

Historic Name: Mount Pleasant
Date or Period: Early to Mid 19th Century
Original Use: Residence
Vicinity: Catharpin

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

Mount Pleasant is a two-story, L-shaped, gable-roofed, frame, weatherboard-clad house with a one-story, gable-roofed, frame addition on the east end. Exterior architectural details include a box cornice with gabled returns, a plain frieze, cornerboards, and an open porch running partially across the house's front. While the interior has been renovated, the central hall plan still exists, with a concealed stair rising to the left of the hall. Tradition has it that the basement of this house was used as a post office and general store early in the 1880s, long before the existence of Catharpin Store and Post Office.

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PUBLIC SALE OF LAND IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY – By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced on the 15th of June 1853, in the case of Wheeler against Newman, the undersigned, one of the Commissioners named in said decree, and having authority to act singly will proceed on Thursday, the 22nd day of December, 1853, to make sale of a portion on the tract of land in the bill and proceedings in said cause mentioned.

The said parcel of Land comprises 150 acres of the southern portion of the tract of land aforesaid being in a compact form, bounded by four lines only, being a part of the tract called MOUNT PLEASANT, on which the defendant Edmund J. Newman, now resides. The soil is naturally very fine, and about one half is covered with timber of original growth, a considerable portion very heavy. It is about 5 miles from Gainesville, a depot on the Manassas Gap Railroad, 6 miles from Haymarket, and 3 miles from Sudley, and will probably be very near the extension of the said Railroad by its independent line. The neighborhood is a good one and churches, school houses, and mills, are convenient.

TERMS OF SALE – A deposit of ten per centum to be paid in hand on the day of sale. For the residue of the purchase money, bonds with security to be approved by said commissioner, to be given by the purchaser, payable in equal installments in six, twelve, and eighteen months, from the day of sale, respectively, the title to be withheld until all the purchase money is paid; and upon a failure of the purchaser to comply with the terms of sale, the deposit to be forfeited and the land re-sold at his risk.

Eppa Hunton, Commissioner
Prince William County