

BUSHY PARK
5261 CATHARPIN

NAME: BUSHY PARK

DATE OR PERIOD: Mid to late 18th century

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

VICINITY: Catharpin

SOURCE: Prince William County Historical Commission – “A Past to Preserve”

The main part of this frame house dates to the eighteenth century and features a central winding enclosed stair. It has one-and-a-half stories and is gable-roofed with stone, exterior, end chimneys. The three-bay-long exterior of the main house has a plain box cornice, is covered with channeled siding, and rests on a high basement. Two Confederate soldiers were buried on the property. One Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Alexander Ledbetter of South Carolina, who was carried to Bushy Park after being mortally wounded near Sudley on August 29, 1862 in the second battle of Manassas. Almost twenty years later, Ledbetter's son somehow learned of a poem by W. A. Buckley entitled, "Two Men Wearing Gray," which described his father's death. The poem enabled Ledbetter's grave and a monument established by the family have since been moved to the cemetery at Sudley Church. The house remains intact with later additions.

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Deed Book 18, page24
Deed Book 66, page 329 & 388

3 July 1843

Wm. Archer Hooe to Alexander J. McMullin

Deed Book 18, page 24

This Indenture, made the 14th day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty, between William Archer Hooe of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky, of the one part, and Alexander J. McMullin of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, of the other part, witnesseth: that the said William Archer Hooe, for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to him in hand paid by said McMullin, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by said Hooe, hath granted bargained and sold by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto said Alexander J. McMullin his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract of land situate, lying and being in said County of Prince William near the town of Hay Market, known by the name of BUSHY PARK, which was devised by Susanna F. Graham deceased late of said County last mentioned to said Hooe by her last will and testament duly proven and recorded, the said tract containing from three hundred and seventy six to four hundred acres, more or less, and the same being bounded by the lands of Stuart G. Thornton, C. C. Marsteller, Albert and Edmund Newman and Sydney Rust &c. and described as set forth in the title papers and (-----ments) of record, with all and singular the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining and premises. To have and to hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances aforesaid and premises, unto the said Alexander J. McMullin, his heirs and assigns forever, to the only proper use and behoof of said McMullin, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said William Archer Hooe, for himself and his heirs, the aforesaid tract of land with its appurtenances aforesaid and premises, free from the claim or claims of said Hooe and his heirs, and of all other persons whomsoever, shall, will and does warrant and forever defend firmly by these presents. And the said Hooe for himself, his heirs &c. hereby covenants to and with said McMullin, his heirs and assigns, that he said Hooe his heirs will make such other

and further conveyances for the more effectual assuring the title to said land, if necessary, that the said McMullin, his heirs or assigns may require, at the expense and costs of said McMullin his heirs or assigns. In witness whereof the said William Archer Hooe hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, the day, month and year first above written. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

William Archer Hooe (seal)

Virginia, Prince William County to wit:

We Robert Williams and Allen Howison, justices of the peace in and for said County of Prince William, Virginia, do hereby certify that William Archer Hooe party to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of November 1840 and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the County Court of Prince William County aforesaid, in order that said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of November 1840.

Robt Williams J.P. (seal)

Allen Howison J.P. (seal)

At a Court held for Prince William County, July 3, 1843: This deed from Wm. Archer Hooe to Alexander J. McMullin, with certificate annexed, was presented to the court, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, J. Williams C.C.

4 September 1843

McMullin to Brawner - Deed

Deed Book 18, page 54

This Indenture made and entered into this 6th day of April in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Three between Alexander J. McMullin and Margaret B. McMullin his wife of the County of Prince William and State of Virginia of the one part, and Zepheniah Brawner of the county and state aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said McMullin and wife for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and eighty two dollars and 64 cents current money of the United States to them in hand paid by said Brawner at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they hereby acknowledge and thereof and every part and parcel thereof they forever warrant acquit, and discharge the said Zepheniah Brawner, his heirs, executors, and administrators, hath granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and hereby doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, enfeoff, and confirm to the said Zepheniah Brawner his heirs and assigns forever a part of the tract of land in the county of Prince William lying and situated about four miles from Hay Market, known by the name of Bushy Park and bounded as follows, Beginning at a white oak in (word illegible) branch and running North 2° East 72 poles to a stake on the West Side of the Hay Market Road, thence due East 193 poles to a stake in the line between the said McMullin and Edmond Newman, thence with said line S 2° W. 29 poles to a large White Oak on North Side of a road, thence S 77 1/2 W 199 poles to the beginning, containing Sixty Acres three roods and twenty one poles together with all and singularly, the rights, members, liberties, privileges, improvements and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion or reversions and remainder and remainders (word illegible) and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof, also all the rights, interest, use profits, possession property claim and demand Whatsoever of them the said McMullin and wife in law equity or otherwise howsoever into or out of all and singular the hereby granted premises and every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold all and singular the hereby granted ___ with the appert---- thereto belonging unto him the said Brawner his heirs and assigns forever and the said McMullin and wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Brawner his heirs and assigns that they the said McMullin and wife and their heirs the aforesaid bargained premises with the appurtenances unto him the said Brawner his heirs and

assigns against them the said McMullin and wife their heirs and against all persons or any person whatsoever claim from thorough or under them shall and will by them presents forever warrant and defend. In witness whereof they the said McMullin and wife have here unto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Alex J. McMullin (seal)
Margaret B. McMullin (seal)

Prince William County to wit:

We Albert Newman & James D. Tennill justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Alexander J. McMullin party to a certain deed bearing date the (blank) 1843, and hereunto annexed, personally appears before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desires us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the County Court of Prince William in order that the said deed May be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of April 1843

Albert Newman (seal)
Jas D. Tennille (seal)

Prince William County to wit:

We Albert Newman and James D. Tennille justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Margaret B. McMullin party to a certain deed bearing date 1843 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and wished not to retract it and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the county court of Prince William in order that said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of April 1843.

Albert Newman (seal)
James D. Tennille (seal)

At a Court held for Prince William County September 4, 1843. This deed from Alexander J. McMullin & wife to Zepheniah Brawner, with certificate annexed, was presented to the court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste - J. Williams C.C.