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The land that is now known as the West area of Langley Research Center, NASA comprises of portions of four plantations existing during the latter half of the nineteenth century. These were Chesterville (the old Wythe plantation reduced in area), School Neck, Cloverdale and Moorefield.

School Neck was formed from the School Land, the Ross property (approximately 50 acres between the School Land and Moorefield) and a portion of Chesterville by Holder Hudgins. He gave it to his daughter Ariadne, the wife of James M. Vaughan. After Mr. Vaughan's death in 1850, there were numerous changes in ownership and boundary lines. ~~changes~~ A 124 acre portion in later called the Carpenter Tract was sold in 1874 and became NACA property in 1951. The largest portion was acquired by the Collier family in 1895 and by the U.S. Government in 1942.

Cloverdale was formed from portions of Chesterville, Moorefield and the "William Moore Tract" by James M. Vaughan and his son Robert. The Cloverdale plantation house was located on the William Moore Tract, which records indicate was Wythe property in 1676 but belonged to the Moore family in 1735. The Vaughans built, about 1830, the two and one-half story addition to the original colonial plantation house. F.A. Schmelz acquired Cloverdale in 1874 and gave it to his daughter Nannie B. Collier. The U.S. Government purchased it from the Collier family in 1942.

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