



Bloomfield is one of the last remaining late-period antebellum brick farmhouses in northwestern Fairfax County. The house was constructed in ca. 1858 for Martha Mead Carper, the widow to Frederick Carper, after their original house was destroyed by fire. Martha joined the ranks of women who operated farms left behind by deceased husbands, which was not uncommon in mid-19th century Fairfax County. Built as an I-house, its brick construction and Federal/Greek Revival-style detailing was more elaborate than other houses being built in the area at the time. In 1968, the widening of Leesburg Pike destroyed many of the older residences along the heavily traveled road. Bloomfield (Holly Knoll), which sits far back from the road and right-of-way, was spared.



Bloomfield (Holly Knoll)

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