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HISTORICAL INVENTORY

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COUNTY: Elizabeth City

CLASS: Home (Site)

--- "WYTHE WALLS" (CHESTERFIELD) ---

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## 1. SUBJECT:

"Wythe Walls" (Chesterville)

## 2. LOCATION:

10 miles from Hampton, Virginia, 1/2 mile from the intersection of the George Washington Memorial Highway and Poquoson Road, on the Poquoson Road.

## 3. DATE:

Unknown.

## 4. OWNERS:

Thomas Wythe -----

## 5. DESCRIPTION:

The only remnant left of this outstanding old mansion is brick and mortar which is rapidly being covered with vines.

## 6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

"Wythe Walls", the ruins of "Chesterville" mark the site of the home of George Wythe. His father, Thomas Wythe, was very wealthy. After he inherited a vast amount of wealth, and while representing his county in the House of Burgesses he made this his home. For years "Chesterville" was a well nigh forgotten landmark, a neglected but magnificent brick ruin festooned with growing vines, and aptly called "Wythe Walls". But about the year 1926, the grand old ruins were dynamited as being dangerous, and at present all that is left of the second home of one of Virginia's four great Georges is a heap of tumbled brick and mortar. George Wythe School, in Elizabeth City County, is a fitting memorial to his name.

## 7. ART:

## 8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

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