

Peach Orchard

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Beverly Hutchison (1806-1878), married Mary Purcell Hixson in 1832 and lived at Peach Orchard, now in Loudoun County. Of his ten children, six sons – all that were old enough – entered the Confederate army, and all survived the war. William Oscar became a colonel; Benjamin Hixson (1836-1914) a lieutenant; and Julian a courier for General Jackson. Ludwell, John, and Westwood were all in the Eighth Virginia. A younger son, Humphrey Gray Hutchison (1848-1917) a physician, moved to Atlanta. Westwood Hutchison (1846-1933) settled in Prince William after the war and farmed for several years. In 1885 he was elected magistrate but soon resigned to become a school trustee. He subsequently held various political positions and was the first cashier of the National Bank of Manassas.

In a log section of Peach Orchard, the Hutchison home just across the line, lived Thomas Neale; and there, on February 29, 1798, was born Julia Beckwith Neale, the mother of General T. J. (Stonewall) Jackson. In that same year Thomas Neale moved to Parkersburg, now in West Virginia.