.

The house where the murders were committed is about six miles southwest of Brentsville, near Cedar Run, and not far from the Stafford line.

On Thursday morning, between the hours of eight and nine, one of the sons of Mr. Herndon, who lives but a short distance from his father's homestead, went, as was his frequent habit, to his father's house, and on entering discovered the doors to be open and the floor of the room (which was used for dining, sitting and bed-room by the old people) to be covered with large pools of blood. The colored boy, Addison Russell, (who, with Mr. and Mrs. Herndon and the prisoner, Jesse Fouks, were the only inmates of the house), was lying on his back near the fireplace, with a deep gash across his forehead; about eight feet from the boy lay Mrs. Herndon on the bed, both apparently dead, but his father was no where to be seen. Appalled by such a sight, he ran to the house of Mr. J. C. Colvin, the nearest neighbor, and informed him of what he had seen. They, with a colored man, immediately repaired to the house, examined the old lady and boy, concluded both were dead, and made diligent search for Mr. Herndon, but failed to find him. The neighbors were then summoned and the condition of the house examined, but no clue to the murderer was obtained, though the beaureau where Mr. Herndon kept his money was open with the keys in the lock, and some money was supposed to have been taken; still the gold and silver were untouched. About ten o'clock a neighbor brought in Mr. Herndon on his back, having found him about half a mile from the house on Cedar Run, walking in his stocking feet, without his coat on and bareheaded. In the meantime Mrs. Herndon was found not to be dead, though utterly unconscious. An inquest was held upon the dead body of Addison Russell, and Jesse Fouks, who had gone to Miss O'Rear's about two miles from the place, was at first arrested on suspicion, and permitted to testify at the inquest. His confused manner in giving his evidence confirmed the suspicion hereto fore

entertained of his guilt,. Notwithstanding the subsequent declarations of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, who in the meantime recovered sufficient consciousness to remember that Jesse Fouks had entered their room about dusk and had quarreled with Mr. Herndon, the evidence was only circumstantial and many persons believed in the innocence of the prisoner.

The trial came on, and it was then that the criminality of the prisoner was settled beyond a doubt by his confession to the jailor of having concealed money which he stated he had picked up where Mr. H. had dropped it.

The prisoner was defended by Messrs. Meredith and Williams, the State being represented by Commonwealth Attorney Larkin, assisted by Judge Nicol. He was found guilty and condemned to be hanged. Judge Keith, in passing sentence on him, told the prisoner that he had received a fair and impartial trial, and exhorted him to make preparation for the future welfare of his soul.

On the 31st of January last Fouks made his escape from jail. He burnt a hole through the partition of his cell and got out into the passage where there was nothing to prevent his escape except an iron grated door, which was unlocked, and the outer door. On his appearance at the outer door he was met by the jailor's wife, who, with great presence of mind, seized him and called for help, but he managed to get free and got away, but was captured on the following day in a straw rick about six miles from Brentsville. On the following day he sent for the jailor and Sheriff Goodwin, and told them that he could not go to his Maker in prayer with a lie on his lips. He acknowledged his guilt and disclaimed having any accomplice, and stated that he was ready to die. Continuing, he said that on the evening of the murder he took some meat, and that Mr. Herndon threatened to prosecute him; that he went into the house to try to induce the old man to promise not to prosecute him; that he refused to retract; and that they then commenced quarreling, and Mr. Herndon took up the ax and threatened to knock his brains out. Foulks retreated to the door (the door being open), seized the ax handle, and to use his own words "Old Satan was in me." I struck Mr. Herndon and took de ax from him, and den struck de old woman twice wid de ax. I didn't strike her with nuffin else, and den I strike Add. (the colored boy) twice wid de ax also.

In reply to another question he said that old Mr. Herndon had his face towards him when he struck him; that Mrs. H. was close by, but before she could interfere he had gotton hold of the ax and struck her down as he supposed dead. When he killed the old people and the boy he thought it was about eight o'clock. He further stated that he did not strike the old man with anything but the axe handle, but the old lady and the boy were killed with the ax; that a candle was burning in the room at the time; that when he had finished his job he then bethought him of the money and took the keys of the beaureau out of Mrs. H.'s pocket; took up the bag of gold but concluded not to take it, but took the paper money and hid it afterwards in the brush pile, of which he told the jailor. He said he did not kill them for money, but out of sheer madness; that he killed the boy partly because he informed on him about stealing the meat, and partly because he was afraid he would tell. Since that time he has been visited by Revs. H. M. Strickler, B. P. Dulin, and \_\_\_ Marsh, who have labored faithfully to put his mind in a state of reliance upon his Maker.

