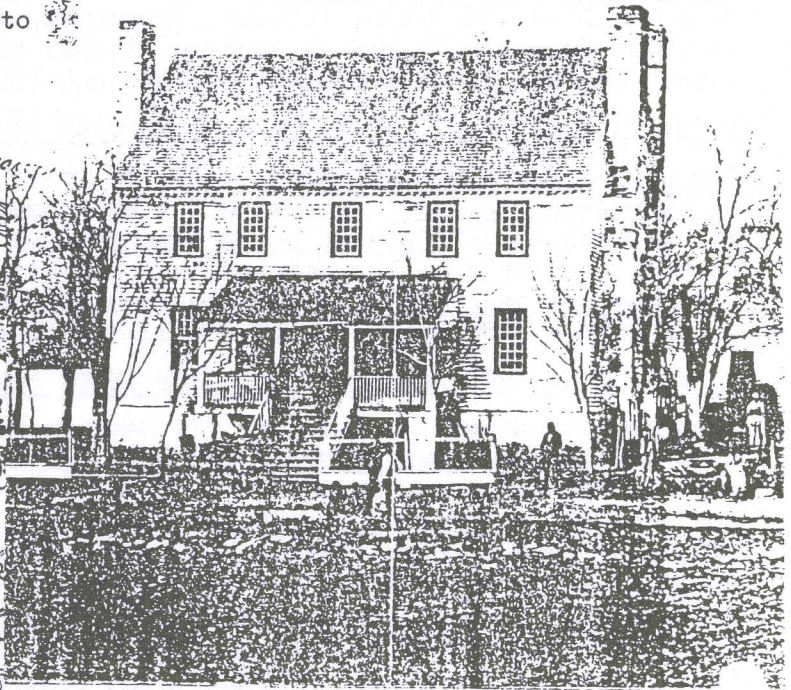
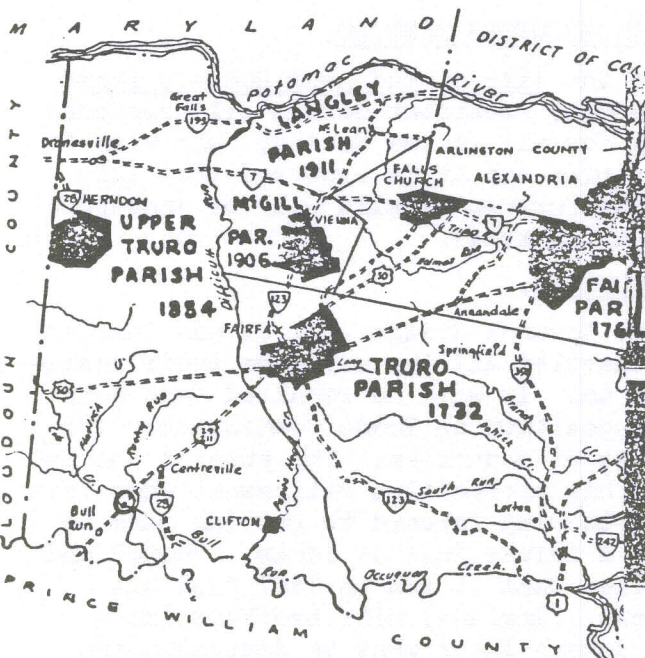
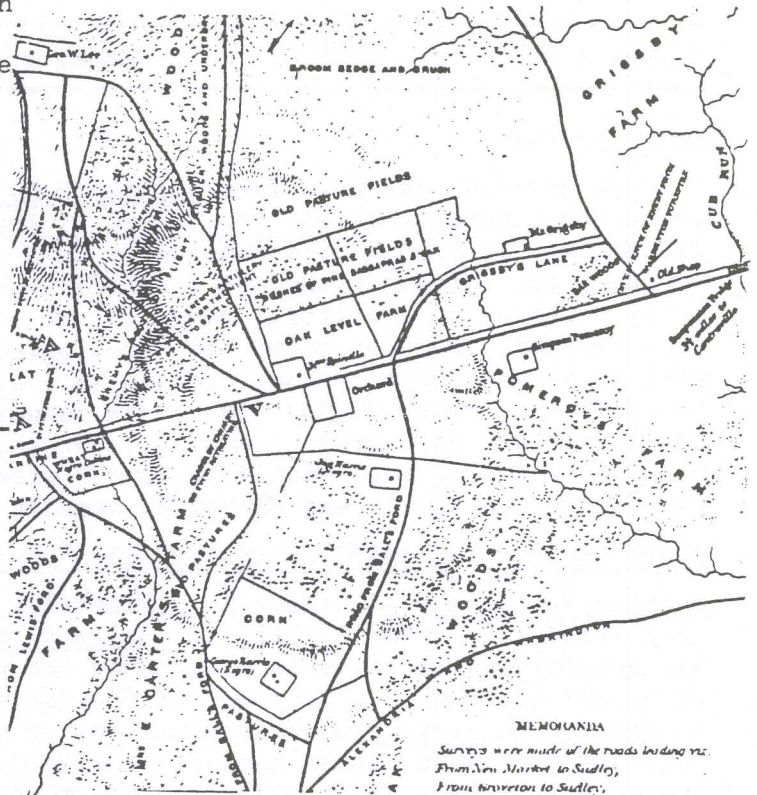


THE FARM AND HOUSE OF ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD GRIGSBY

From Richard G Grigsby and several cousins have come references to an early Virginia Grigsby house once known as the "Four Chimney House". When completely documented it could make a valuable addition to our knowledge of the migrations made by early colonial families. Consider the following (seemingly) related items:

- (1) An 1861 map of the Virginia battlefields of Manassas showing location of Grigsby's Farm along Cub Run and the location of Mr Grigsby's house on Grigsby Lane just off the Warrenton Turnpike.
- (2) A map of Fairfax County showing Bull Run as the county line between Fairfax and Prince William and Cub Run crossing Rt. 29 (Old Warrenton turnpike), both being just west of Centerville, Va.
- (3) An early 1862 photograph of the Grigsby Four Chimney House.
- (4) Various notes state that the "house was the largest in Centerville in early days. Residents of the time recall many parties held in the big ballroom during the holiday seasons. Mrs. Grigsby was known as 'friend of southern soldiers' - having nursed so many of them. House was burned during Civil War - only the 4 chimneys remained standing. House was built by "Spot" Grigsby in 1775."
- (5) Camellia Denys adds the following: "Spot" Grigsby was Alexander Spotswood Grigsby, son of Aaron Grigsby, son of Samuel Grigsby, son of James Grigsby who was the son of the colonial immigrant to Virginia, John Grigsby (1623-1730).



THE GRIGSBY HOUSE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FOUR CHIMNEY HOUSE, IN 1862.

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