

Fairfield (Carters Creek House)
Near White Marsh
Gloucester County
Virginia

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Date of Erection: c. 1692

Destroyed: c. 1900

Description:

L-shaped; main section two stories; gable roof; end and center chimneys with double-shafted stacks; front four bays, three closely spaced at left, one widely spaced at right. Wing story and a half; roof hipped at east end; triple-shafted inside end chimney. All walls brick, largely laid in Flemish bond. Plan said originally to have been H-shaped. Interior had some elaborate finish, including marble mantel, of which fragments remain at Shelley and Timber Neck Hall.

Reference: Waterman and Barrows, Domestic and Colonial Architecture of Tidewater Virginia

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Additional Data:

Description of the ballroom at Fairfield, Carter's Creek, by Mrs. Sally Nelson Robins, published in the Richmond Times Dispatch, November 12, 1911.

"In the impressionable days of childhood I lived near Carter's Creek, at Berkeley. It was my privilege to walk cross fields and a busy brook to the old mansion--to stand in the huge ballroom and gaze at the marble mantelpiece, most magnificent in design and carving, to wonder at the reredos of the fireplace, which was of wood wonderfully carved. Especially beautiful was a female head carved at the intersection of wooden curtains, which were drawn back with exquisite grace. All of the panelling was gone but this, and this went too long before the house was burned. . . . the great windowseats."