



### **Fairfield, Carter's Creek Plantation**

Two miles west lie the ruins of Fairfield, a Virginia Historic Landmark and one of its earliest and most distinguished brick homes. Built around 1694 for Lewis Burwell II, Fairfield represented a unique transition between late medieval and Georgian architectural traditions. One of Virginia's largest 17th-century brick homes, Fairfield also contained a large formal garden, slave quarters, and other buildings necessary to run one of Gloucester County's largest plantations. Fairfield was home to the Burwell family until 1787, during which time they rose to the pinnacle of Virginia society and government. Fairfield played host to many of Virginia's most prominent citizens including Thomas Nelson, Robert "King" Carter, and William Byrd. This grand brick T-shaped structure, with distinctive double and triple diamond stack chimneys, two separate vaulted cellars, and a noted ballroom, burned in 1897.

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