

**Meadow Farm**

Intersection of Mountain and Courtney roads

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Meadow Farm was built in the late 18th century and was the home of the Sheppard family throughout the 19th century. On August 30, 1800, the owner of the property, Mosby Sheppard, was warned by two of his slaves that the slaves on the neighboring farm of Thomas Prosser were planning an insurrection. The plot was devised by a slave named Gabriel, and its ultimate goal was the capture of Richmond. Upon learning of the plan, Sheppard informed Governor James Monroe, who thwarted the rebellion before it could begin. News of the planned insurrection resulted in widespread hysteria among slaveholders in Virginia and across the South and led to the execution of 41 slaves. The two slaves who reported the plot to Sheppard, Pharaoh and Tom, were purchased by the commonwealth of Virginia and granted their freedom. [CA 8/13/74, 74002125]