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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Moor Green

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1.3 miles N of Brentsville; .3 mile W. of State Route 692; 1.3 miles NNW of intersection of State Routes 692 and 649.

CITY, TOWN

Brentsville

X VICINITY OF

Eighth (Herbert E. Harris, II)

STATE

Virginia

CODE 51

Prince William

CODE 153

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: None

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Century 21 - Capital Realty

STREET & NUMBER 8803 Sudley Road - Suite 101

CITY, TOWN

Manassas

VICINITY OF

STATE Virginia 22110

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince William County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Manassas

STATE Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1959

X FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE D. C.

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1969, 1978 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

7. DESCRIPTION

The property bounds have been drawn to include the land upon which the no-longer-extant original domestic and farm outbuildings stood. The property is being developed and will soon be closely hemmed in with new dwellings.

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Set on a small hill amidst overgrown farmland, Moor Green is a two-story, five-bay house erected in the early 19th century. Built of brick, the facade is laid in Flemish bond while the ends, rear, and original ell are laid in three-course American bond with all glazed headers, giving a banded effect sometimes found in the Middle Atlantic States. In each gable is a round window outlined with glazed headers. Molded brick cornices embellish the eaves of the main gable roof and the shed-roofed ell, and both sections are crowned with interior end chimneys.

The plan of Moor Green consists of a single-pile, central-passage main block with a one-room ell. An open-well stair serves the front portion, while an enclosed stair in the ell leads to a second-floor ell chamber which has no communication with the other second-floor rooms.

Most of the decorative detail in Moor Green is confined to the mantels, which is normal for houses of its size and date. The most elaborate mantel is that in the parlor (northwest) room. A molded shelf is supported by reeded pilasters and a central tablet. The entablature blocks and the tablet have unusual reeded diamond-shaped lozenges. The whole is subordinated to the handsomely executed frieze with its undulating linenfold-derived molding. A pedestal-type chair rail is used here and in the other first-and second-floor rooms.

The main stair, in the passage, is of the open-string variety, with a molded, ramped-and-eased banister, a slender colonnette-type newel, two rectangular balusters to a tread, and a recessed-panel spandrel.

In the southwest room, a diagonally reeded architrave surrounds the fireplace, which is surmounted by an unsupported shelf with a vertically reeded base molding. To the left of the chimney breast is a 20th-century closet, and to the right is an exterior doorway which, like the other entrances in the main block, has a six-panel, flush-beaded-panel door.

The ell room mantel is very plain and consists of an architrave surround and unsupported shelf. A similar mantel is used in the room above it, which has original flanking closets with early gray paint on the trim. The doors, however, have modern red paint.

The parlor chamber mantel consists of recessed-panel pilasters and tablet supporting a molded shelf. Modern flanking closets are used here as well. In the southwest chamber, an unsupported shelf and architrave similar to that in the room below are again employed, but the frieze is pulvinated and its surface is embellished with full length horizontal reeding.

One early outbuilding survives at Moor Green--a smokehouse located just off the north corner of the main block. It is a pyramidal-roofed framed structure with fragments of beaded weatherboarding remaining on one wall.

At the rear of the ell is a flimsily constructed early 20th-century frame lean-to. Three nine-light sash, original to the main block, were installed here. They are the only surviving original sash.

Across the drive are an early 20th-century frame barn and an equipment shed of the same date.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Moor Green, an early 19th-century brick house erected in rural Prince William County by the Hooe family, is an outstanding country Federal residence. Its fine brick work, handsome interior woodwork, and spacious rooms are representative of the best rural work of early Republican Virginia. However, its shed-roofed ell, its plan, and its "striped" three-course American bond brickwork are rare in Virginia and connect the house architecturally with dwellings of similar date in southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware.

Originally part of a grant to the Chevalle family, the property on which Moor Green stands, "being part of a larger tract of land granted to Clement Chevalle and Lewis Reno... in 1711." was sold by Mary Ann Bronaugh and William Bronaugh to Howson Hooe in 1793. In 1817 the Prince William land books reported that Hooe was living "on the premises." The first separate valuation of buildings, in 1820, charged him with buildings worth \$4000 standing on the 482-acre parcel that he had obtained from the Bronaugh's. This valuation remained unchanged until Hooe's death, in 1833. This suggests that the house, which Hooe called Moor Green in his will and which he bequeathed to his son James, was standing before 1820, although architectural evidence suggests that it was not built much before 1810. The valuation of the buildings on the property remained at \$4000 until 1841, when it was reduced to \$1000, implying that other buildings were then removed from the tract. At James Hooe's death in 1838, the property passed to his sister, Jane Hooe Reid Foster, who held it until her death in 1891.

The Moor Green tract has recently been purchased by Capital Realty of Manassas, which plans to develop it while retaining and renovating the house for residential use.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harrison, Fairfax. Landmarks of Old Prince William. Berryville, Va., 1964.
Prince William County Land Tax Books 1817-1861.
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Will Books O, U.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Moor Green
Prince William Co.

42'30"
4287
4286
4284
4283
40'

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(NOKESVILLE) BRISTOW 3.2 MI.

