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ELSING GREEN (RESIDENCE)
King William County, Lester Manor Vicinity, Virginia.

Owner: Beverly Causey

Date of Erection: Dated "1757 C.B." but owner claims the brick walls date c.1720. Of the two flanking dependencies only the east one dates from the 18th century.

Architect:

Builder: Initials attached to date are those of Carter Braxton.

Present Condition: Structurally good. According to owner, interior dating back to about 1720 was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1757. All early trim was destroyed in a fire about 1820. Present woodwork new. House being restored by the owner.

Number of Stories: Main central house, two stories over basement. Flanking dependencies, one and one-half stories over basement, each.

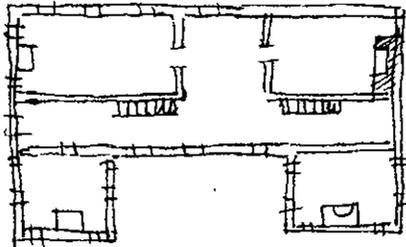
Materials of Construction: Brick, flemish bond. Slate roof, main house. Stone steps.

Other Existing Records: Photos, Virginia State Conservation Commission.

Additional Data: This is an excellent example of the Virginia country mansion of the formal mode. The large main house is U-shaped in plan, the narrow enclosed court being on the land side (Rear). There is a central hall and a cross hall with stairs at either side of the crossing. (see sketch). The front facade has a central door flanked by three windows on either side. The side elevations are similar: a central door between two pairs of windows. There are two windows in the end of each rear projecting wing, two lights wide, and two three-light-wide windows flanking the central rear door. This door has fine scrolled stone steps, with mortises for a wrought iron balustrade. The windows are notable for their very deep flat brick arches. The roof is hipped with a low pitch.

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The 18th century dependency is five bays long, one and one-half stories high, and has a simple pitched roof with dormers. The other dependency is similar.



SKETCH OF PLAN BY TTW.

From notes by Thomas T. Waterman and
Eugene Bradbury, 1936 and 1938.

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