Maj. W. W. Thornton, of the village, received a letter from Governor Kemper, some days ago, stating that application had been made to him to respite Fouks, and requested the Major to go to the jail and see the condemned man and ascertain, if he could, if such respite would be advisable.

The Major visited Fouks on the 10th, and held a conversation with him, in which conversation the prisoner reiterated his guilt, and said he thought he ought to be hung. Major Thornton sent the results of this interview to the Governor.

Fouks on being informed by Mr. Woodyard, jailor, that an effort was being made to put off his execution for a short time, said he "did not desire it to be put off, but wished the time was nearer at hand."

In regard to his body which it has already been stated, he had given away to Dr. W. George, of Stafford, it appears that he had consented to such a disposal, but on Wednesday last, when visited by his sister, he changed his mind and at her request announced that he desired to be buried on his old master's place, where, it is understood, he will be carried.

Jesse Fouks is about 19 years old, and was raised by Mr. J. H. O'Rear, about two miles from the scene of the murder. During his trial and the whole term of his imprisonment he has exhibited the most wonderful self possession, and it was only on last Wednesday, when his sister bade him good-by, that he for the first time burst into tears and manifested any trepidation at his approaching end.

The scaffold is situated at the northwest corner of the Court House yard; it is built of heavy pine posts, five feet and a half apart, with the platform seven and a half feet from the ground; in front of the scaffold seats are arranged for the press within the enclosure, surrounding the scaffold.

The execution will take place between 11 and 12. The Revs. B. P. Dulin and Marsh are in attendance upon the prisoner, but up to this hour, he states that he does not believe that his sins have been forgiven.

#### The Execution

Brentsville, Prince William County, VIA Manassas, March 19 - The assemblage at Brentsville this morning fully reached expectations, about one thousand people being present to witness the execution of the sentence of the law upon Fouks.

Every precaution had been taken by the officers to preserve order. A guard of fifteen colored men was placed in the enclosure, around the scaffold and a special police force of twenty-four white men were present, having been appointed by the County Judge.

Upon the ascension to the scaffold Rev. Mr. Marsh offered up a fervent prayer for the condemned, after which the minister stated that the unfortunate youth desired to say that he was verily guilty of the crime for which he was to be punished, and exhorted his race and color to escape from the bad effects of passion.

The criminal exhibited the utmost self-possession, and showed no sign of fear as the preparations for his execution were progressing.

At twenty minutes to one o'clock the trap was sprung, and Jesse Fouks was launched into eternity. At the instant the trap fell but a single convulsive shudder ran through the frame of the culprit, and at eight minutes and a half of one life was pronounced extinct by Drs. Leach and Simpson.

In a few minutes after death, the body was cut down by one of the colored guards, and it was found that the neck had been broken.

Thus terminated this dreadful affair which has occupied the attention of the community since the terrible murder of the innocent victims.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Apr 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The lady struck by the stone through the car window on the Virginia Midland Railroad by a boy, was a Mrs. Bacon, of Atlanta GA., and the boy who threw the stone was a son of Mr. Thomas K. Davis, the present mail contractor between Bristoe Station and Brentsville, aged about ten years. Mr. Davis regrets the occurrence very much, and punished his child severely for the offense. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the boy by order of the railroad company, and on Tuesday last his father took him to Brentsville and delivered him into the hands of a magistrate, but no witnesses appearing against him, the case was not heard.

Mr. Henry Chabanne, a Frenchman, now living in Philadelphia, came on here on Tuesday last to look at a portion of the "Phillips" tract of land, near Bristoe station, now owned by the Midland Company, with a view of locating thereon. Mr. Chabanne was favorably impressed with the location and with his own and three other families, will purchase and settle there. The railroad company sell their lands in small tracts on a credit of ten years by the purchaser paying ten per cent cost and the balance in annual installments. They also furnish each purchaser five thousand feet of lumber on the same terms.

Capt. L. A. Davis, Clerk of the County and Circuit Courts of Prince William County, met with an accident a few days ago by which the sight of one of his eyes is seriously endangered. He passed near where some young men were playing base ball, and a flying ball struck him in the eye.

The Mayor of Manassas has offered a reward of five dollars for information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons who, a few nights ago, pulled up four shade trees just planted out on one of the streets of Manassas.

Mr. James M. Sinclair, while engaged in hauling wood one day last week, accidentally had a bone fractured in one of his legs.

Mr. Nat. House had twelve sheep killed and eight wounded by worthless dogs on the 25th of March.

Alexandria Gazette 10 Apr 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The county committee, elected by the Conservative meeting on Monday last, meet at Brentsville on Monday, the 19th of this month, and will order primary elections to be held in the different districts to nominate candidates to be voted for at the May election. This plan will be adopted in lieu of the usual nominating conventions.

