

Historic Name: Balch House

Date or Period: ca. 1780

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Nokesville

Source: Prince William County Historical Commission "A Past to Preserve"

This small, one-and-a-half-story, gable-roofed, heavy-timbered-constructed house is almost square with a double-pile plan and an enclosed staircase. It rests on a high stone foundation. Box cornices, gabled returns, double corner-boards, and a molded rake are other significant features. An open porch on the north end dates to the early 1900s, when the exterior end chimneys were torn down. Prince William County deed books connect this house with Reverend Thomas B. Balch, a long-time area preacher and writer. It is unclear whether he lived in this house or was an absentee landlord.