

Cherry Hill

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“At 16.7 miles (on route 234) is CLOVER HILL (L) In 1740 Patrick Hamrick patented 118 acres of land. In the grant the statement is made that Hamrick then owned the adjacent tract of 760 acres, which had been first granted to Roger Day and re-granted in 1725 to Henry McDonnac, who married Day’s widow. Another deed shows that land here was purchased in 1770 from “Patrick Hambrick, planter, by Rutt Johnson, farmer.” Rutt Johnson was among the band of immigrants from New Jersey who moved to Prince William. He seems to have been forester and orchardist as well as farmer, for he set aside one field in which he planted acorns and raised a “crop” of oak trees and another in which he set out apple trees. In the old burial ground, which the Johnsons found on the place, are many illegible stones. Two inscriptions can be read, however, one bearing initials and the other the legend, “In memory of Joseph Simms, D. in 1790 in the 49th year of his age.”