Brent Cemetery
My Birthplace
My parents’ Stafford home
Stafford County Clerk of Court Office
The crucifix by sculptor Georg J. Lober, erected in 1930, commemorates the first English Roman Catholic settlement in Virginia. Fleeing political and religious turmoil in Maryland, Giles Brent and his sisters Margaret and Mary established two plantations called Peace and Retirement on the north side of Aquia Creek between 1647 and 1650. Later, they jointly acquired 15,000 acres in Northern Virginia, including the site of present-day Alexandria. Their nephew George Brent, whose plantation Woodstock and family cemetery were located nearby, represented Stafford County in the House of Burgesses in 1688, the only Roman Catholic delegate in the colonial period.
St. Mary’s City Maryland
Margaret Brent, first woman in Colonial America to appear before a court of the Common Law.
Brent’s Point
Concord established by Wallers in 1650
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BRENT TOWN

In 1687, King James II granted 30,000 acres of land here as a sanctuary for Roman Catholics to George Brent, of Stafford County, and London residents Robert Bristow, Richard Poote, and Nicholas Hayward. Brent established a fortified outpost the next year that overlooked an Indian path later called the Carolina Road; the Indians cut a new path farther west. In 1742, when the Prince William County seat was moved from Woodbridge, Brent Town, as the settlement on the Brent tract was known, was called but rejected as the new site. The exact location of Brent Town is unknown.
King James II
Religious Freedom
Wall and Altar
April 7, 1937

WPA worker
Julia Marie Heflin
documents grave markers
Assorted Markers
In memory of Katharine Doyle, wife of Dennis Doyle, who departed this life the 25th of Oct., 1792, in the 62nd year of her age. Also to the Memory of Dennis Doyle, husband to the above said Katharine Doyle, who departed this life January 1793.
No Spanish Jesuits in 1570
1970 Security Fence Installed
1971 “Catholic Chapel” marker
Rochambeau Map
Woodstock Artifacts

King James II
Tuppence - 1687
Woodstock hearth and chimney
October Field Mass