

Exp^t. from Mem^{da} 1833.

Fredericksburg. No: 11.

The Old Residence of the Wash^t. family near Fredericksburg is now
to the ground - a few scattered fragments of broken
sandstone and mutilated bricks and particles of
earthen ware & china, and the recollection of some
of the oldest inhabitants of Fred^t. with whom I
have conversed are the only means of fixing its
location, which, however, is identified beyond ques-
tion - Whether the family remained from Westmore-
land after the house in which Gen Wash^t. was
born was built - The father of Gen W^t. seems
according to McCurtis' information to me, to have
remained to this place for the purpose of prosecu-
ting a scheme in which, he was an active agent,
for a Mining Company known as the "Bristol
Company" - On this point Judge Lomax
informs me that there is great probability
of such being the fact as he recollects to
have met with a document in the Clerk's
office here relative to it - McCurtis makes him
the actual ag^t of the Company - Judge Lo-
max thinks it probable tho' not to his
knowledge certain - If essential the
fact can be ascertained by examination into

the records of the court here -

I have just returned from a visit to the spot. & from thence to see Mr Hugh Mercer (son of Genl Mercer who was killed at Princeton) who now holds the property, purchased by his father from the Washington family. - I am, at least, left under that impression from his conversation -

- It was a small house of humble appearance situated on an abrupt elevation from a flat meadow - (This meadow was the scene of Washington's exploit when a boy with the unbroken horse (or mare I believe) that resulted in the death of the animal)

- The distance from the river is about * yards and about the same from the road leading to the lower ferry - I am particular in naming the distance from the house to the river from a story current here that when a youth Geo Washington was the only boy in the county that could throw a stone from his mother's door across the river.

- A number of Peach trees grew about it. & the stump of a large pear tree is still there - About fifty yards from the house is an old tombstone -

Here lies the body
of William Strother
Gentleman, who
departed this life
November the twenty

fifth 1732, in the
thirty eighth year of
his Age.

* I intended to have
measured the dis-
tance but was
prevented next
day by rain &
neglected to do so
before I left.

Washington mem^o.