Wilber Davis, the little son of Mr. Thomas K. Davis, who threw a stone in the cars, near Nokesville Station, was before Justice A. F. Woodyard on Monday last, and the Justice being satisfied that he threw the stone, held his father in \$200 bond for the boy's good behavior.

T. A. Thompson lecturer of the National Grange P. of H., delivered an address at Brentsville on Monday last, on the subject of the Order of Farmers Granges. Mr. Thompson and A. J. Wedderburn will be at Manassas on Monday next to organize a Grange.

President Minor, of Blacksburg Agricultural College, gives to Ruffner School the credit of sending the best prepared student he has yet received from the public schools of Virginia,

MANASSAS GAZETTE

Alexandria Gazette 17 Apr 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Arthur Damewood, a little ten year old son of Wm. Damewood, living near Groveton, in the upper part of Prince William, was instantly killed on Saturday last by the explosion of an old shell which he was rolling about the yard. It is said the poor little fellow's entrails were entirely torn out, and his body was terrible mangled.

Mr. J. Horace Lacy, member of the House of Delegates and president of the caucus of "anti-funders" in Richmond during the last winter, will address the citizens of Prince William on the subject of the "State Dept.," on the next court day, the first Monday in May.

The "Smith" Brown Stone Quarries, about two miles from this place, have been put in operation lately by M. A. McGowan & Co., of Washington. A force of twenty hands are employed under the superintendence of Mr. J. R. Tillett.

Millions of little green lice have made their appearance on the apple blooms in this section, which bids fair to destroy what prospects there were left by long and hard winter, for a crop of fruit.

The Presbyterian pulpit in Manassas will be filled for the present year by Rev. Mr. Carmicheal, of New Jersey, and he will preach his first sermon next Sunday morning a week, 25th instant.

Dr. Crump, who was declared a lunatic a month or so ago, was conveyed to the Eastern Insane Asylum at Williamsburg last week in charge of Capt. L. A. Davis and Mr. Jos. B. Reid.

Rody Loveless, a well known fish trapper, has taken a large number of fine black bass from Broad Run this spring.

Alexandria Gazette 01 May 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mr. W. L. Whitman of Chatteraugus County, New York, who lately purchased the Chapel Farm at Bristoe Station, has moved his family in. His son and family are also located on the same farm. They are preparing to build houses and otherwise improve the property purchased. Mr. Mackey, of Washington, D. C., who purchased of the railroad company, about two miles from Bristoe, has moved there and will build immediately. Mr. Thomas Stein of Philadelphia, also a purchaser of the railroad company's land adjoining Langyher, has received his lumber and will erect a building shortly.

Bristoe Station is growing in business activity and attractiveness. Several families from the North and West are settling in that immediate vicinity. Some of the settlers

have brought with them large and interesting families, whose appearance indicate intelligence and culture. The lands around Bristoe are valuable, and we hope to see in a short time the hundreds of acres now lying idle, the scene of active and profitable husbandry.

The residence of Mr. C. W. Hazen, near Catletts Station, narrowly escaped destruction by fire a few days ago. While Mrs. H. was in the garden a little son piled a lot of dry boards on the fire, setting fire to the chimney, which communicated to the roof. The men at work in the field fortunately saw the fire and arrived in time to save the building from destruction.

The following districts of the county are to be elected at the May election, to serve two years. One Supervisor, three Justices of the Peace, one Constable, and one Overseer of the Poor.

The town Sergeant and his deputies made ten arrests, all colored persons but one on Saturday evening last, for disorderly conduct, resisting the officers &c. The fines imposed by the Mayor amounted to forty dollars besides the costs.

The Prince William County Court, May term, commences on Monday.

Alexandria Gazette 8 May 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mr. Wm. C. Balch, a well known young lawyer of this county, has settled in Nicholasville, Jasmine County, Kentucky, where he is practicing his profession very successfully. Mr. George Munroe, another Prince William young man, who had just been admitted to the bar, left a few days ago, and has located in Dubuque, Iowa.

The hands employed in McGowan & Co.'s Stone Quarry were paid off on Thursday night by Col. R. A. Shinn, the amount paid being \$400. This firm is now disbursing about \$10,000 per month to mechanics and laborers employed on their different government contracts.

A middle aged white woman, accompanied by a youth and an infant in her arms, was accommodated with lodging at the station house on Tuesday night. From her manner she was supposed to be insane.

The Circuit Court of Prince William County will commence on Monday, Judge Jas. Keith presiding. The session will be short, as the docket is a small one.

To-day the primary election takes place throughout the county to nominate Conservative candidates to fill the different county offices.

