

HISTORY OF "RED HILL PLANTATION"

- April 25, 1741 Original Land Grant recorded in Prince William County from "Thomas Lord Fairfax to the Rev. Doctor Charles Green. He built his manor house, called "Peggy's Green" around 1745.
- 1761 Doctor Green sold the property (Mt. Middleton?) to William Ellzey.
- 1759 William Allen of Amwell, NJ and a Joseph Allen contracted to buy 1150 acres in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties.
- 1762 William Allen purchased 900 acres from Rev. Charles Green (part of a 1739 grant from Lord Fairfax to Catesby Cocke. (See Loudoun Co. deeds, G:584,592) According to descendants, Allen's plantation was called "Red Hill" and was located a few miles from the present town of Arcola, then called Gum Springs. William and his last two wives are said to be buried in the churchyard (which is now paved over).
- 1799 William Allen dies. Left mansion and 100 acres to Joseph, son of William and Jane. The balance went to James, son of Sarah and William.
- 1827 School premises are deeded (30196).
- 1845 James died.
- 1849 Children of James and Elizabeth sold "Red Hill Plantation" to John F. Allen son of James and Martha.
- 1884 John F. Allen died. He wills the property to John Allen Gulick.
- 1909 John Allen Gulick sells property to James and Mary E. Cockerilles.
- April 7, 1910 S. H. and Joseph Edson buy the property from the Cockerilles, H. B. Hutchison, and Charles A. Hutchison for \$9,681.00.
- Aug. 23, 1926 The property sold at public auction to B.W. Smith.
- Dec. 14, 1926 The property is sold to William Roller.
- Aug. 22, 1927 William Roller sold the property to the Loudoun Bank for \$12, 00.00.
- Jan. 1937 The Bank sold the farm (640 acres) to Chester A. Gwinn for \$6,000.00.
- 1960 Lillie A. Gwinn (widow) willed the farm to her daughter, Helen Gwinn Wallace wife of John A. Wallace.
- 1960-1980 Additional land was purchased to the north and west totaling 1166 acres.
- 1969 1,066 acres were sold to Investor's Funding. The deed to the "mansion house" and 12 acres went to Linda Wallace Bailey. The remaining property of 263 acres including the school property is now a residence.
- Abt. 1997 The property was sold to Randolph D. Rouse.