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Dr. John McCormick, a graduate of the University of Medicine in Dublin and Irish emigrant to Virginia, resided in Orange County during 1740 as substantiated by a deed from Just Hite for 395 acres.

Jost Hite was a German land developed who had acquired 30,000 acres from John and Isaac Van Metre. Dr. McCormick built a three-story stone farmhouse upon the site in 1742.

Later, he took up other land grants adjoining this property.

In 1752 the young George Washington completed a survey of his land. That part of Orange County later became Jefferson County, West Virginia. Upon his death in 1768, he owned a large and valuable medical library which was sold to Dr. Cramer. His estate also consisted of horses and other valuable items.

The farm was bequeathed to his youngest son, Andrew McCormick.

During the Revolutionary War, Andrew and his wife Nancy provided food, lodging, and horses to the troops serving General George Washington.