Alexandria Gazette 15 May 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Geo. W. Abel was seriously injured, on Monday last, by the falling of a blundering horse. He was on his way from Occoquan, where he resides, and has been employed as ferryman, and when near Cedar Run Bridge the horse he was riding fell, turning a complete somersault, throwing its rider over its head and falling upon him, the pommel of the saddle striking him in the pit of the stomach. The fall so stunned the horse that it laid on Mr. Able until it was pulled off, but Mr. A. was up and walking about the next day.

On Thursday of last week as Mr. Joseph B. Reid was driving from Brentsville to Bristoe Station in his buggy, the horse coming in contract with the ox-team of Mr. W. A.

Ketcham, threw Mr. Reid out of the buggy, who, falling upon his head received very painful injuries Mr. John H. Butler who was in the buggy with Mr. Reid jumped out as soon as the horse started, and was not hurt.

The attendance at the Circuit Court was smaller than usual, though quite a large amount of business was done.

Alexandria Gazette 29 May 1875

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF DESIRABLE LAND. By virtue of a deed of trust from Chas. Campbell and P. B. Stilson, recorded in liber 26, page 727, of the land records of Prince William County, Va., I shall proceed to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at Manassas, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of July next, a desirable tract of land, containing FOUR HUNDRED ACRES, more or less. This property lies adjacent to the thriving town of Manassas, on the Virginia Midland Railroad, about one hour's ride from Washington city. The improvements consist of three comfortable TENANT HOUSES, and an orchard of young and thrifty fruit trees. The land is susceptible of the highest state of improvement, and can be very conveniently divided into three or more farms.

Terms of Sale: \$2,635 cash on day of sale, together with all costs attending the execution of the trust; \$2,059.87 on the 22d of December, 1878, with interest from the 1st of January 1875 \$2,059.87 on the 27th of February, 1880, with interest from the 1st of January, 1875, and the remainder, if any, on such terms as the parties interested may direct.

Robt. C. Weir, Sub. Trustee, Prince William County.

Alexandria Gazette 12 Jun 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The June term of the County Court held its session this week. Judge Nicol presiding. Most of the term was occupied in bonding and qualifying the lately elected county and district officers. The collectors returned their delinquent lists for the year 1875, which were examined by the court, corrected and certified to the auditor of public accounts. Several deeds were admitted to record, and quite a number of orders were entered for the refunding of taxes for erroneous assessments. The colored man who has been in jail for some time charged with an attempt to burn Mr. W. H. Dogan's barn was adjudged a lunatic and ordered to be sent to an insane asylum.

Bartlett Scott, an industrious colored man, who does most of the well digging in this vicinity, in attempting to descend into a well by a rope on Wednesday at Mrs. Hooe's missed his hold and fell to the bottom, a distance of thirty-five feet. Three feet of water in the well broke the force of the fall, but gave him a most sudden and unexpected plunge bath.

The country is overrun with drummers of every conceivable grade, and we have no doubt that a large number of them are unlicensed.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Jun 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - A dog case was tried on Monday last and decided in favor of the defendant. Justice Whiting decided that if a person puts poison in his own poultry yard at night for the purpose of killing the vermin

that had been in the habit of killing his poultry and a neighbor's dog happened to be the victim, he was not responsible for the loss, or value of the dog. He therefore gave judgment against the plaintiff for costs.

At the next term of the County Court an overseer for each road precinct in the county will be appointed, and we understand that Judge Nicol has indicated that he intends seeing that each overseer does his duty, and those failing to do so will have to give way to someone who will.

The colored boy, Edward Stewart Trott, pronounced insane by a jury of the County Court, at the June term, was conveyed to the Central (colored) Insane Asylum at Richmond, on Monday last, by Mr. A. F. Woodyard, renders the building more suitable for its purposes than it has been since its erection. Each cell is now furnished with a flue.

Mr. Peter T. Weedon, who lost five sheep by the ravages of dogs a few weeks ago, had more killed and several others badly damaged on Sunday night last.

Mr. T. M. Houchens, formerly of Alexandria, has established himself in the business of harness making in Manassas.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Jul 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mr. Jas. M. Sinclair, of this county, has been peculiarly unfortunate lately. A few months ago he received a fracture of one of his legs, and while yet unable to get out, his house caught fire and was consumed with nearly all of its contents, he narrowly escaping. A few of his articles of furniture were saved, which were put in the barn. On Tuesday last, during the storm, lightning struck his barn, destroying it with the entire contents, including the furniture saved from the burning dwelling and all his grain, hay, agricultural implements, machinery &c.

The newly elected town council assembled at the town hall on Tuesday night. The following gentlemen compose the body: Geo. Trimmer, Geo. W. Hixson, Geo. C. Round, B. D. Merchant, Francis J. Cannon, C. L. Hynson, D. W. Whiting. The council proceeded to the election of mayor, clerk and sergeant, resulting in the reelection of D. W. Whiting mayor; Geo. Round, clerk; and John A. Cannon, town sergeant.

