

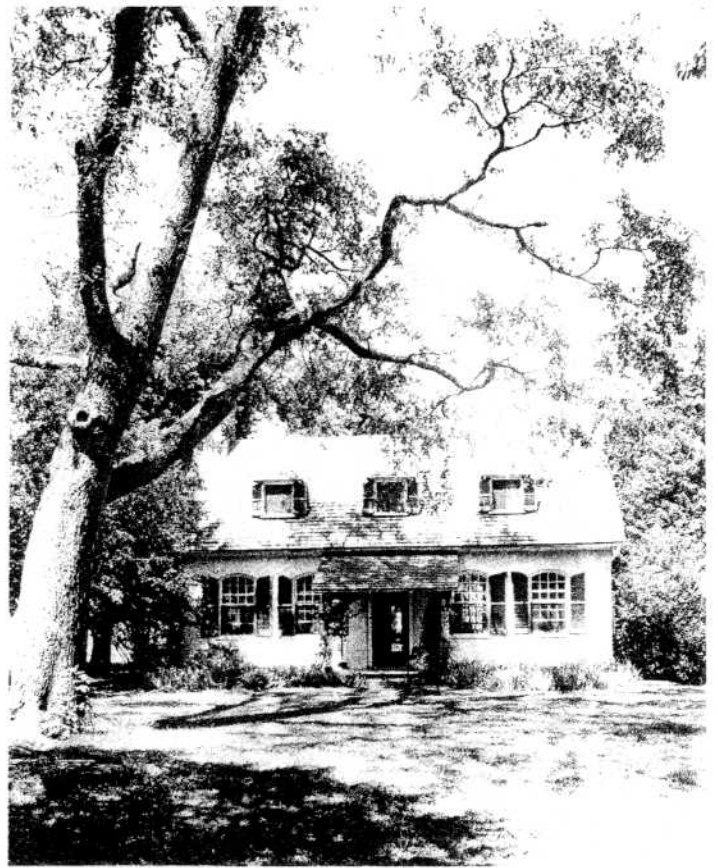
Rosegill

Urbanna, Virginia

ROSEGILL

A lovely Colonial Farm-Estate, situated on the southwesterly bank of the Rappahannock River, about fifty-five miles from Richmond, Virginia, and only fifteen miles from Chesapeake Bay. There are, in all, about seven hundred and fifteen acres. Immediately surrounding the old Manor House are the "Home grounds" with their semi-formal planting of Mulberry, Oak, Elm and magnificent Boxwood over two hundred years old. About two hundred and seventy-five acres are in level fields; a lake, created to furnish power for the mill of Colonial days, covers forty-two acres; the balance of the acreage is in fine timber,—both pine and mixed hardwood.

The Manor House stands at an elevation of thirty-five feet overlooking the broad reaches of the River about a thousand feet away. Built about 1650, the house, with its foundation and first floor of brick, its upper floors of frame, is an admirable example of the simplicity and strength of early Colonial design. A few years ago it was completely restored and modernized. An authentic Adam mantle in the living room is one of the few in this country preserved in its original state.



The floor plans on the back cover will serve in lieu of a description of the first and second floors. The third floor consists of a large finished attic dormitory for fifteen and a bath. In addition to the eight fireplaces, there is a hot water central heating system. Flanking the main house are a guest house of four rooms and bath, and an overseer's cottage of five rooms and bath, both with independent heating systems.

The estate is a paradise for the sportsman. Rosegill Lake, forty-two acres of fresh water entirely on the property, affords excellent fishing, principally for largemouth bass. There is also fine salt water fishing in the River and in nearby Chesapeake Bay. Many varieties of duck abound in the lake and marshes. In the woodlands quail are plentiful, and wild turkey, rabbit, possum and an occasional deer are to be found. Wild dove are abundant.



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HISTORY OF ROSEGILL

In the third decade of the 17th Century Christopher and Ralph Wormeley, scions of the ancient Yorkshire house of Hatfield, came out to Virginia and founded their first home in York County. Both brothers became members of "That Virginia House of Lords," the governor's Council of State. In 1649 Ralph Wormeley patented a tract of land "Wonderfully situated on the Rappahannock River," where he established Rosegill.

