

VIEWMONT · FRY HOUSE  
ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
NEAR CHARLOTTESVILLE

HABS NO. 11-12

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*Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings*

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

DISTRICT NO. 11

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
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VIEWMONT  
Near Charlottesville  
Albemarle County, Virginia

Owner: Mrs. Cole.

Date of Erection: Probably the first half of the eighteenth century.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Parts, like Dining Room, in bad condition.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Wood; brick and stone chimneys.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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HISTORICAL DATA

This house is supposed to be the oldest residence in Albemarle County.

Was built by Joshua Fry, who was born in England in 1698. He was educated at Oxford and obtained a royal grant of fourteen thousand acres, including the land on which the subject of this survey is located. It is stated that this property has remained in the hands of the original owner's descendants until same was sold by them to the present owner.

Joshua Fry was commissioned Colonel in 1754, and made Commander in Chief of Virginia Forces in the French and Indian War. He died May 21, 1754 at Willis Creek, Maryland, where he was buried. Over his grave George Washington inscribed the following, "Here lies the good, the noble Fry".

Tradition ascribes the height of main floor window sills from ground as a protection against Indian attack by arrows.

The present owner of this property is Mrs. Cole: the occupant J. N. Swain.

Data secured from Historical Marker and present occupants of building.

Reference: Walter R. Crowe.  
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