The Woodbine Baptist Church, on the Bland's Ford Road, will be dedicated on Sunday the 11th. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Rev. W. S. Renick of Alexandria.

Mr. C. E. Brawner has purchased a house and lot on Centre Street, of Mr. William S. Fewell, for \$1,300.

Alexandria Gazette 07 Jul 1875

Letter from Prince William County from Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Brentsville, Va. July 6 - Our County Court closed yesterday, having done little business. Indeed county courts, as they now exist, are humbugs. Col. Edmund Berkeley was appointed assessor of land in district No. 1, (above Cedar Run,) and A. J. Davis for district No. 2, (below the run.) Charles Armistead, a colored man, was convicted of felony and sent to the penitentiary for one year.

The races at Bacon Hall, yesterday, were very fine, and passed off agreeably to

winners and losers, especially to winners.

The farmers are complaining of the dry weather. The oat crop is short and in most instances the seed will not be recovered.

The people of our country are looking forward with considerable interest to the action of the Senatorial convention for this district. Judge Charles E. Sinclair is the unanimous choice of our people. The representative mantle could not at this time fall upon the shoulders of a better man. It is needless for me to name the many qualities that he will bring to the discharge of the duties incident to such an important trust. Devoted to the interests of Virginia he will ever be on the alert that her honor be not tarnished nor her luster dimmed. With such a candidate, peculiarly fitted for the position, and more especially sustained by the fact that Prince William has never, since the war, had a representative in the Senate of Virginia, it is to be hoped that the other counties which form this district will yield to us our man, not for these reasons alone, but in consideration of his especial aptitude to meet the coming crisis in our State concerns, as well as his zeal for and devotion to the interests of the State in the past. By the way I see that the committees for other districts have already named the time for their conventions. Why is it that our men are laggards? Some time early in August would suit our farmers. Then the harvest season will be over and wheat seeding will not have commenced.

Alexandria Gazette 07 Jul 1875

Letter from Manassas, correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette - Manassas Va., July 6, - Perhaps a line or two from this section of Virginia may not be unacceptable to the readers of the Gazette. News, indeed, of most any description is at rather a low ebb, and, were it not for the fact that the political cauldron has begun to simmer, throwing the different legislative candidates to the top -- your correspondent would most likely be reduced to the necessity of fabricating - a denier resort which he, in company with all journalists, thoroughly abhors.

In regard to the coming contest for the House of Delegates from this county, -- judging from the array of candidates, and the warm support that each one will receive from his own particular adherents, -- the primary election bids fair to be, not only spirited and warm, but uncomfortably close. Out of the six townships in this county, four, it is understood, will present candidates for Richmond. Manassas, it is rumored, will urge the claims of Mr. D. W. Whiting, the editor of the Manassas Gazette, and the Mayor of our town. Such is Mr. W's popularity, in his official capacity, that he has been reelected twice to the Mayoralty of the city, and his independent and straight-forward policy in the management of his paper, has gained for him the good will and admiration of many outside of his own township.

The Fourth was observed here by the colored people only, who had a tournament and picnic at the old camp-meeting ground, near this place, on Saturday last. The whites, generally, attended the celebration at Woodbridge, and came back immensely pleased with their trip while the superabundance of ticks, kept them active and merry, and sufficed to relieve the monotony of their wearisome ride.

Mr. George Johnson, residing about a mile from Manassas, whilst cradling in his field, last Saturday morning, accidentally fell upon the edge of his scythe and

wounded himself in a fearful manner across and around the chest. Dr. Hornbaker was called in and rendered the necessary surgical attention. We are glad to say that the sufferer is slowly improving.

Capt. Frank Stringfellow, will sometime during the month of August, deliver a lecture in this town, upon the subject of "Guerrilla Warfare," the proceeds to be applied to the finishing the Episcopal Church, in this place. From Captain S's well known services as a scout and ranger during the war, we have, no doubt that his lecture will be both instructive and entertaining.

The weather has been intensely warm for the past two or three days, with only an occasional "mountain breeze," to vary the fervent and depressing rays of "Old Sol." Last week, however, we had copious and refreshing rains which have kept the farmers in a good humor, thus far, at least, and delayed the invariable cry of the croakers in regard to poor crops, hard times, &c.

From all indications the fruit crop in this section promises an abundant yield. The peach trees are loaded, while apples and cherries are plenteous, with blackberries, whortleberries and raspberries ab libitum. Considering this season, when green fruit is so easily attainable, the children of the town keep wonderfully free from sickness, and the physicians move around with long faces, imagining themselves deeply injured men, believing that either parents, or this particular part of the year, has departed from the time-honored custom of bringing them practice and fees, and veritably, and indeed, "gone back" upon them.

