

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: King William	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-1145-0069	DATE 11/12/69

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Chelsea			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Chelsea			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: W bank of Mattaponi River, end of Chelsea Road, 1.7 mi. N of intersection of Chelsea Rd. and Rt. 30, 4.6 mi. N of West Point.			
CITY OR TOWN: West Point Vicinity			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: King William	CODE 101
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME: Mrs. Ellen J. Richardson			
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1			
CITY OR TOWN: West Point	STATE: Virginia	CODE 45	STATE: Virginia
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: King William County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: King William	STATE: Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: King William
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 510.51 acres			
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1934, 1939 Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 08	ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chelsea is a brick early-eighteenth century home built in a T-shaped plan whose main two-story block with hipped roof and modillioned cornice faces east. A one-and-one-half story gambrel roofed rear ell projects to the west. All the brickwork is in Flemish bond; however, the two story block is an extremely fine example of early Virginia bricklaying technique with a complete glazed header pattern, rubbed brick belt course, rubbed flat arches, and rubbed corner detailing with queen closers. The foundation up to the watertable has been covered by scored cement. Chelsea shares with Elsing Green in King William County, Wilton in Richmond, and Tuckahoe in Goochland County, the feature of having narrow end windows being two panes wide and three panes high in each sash. The main facade windows are nine over nine sash, and while most of the windows have altered sash and framing, some windows do retain their original sills. The nineteenth-century two-level porch on the east replaces an earlier one-story gable roof entrance porch whose roof outline is traced on the brick. The rear ell, which has similar exterior changes such as a covered foundation wall, new sash and framing, and new porches, has Flemish bond with random glazing.

While the interior of the rear ell has panelled chimney walls as well as chair rail and cornice, it is the fully panelled rooms in the front section which are of primary interest. The central hall, panelled in walnut, is flanked by two pine panelled rooms on the north and south. The chimney wall in the north room has arched recesses on either side of the chimney breast framed by molded archivolt resting on imposts in a manner similar to Wilton and the Peyton Randolph House, Williamsburg. Doric pilasters with fluted and reeded shafts frame the fireplace as well as the windows and doorway. The cornice breaks out where it is supported by the pilasters. The south room has no pilaster motif and the arched recesses are replaced by doors opening on small closets. Most doors in the structure have a pair of long panels below the lock rail and two small, almost square, panels followed by another pair of long panels above. The central stair hall features a stair which rises along the south up to two landings above. The combination of scrolled but uncarved step brackets, rather slender Doric colonette ballusters over plain pedestals (two on each treader), and newel post, creates a light and graceful design in contrast with the somberness of the darkened walnut panelling. The second floor panelling, as in the rear ell rooms, is confined to chimney walls and dado.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	Urban Planning
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	History
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

It is believed that Chelsea was built circa 1709 by Augustine Moore who had emigrated to Virginia circa 1705. Augustine Moore (circa 1685-1743) became quite a successful planter in the area and earned the nickname of "Old Grub Moore" for his zeal in land acquisition. He was married twice, first circa 1710 to Mary Gage (died 1713) and subsequently to Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Seaton. It was from his house that on August 20, 1716, Governor Spotswood and his "Knights of the Golden Horse Shoe" left for their journey to the Blue Ridge by crossing the Mattaponi River to Clifton and from thence to the west.

At his death in 1743 Moore left his widow a life estate in the property and, at her death, Chelsea descended to their son, Colonel Bernard Moore (circa 1720-post 1772). Bernard Moore was a successful planter, served as a justice of the peace for King William County, and was a member of the House of Burgesses (1744-58, 1761-72). He married circa 1742 Anne Catherine Spotswood (1725-1802), daughter of Governor Alexander Spotswood (1676-1740). Anne Spotswood Moore was a doughty matron during the American Revolution and is reputed to have continued her consumption of tea to the chagrin of her more patriotic neighbors. In 1781, shortly before the battle of Yorktown, Lafayette's army camped at Chelsea, and the Marquis used the house as his headquarters. Chelsea remained in the hands of the Moore family until circa 1874 when it passed into other hands.

