

Historic Name: Nelson House

Date or Period: 1880s to early 20th century

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Brentsville

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

A two- story, three-bay, side-passage, frame house on a high stone basement, this house was the residence of Edwin Nelson, clerk of the Prince William County court from 1887 to 1911. It is an unpretentious house with two additions but few alterations. Several distinctive architectural features of the house include its side-passage plan, which is seldom encountered in the Brentsville area; the paneled steep, enclosed, winding staircase; and the large, stone-and-brick, exterior chimney.