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METZER HOUSE, COLCHESTER

Present Owner: Elmer Metzer

Present Occupant and Use: Residence of Owner

Description: Framed house, one-and-a-half stories above basement. Fieldstone foundation, built against hillside. This dwelling has been considerably altered, but a few wide and beaded ship-lap boards remain to indicate the original treatment. Wide dormers replace original peaked ones. The end brick chimney is well preserved. A small section of wainscot at chair height, appears in a downstairs closet.

History: This small house together with the Tavern nearby (VA-413), both dating about last half of the 18th century, constitute the sole remnants of a once flourishing community. Colchester was a tobacco port of importance, approximately midway between Alexandria and Dumfries. A plat of the town is reported to be preserved at Fairfax Court House.

References: Conversation with Mr. Elmer Metzer, March 3, 1958.
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