Alexandria Gazette 19 Jul 1875

Prince William County Items. --- John Lynch, a member of the 43d Congress, from Maine, purchased at Trustee's sale on Thursday last a tract of land situated about two miles from this place known as "Fairview" containing 115 acres, having upon it a fine brown stone quarry, and well watered.

The bridge across Cedar Run at Brentsville having suddenly become in an unsafe condition temporary repairs are being made to it. It is said it was damaged by the passage of a dozen cattle across it.

The Board of Supervisors at their meeting this week, levied for county purposes, fifteen cents on the hundred dollars of property.

James W. Carr has sold his farm at Bristoe station containing 210 acres to a Mr. French of Lycuming County, Pa.

A little child of Mr. Halpenny, near Bristoe fell on an axe on Wednesday last and cut his head very severely. -- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 24 Jul 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - The members of the executive committee of the Conservative party of Prince William County are requested to meet at Brentsville on the first Monday in August, for the purpose of determining upon a plan or manner of selecting delegates from the county to the Senatorial Convention to be held in Alexandria on the 31st day of August, and to attend to other important business.

A large moccasin snake has taken up his quarters, or rather has been seen several times, in the stable of Mr. Wm. H. Keys, on the suburbs of the city, and successfully eluded all efforts to dispatch him. It is thought that he is there in quest of rats as none of the vermin have been seen in the vicinity since his snakeship took possession.

The corn crop in the vicinity of Manassas bids fair at this time to be the best for years past. The season has been excellent, and all kinds of growing vegetation looks remarkably well.

Alexandria Gazette 03 Aug 1875

OCCOQUAN MILLS -- Mr. Janney has been at considerable expense during the past year in putting in new and improved machinery, mill stones, &c. and his new process family and high grade extra flour stand high in the Alexandria market, and it is evidently to the interest of farmers of the surrounding counties to stand by the Occoquan Mills and to sustain Mr. Janney in his endeavor to establish a reputation for his flour, as the more he gets for his flour the better the prices he will be able to give for wheat -- Manassas Gazette.

Alexandria Gazette 05 Aug 1875

Letter from Prince William County from the Manassas Gazette - Brentsville, Aug 3, -- The August term of the county court began yesterday, and the Grand Jury (the first one of this court since the change of the law) found an indictment against the Negro Smith, who is charged with placing obstructions on the tract of the W. C., V. M. & G. S. R. R., and a white man by the name of Lafayette Maddox, for obtaining goods under false pretenses. Both these cases were continued until the September term.

A large number of acres of land were offered for sale in different tracts, but purchasers were very scarce. Only two tracts were sold -- one large tract, bought by Mr. Harvey Varnes, of Manassas, for the extraordinary low price of two dollars per acre; the other containing about 125 acres by Mr. W. B. Kincheloe, of the same town, for \$1,000. The tracts had only indifferent buildings on them, but sold very, very cheap.

The political pot is boiling some up here. The people were addressed by Judge Sinclair, Col. Tom Taylor, of Loudoun, and Judge Aylett Nicol, all of whom were listened to with marked attention, and applauded when the time came for applauding. Frank Lewis, an old friend, did not speak, but worked and played the agreeable generally. It is needless I suppose, to tell you that these gentlemen are candidates for the senate. Co. Taylor made a fine impression, and left a host of friends behind him.

The candidates for the Assembly were very active, and there are only ten of them aspiring to that honor, all of whom were smiling their sweetest smiles, touching their hats, and making salutations in the most insinuating and bewitching and graceful manner. The Conservative party of this county is opposed to independent candidates, and is anxious to put the strongest man in the field in opposition to the Radicals. To that end the Conservative Superintendent of the County has called a meeting of the Committee to meet on Thursday to determine by what means this desirable object can be effected, whether by township delegates in a general convention of the county or by primary election. The people seem to be divided in opinion as to the mode, hence the necessity of the meeting.

Alexandria Gazette 14 Aug 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - We learn through Mr. Henry Owens, traveling agent for the firm of Messrs. Shinn & Co., Alexandria, that a man named Henry S. Speer, a new comer there, made a most unprovoked and deadly assault with a stick, on Mr. James Mount, railroad agent at Thoroughfare Station, on Thursday last. Speer was arrested by Constable James McDonough and was to have had a hearing yesterday.

A commission consisting of Justice Whiting, Butler and Bennett, examined an old Negro man on Monday last, who was found wandering in the woods, and pronounced him insane. He was committed to the care of the sheriff, who has applied to the Central Asylum (colored) at Richmond, to admit him. He said his name was Jim Rideault.

