

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

Historic Name: Burnside

Date or Period: Late 18th to Early 19th Century

Original Use: Residence

Vicinity: Woolsey

"Burnside was restored in the 1950s by Washington D.C. architect R. J. Wadsworth. Both the interior and exterior of this two-story frame home on a stone foundation with a metal-covered gabled roof were extensively altered during the restoration. Burnside is said to have received its name during the Civil War when it was newly built and owned by the Hamilton family. According to a Hamilton descendant, Union General Ambrose Burnside sent a warning to evacuate the house before fighting in the area began, thereby saving both the house and its residents from harm. In gratitude, the owners named their home Burnside. The property is now used as a horse-breeding farm.