



69-024-13 The Magruder Spring
East of Cheverly Avenue and
South of Arbor Street
Cheverly
(Town of Cheverly)

According to tradition, British soldiers stopped at this spring on August 24, 1814, as they marched through Prince George's County before the Battle of Bladensburg. The spring was the water source for the Mount Hope tobacco plantation. It functioned in the 1920s as the water source for the new community of Cheverly and was prominently featured in original subdivision plats. This 1924 photograph shows Mr. John Metcalf of Dayton, Ohio, brandishing a tin pot used to drink from the spring with his granddaughter, the concrete cover of which can be seen at lower right. Metcalf was visiting his son Claud who lived on Belleview Avenue in Cheverly.