In consequence of the slim attendance at the stock sale of Mr. L. Lywood, near Gainesville, on Wednesday last, but little changed hands. Southdowns and other improved buck lambs, which were started at from \$10 to \$15, and yearlings at \$20 were withdrawn without a bid.

Alexandria Gazette 24 Aug 1875

PRINCE WILLIAM PRIMARY ELECTION. -- Manassas, Aug. 22 -- I told you last week that a primary election would be held on the 21st for the Senatorial candidate to the Legislature. My information was correct. The election was held, and as intimated, either by note or letter, the result has rather exceeded the expectations of Judge Sinclair and his friends, for he led his opposition, in the person of Judge Aylett Nicol, on an average of about three to one throughout the county, leading him at some places as much as twelve to one. So far as heard Judge Sinclair has been beaten at one voting place and led at another, and the friends of the successful candidate can truthfully congratulate both him and themselves upon the issue. Unswervingly Conservative, Judge Sinclair will put forth his best efforts to serve the interest of the party to which he naturally belongs. His mortal conduct is unexceptionable, and his friends and partisans have in him an abiding faith. CAIRO

Alexandria Gazette 26 Aug 1875

Letter from Prince William County - Brentsville, August 25. -- The young man Lee, who is charged with having set fire to the stackyard of Mr. W. S. B. Wheeler, near Groveton, was brought on yesterday before Judge Nicol upon a writ of habeas corpus. The prisoner has engaged Judge Sinclair to defend him. After hearing the evidence the court refused bail. I presume he will be indicted at our next County Court, on the first Monday in September.

The result of the primary election held on Saturday is as follows: Haymarket - Sinclair, 70; Nicol, 7. Hickory Grove - Sinclair, 9; Nicol, 14. Waterfall - Sinclair 20; Nicol, 38. Sander's - Sinclair, 17; Nicol 7, Groveton - Sinclair, 5; Nicol, 6. Langyher's - Sinclair, 9; Nicol, 5. Manassas - Sinclair, 113; Nicol, 44. Bristoe - Sinclair, 18; Nicol 11. Greenwich - Sinclair, 13; Nicol 3. Brentsville - Sinclair, 26; Nicol, 19. Horton's - Sinclair, 14; Nicol, 33. Cole's - Sinclair, 54; Nicol, 27. Cornwell's - Sinclair, 30; Nicol, 9.

Bacon Race - Sinclair, 11; Nicol, 3. Occoquan - Sinclair, 46; Nicol, 19. Dumfries - Sinclair, 65; Nicol, 5. Potomac City --Sinclair, 20; Nicol, 0. For Sinclair 586; for Nicol 242. Whole vote cast 828, Sinclair's majority, 344, Judge Sinclair carried every township by more than two to one, except Brentsville, where he only lacked four of that number.

The County Superintendent has, in accordance with the resolution of the County Committee, appointed the following gentlemen as delegates to the convention which convenes in your city on Tuesday, next, the 31st instant: Capt. C. W. C. Dunnington, Major A. H. Johnson, Dr. M. A. Ish, R. M. Weir, Col. Edmund S. Berkeley, Z. A. Kankey, James M. Barbee, E. E. Meredith, John H. Butler, Wm. E. Lipscomb, Dr. John S. Powell, M. N. Lynn, John C. Weedon, Allen Howison, C. A. Heineken, Maj. Wm. W. Thornton, Col. Robert Tansill, Capt. James E. Herrell, John T. Goodwin, John Clark, B. D. Merchant, J. F. Wheat, Crawford Cushing, F. J. Cannon, Drs. John D. Payne and H. D. Kerfoot, James V. Narle, Hugh Hammill, Thos. A. Smith, A. H. Fuechsel, Lewis F. Berkeley, Wm. R. Snow, H. F. Lynn, Robert B. Merchant, Geo. P. Wise, John H. O'Rear, B. H. Jordan, Wm. R. Free, W. W. Kincheloe, Geo. R. Atkinson, Edwin Nelson, and J. J. Davies.

On Monday last some person unknown stole from the residence of Captain C. Birkett, who lives about three miles from Manassas, three valuable gold rings. Every effort has been made to discover the thief, but unsuccessfully.

#### Alexandria Gazette 12 Sep 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Edwin Nelson esq., deputy clerk of the courts of this county and Mr. John C. W. Weedon, leave for Kansas on Monday next on a visit.

The many friends of Allen Howison esq., will be glad to learn that he is recovering from the long and severe spell of sickness from which he has suffered the past month or two.

Messrs. J. C. Underwood, grange deputy, R. R. Farr lecturer, and A. J. Wedderburg will be at Manassas on the fourth Saturday in this month for the purpose of organizing a grange.