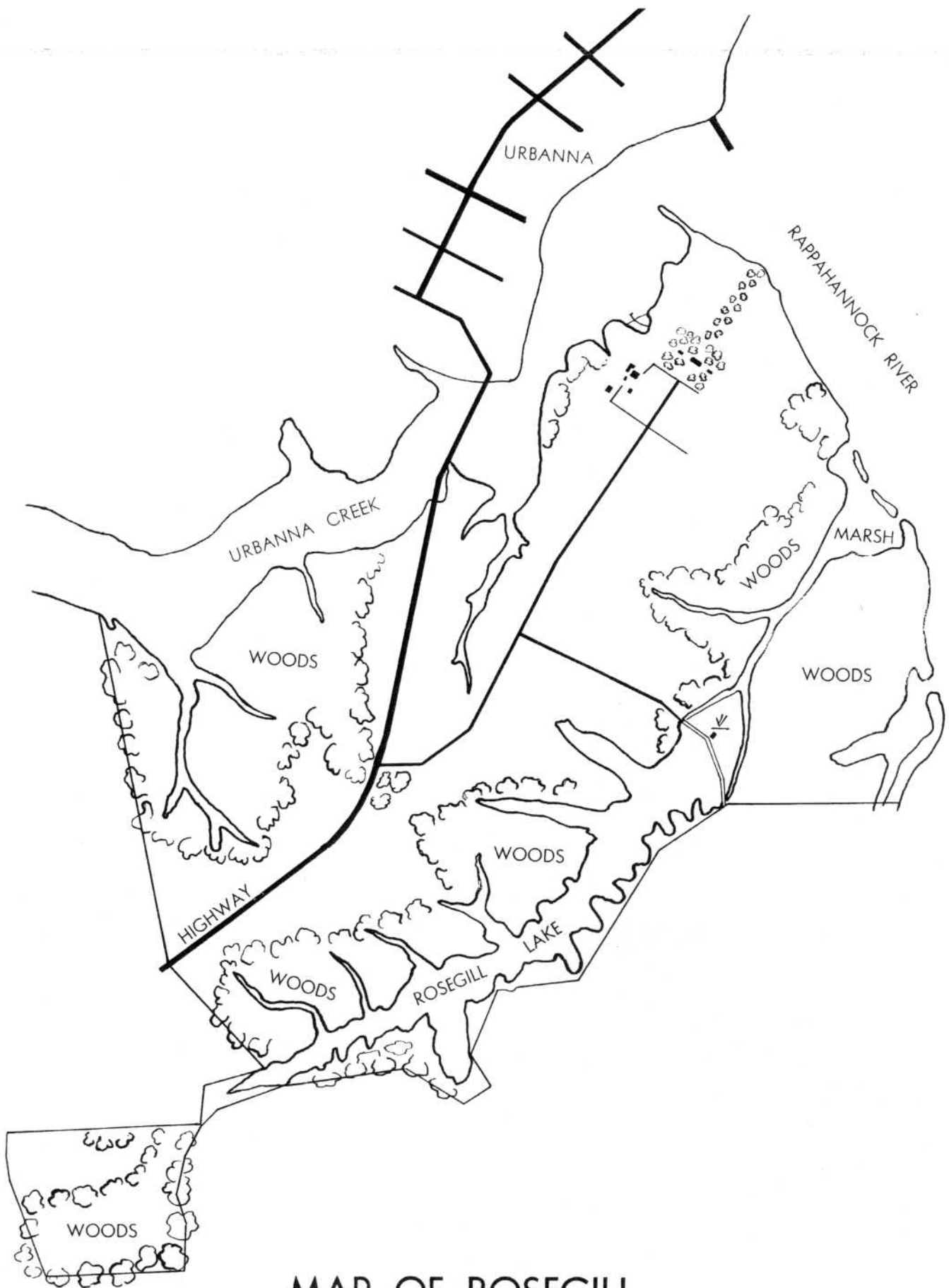
His son, the second Ralph Wormeley, matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford in 1665 and, after completing his education, returned to Virginia to rise to great dignity and honor in the Colony. From him descended the Wormeley line, among the foremost men in Virginia, all Ralphs with one exception,—and all masters of Rosegill.

The beginning of the Revolutionary War found two of the family resident at Rosegill, Ralph Wormeley, the fourth of the name, Member of the House of Burgesses, and his son, Ralph the fifth, one of the last appointees to the Council under the Royal Government. Although Loyalist sympathizers, the two Wormeleys did not offer active opposition to the new order, but their passive attitude did not save them from great annoyance during the War. Indeed, Ralph, the younger, was arrested and ordered confined to the County of Berkley and that part of his father's estate located in the County of Frederick and was forced to give bond of £20,000. The family did not escape the common fate of the "passive resister," for they received unfriendly attentions from both sides. In 1781 Rosegill was pillaged by the crew of a Tory Privateer.

The two Wormeleys, however, survived the war and lived to enjoy the friendship of the citizens of the new State. The younger Ralph served several times as member of the House of Delegates, and in the Virginia Convention of 1788.

Not long after his death in 1806, Rosegill was sold, in the course of years passing through various ownerships. Some time since, the estate was purchased by the late Senator Cochran of Pennsylvania, who restored the old mansion with the uttermost care and good taste.

