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A ROMANCE OF FACTS WOVEN THROUGH HISTORY

A Review of Centreville's Formation, Early History, Progress and Growth-I he Position it has Occupied of posts at each corner and a plat, of lots may be erected into a town. In sale, the as County-seat of one of the Oldest Sections of the Nation-Its Men and Women of Early Days. A Complete Resume of the Stirring Scenes of War Times and Political Disruptions. Was Chosen as County's Capital. Every Phase of Its History Through 200 Long. Busy Years.

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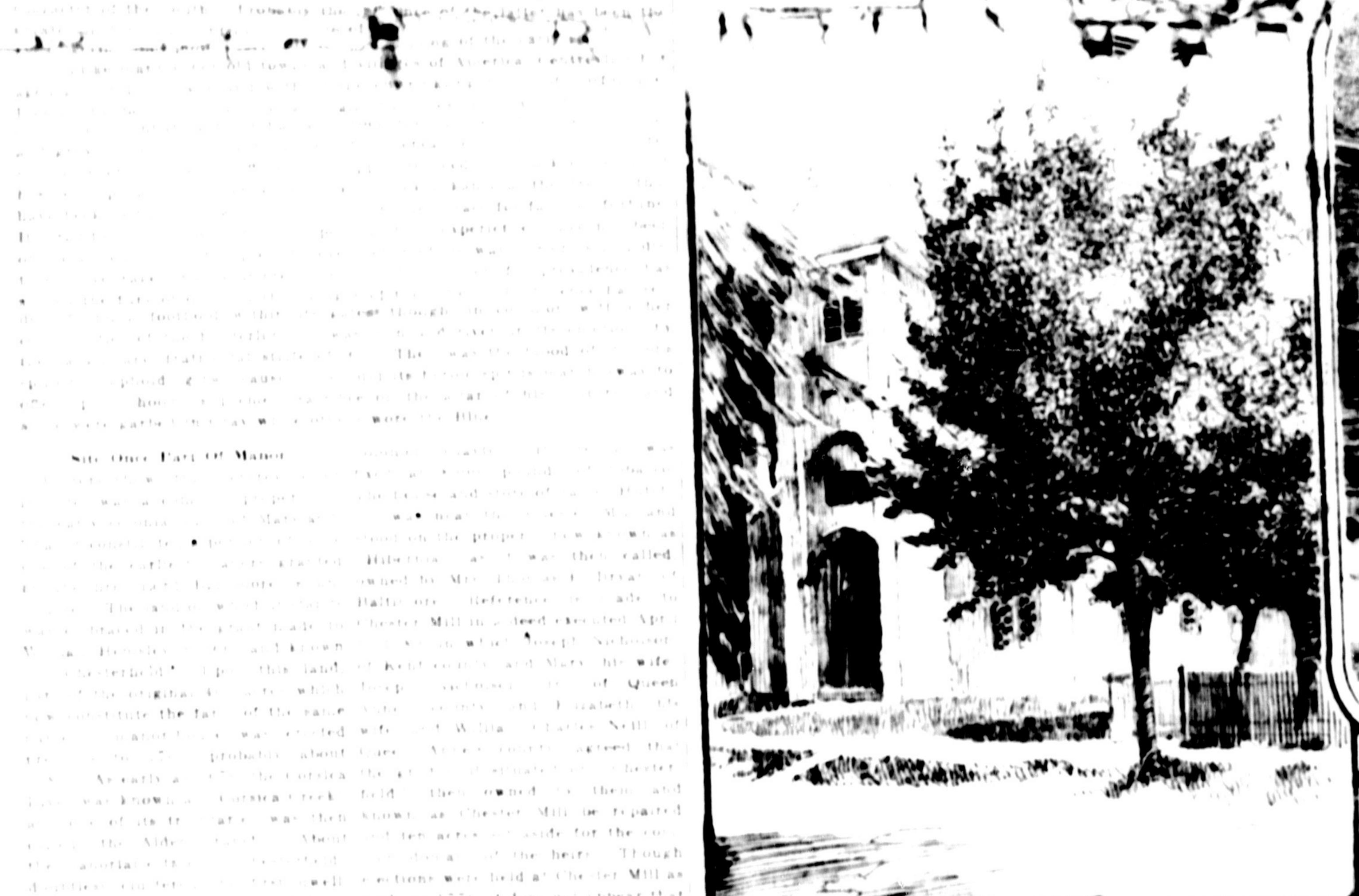
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