#### Alexandria Gazette 07 Oct 1875

Brentsville, Oct. 6, -- Our County Court met on Monday, but little business was transacted on that day, owing to the fact, that some of the aspirants for the House and the nominees and the independent candidate for the Senate spoke. Judge Sinclair led off in a short speech, eulogizing Mr. Claughton and exhorting its people of this county to rally around the Conservative banner upon the 2d day of November next. Mr. Claughton followed in an able, forcible and eloquent address of an hour's length. He made a decidedly favorable impression upon his audience, and your correspondent is assured that he, in conjunction with Judge Sinclair, will receive the hearty support of the people. Mr. Claughton is an earnest and impressive speaker, an able debater, and discusses his subject with great candor and simplicity. His election, as well as that of Judge Sinclair, will prove of great benefit to this section of the State. Mr. Chancellor also spoke, but your correspondent is informed that he will not receive

any Conservative support in this county.

The boy Smith, who was charged with throwing the freight train from the track, was tried and acquitted.

The case of Lee, on a charge of burning, was continued.

Alexandria Gazette 18 Oct 1875

Prince William County Items from the Manassas Gazette - Mr. J. N. Rose, of Lynchburg, agent for the Fish Commissioners of the State arrived here on Friday morning, with a large lot of young bass, taken from the Shenandoah river with which he is stocking the streams of the State. Mr. Wm. S. Fewell procured from him a dozen, and sent them to Occoquan creek, above Bland's Ford.

Mr. E. E. Meredith has purchased the very handsome property of Mr. Wm. E. Lipscomb in Brentsville for \$1,350. Mr. Peter T. Weedon has traded his property in Brentsville now occupied by Capt. L. A. Davis to that gentleman for a tract of land on Kettle Run containing 59 acres.

The October term of the Circuit Court, Judge James Keith presiding, commenced its session on Monday last and adjourned on Wednesday morning. A small number of unimportant common law cases were tried and upwards of fifty chancery orders entered.

There are thousands of acres of land in Prince William County which can be purchased at \$5 to \$10 per acre, which if in possession of industrious and intelligent men, could be turned into beautiful and attractive homes.

Mr. F. H. Frankenburg, of Potomac City, raised this season, on an acre of land, 385 bushels of potatoes, a variety he has just introduced into this section.

Alexandria Gazette 30 Oct 1875

PRINCE WILLIAM POLITICS - Brentsville, Va., Oct. 28 - Since the primary election for a candidate for the House of Delegates on the 16th instant, in which Capt. J. P. Purcell led his opponent, J. B. Reed, nearly three to one, D. W. Whiting, editor of the Manassas Gazette, has announced himself as an independent candidate, which puts three aspirants in the field for legislative honors including George C. Round, the independent, Radical, reputation candidate on the Republican side of the House. Under what plausible pretext Whiting can again become a candidate is a mystery which he alone can explain. In the beginning of the canvass he announced himself; then withdrew in a card, in which he admitted he had no claim upon the people of Prince William for that position. His intention must be the defeat of the regular nominee of the party to which he professes to belong. Such ingratitude and treason deserve a stern, unmistakable rebuke. "He who is not for me is against me," is an old political proverb. Let the voters come to the polls and give J. R. Purcell the majority he deserves. A man who fought and bled for his country, a good and an honest man who deserves well, and an honest man who deserves well, and whom his fellow citizens will delight to honor!

R. A.

Alexandria Gazette 29 Nov 1875

LAND ASSESSMENT IN PRINCE WILLIAM -- Mr. A. J. Davis, assessor of lands below the run, has completed his labors and returned his books to the clerk's office, from which we find the following result, compared with the assessment of 1870: The number of acres assessed in 1870 was 103,767. Number of acres assessed under new assessment 103,744 a decrease in acres of 23. Amount of assessment in 1870 \$753,654, the amount of new assessment \$681,848 a decrease of \$72,823. Average amount assessed per acre by the new assessment \$6.55 -- Manassas Gazette

Alexandria Gazette 01 Dec 1875

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF DESIRABLE LAND - By virtue of a deed of trust from Charles Campbell and P. B. Stilson, recorded in liber 26, page 727, of the land records of Prince William county, Va., I shall proceed to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at Manassas, on SATURDAY, the 11th day of December next, a DESIRABLE TRACT OF LAND, containing 412 acres, more or less.

This property lies adjacent to the thriving town of Manassas; the soil is good and is susceptible of the highest state of improvement, and it can be divided into four farms, with improvements on each.

Terms of Sale: \$2,119.75, with the accrued interest on the whole debt, cash on day of sale, together with the costs of sale; \$2,059.87 on December 22d, 1878, and \$2,059.87 on 27th February, 1880; the deferred payments to bear interest from day of sale, and to be secured by deed of trust on the land.

Robert C. Weir, Sub. Trustee, Prince William County, Nov. 11, 1875

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