Picturesque in the extreme, Rosegill is one of the finest, though one of the less known, of Virginia's great Colonial Estates.



MAP OF ROSEGILL

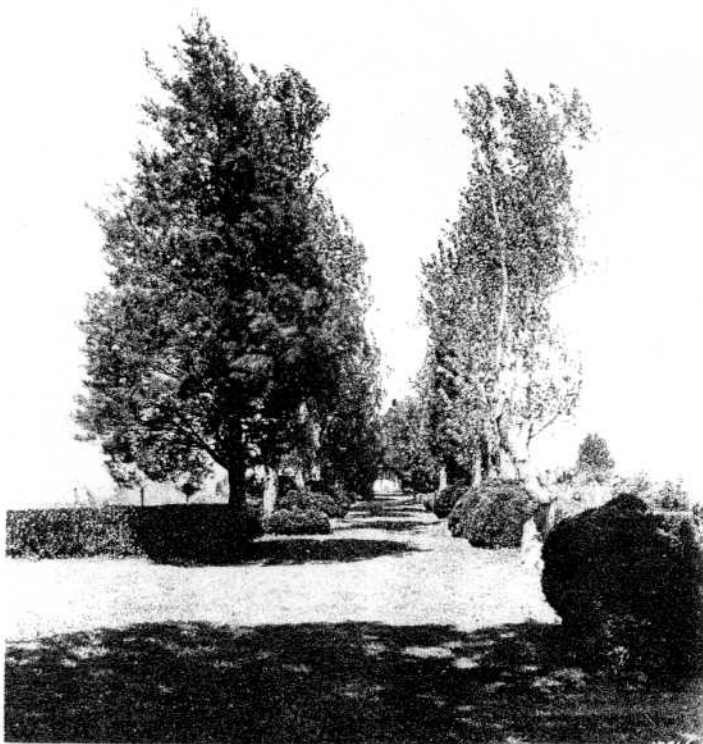
THE FARM

Although at present operated principally as a dairy farm, boasting one of the finest herds in Virginia, the fine sandy loam of the wide stretches of cleared land is suitable for almost any crop. The stock consists of fifty head of Guernsey cattle,—all but ten cows being pure bred, — three pure bred Guernsey bulls, four mules, three saddle horses, a pony, a herd of over twenty pure bred Hampshire hogs and over three hundred Rhode Island red chickens.



The main barn has stalls for twelve horses or mules and storage space for over sixty tons of hay. The cow barn contains thirty-four stalls as well as calf pens, feed bins, etc. There are separate bull pens and a fine new silo. The dairy is completely equipped and modern in every respect. A new pump house contains two three-thousand gallon pressure tanks.

There is a complete set of farm machinery, none of which is over four years old, as well as a truck, station wagon and tractor. The overseer's cottage, near the big house, contains five rooms and bath. There is also a tenant house of five rooms. Rosegill landing on Urbanna Creek can accommodate a boat of five foot draft at the dock.





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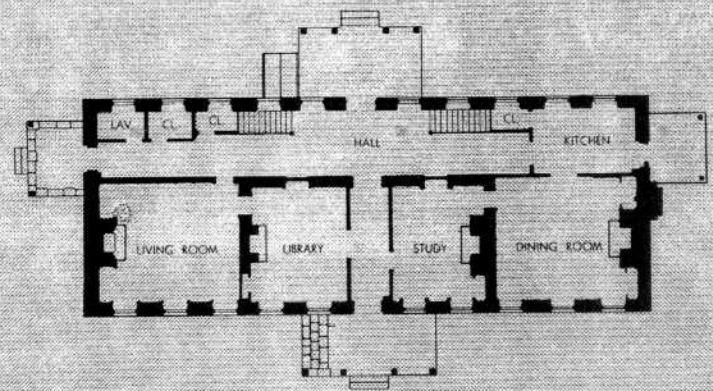
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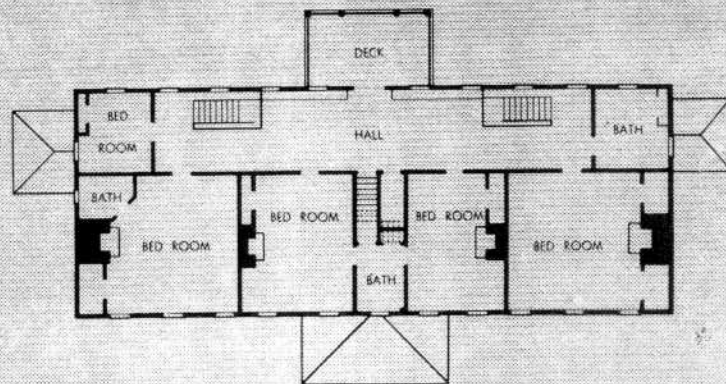
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