Architecturally it is certainly possible that the front section of Chelsea was built circa 1709 with the rear ell being constructed soon after; the difference in the design of the two units is only in degree of sophistication, for both types of brickwork, roof design, and interior panelling were being used in the early-eighteenth century. (The historian Charles Campbell, in his genealogy of the Spotswood family, stated that the front section of the house was built thirty years before the rear part.) The brickwork at Chelsea ranks with the best in Virginia, and the fine interior panelling relates in design to such outstanding Virginia mansions as Wilton and Tazewell Hall. The shallow plan of the front section deprives Chelsea of an imposing silhouette but increases its value as an unusual example of the variations of housebuilding which occurred before the two-room-deep plan became standard practice in eighteenth-century Virginia.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Campbell, Charles, Genealogy of the Spotswood Family in Scotland and Virginia (Albany, 1868).  
 "The Gorsuch and Lovelace Families," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 25 (October 1917), 431-455.  
 Waterman, Thomas Tileston, The Mansions of Virginia, 1706-1776. New York: 1945.  
 Garden Club of Virginia, Homes and Gardens in Old Virginia. Richmond: 1962.  
 Lancaster, Robert A., Jr., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches. Philadelphia: 1915.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY.			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 37 ° 36 ' 26 "	Degrees Minutes Seconds 76 ° 50 ' 53 "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	37 ° 36 ' 26 "	76 ° 48 ' 39 "				
SE	37 ° 35 ' 10 "	76 ° 48 ' 39 "				
SW	37 ° 35 ' 10 "	76 ° 50 ' 53 "				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: July 25, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond, STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Edw. P. Alexander by John  
 Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman  
 Title: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date: 10-7-69

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Casper  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 12 1969

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William J. Swartz  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 23 1969

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11/20/69

CONTROL SHEET  
National Register  
Inventory-Nomination Forms

King 90009R-53

State VA

Chelsea

NPS Number  
69-11-45-0069

RECEIPT

SIGN OFF

Date of Receipt	<u>10/8/69</u>	Yes	No	Number
Data Page		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Photo(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>1</u>
Photo Description(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Map(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>1</u>
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Logged		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acknowledged	<u>10/8/69</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	O.K. interest

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REVIEW

Historian Comments

*OK*

10/17/69

Architect Comments

*OK*

*Chambers*  
10/16/69

Chief Architect  Chief Archeologist  Chief Historian

Keeper Comments

*OK*

*Wm* 10/23/69

ENTRY

Chief, OAHF Comments

11-12-69  
*END*

Date of Entry

Registry Clerk	Yes	No	Date
Assign NPS No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acknowledgement Sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

EDITORIAL PROCESSING

Editor  
Federal Register Entry  
Annual Edition Entry

Date  
12/2/69

*OK*

FILE

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WORKING NO.  
10-10-69-21



NPS Number 69-11-45-5069

Title: Chelsea

Loc. West Point vicinity  
Va.

*Chelsea*  
, King William Co., Va.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle West Point, Va.

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1948

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



## Missing Core Documentation

**Property Name**

Chelsea

**County, State**

King William,  
Virginia

**Reference Number**

69000253

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map

NOV 17 1969

NOV 1 1969  
Entered in National Register

H34-JR

Hon. Harry Flood Byrd, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the

National Historic Preservation Program in Virginia and have been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places."

Senator William Spong, Jr. and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

Enclosures

cc:  
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, Room 1106, State Ninth Street Office Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219

Duplicate letters sent to:  
Hon. William Belser Spong, Jr.    Hon. William Creed Wampler  
Hon. Thomas N. Downing            Hon. Joel T. Broyhill  
Hon. David Edward Sattexfield    Hon. Richard H. Poff  
Hon. William Whitehurst            Hon. John O. Marsh  
Hon. William Lloyd Scott            Hon. Watkins M. Abbitt  
Hon. W.C. (Dan) Daniel

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

10/5/69

cc: Regional Director, Southeast Region  
T-Sutterfield  
DAL-Mr. Melvin  
HR  
RCamble:mb



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
801 19TH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

VIRGINIA

Little Cherrystone (Pittsylvania County)  
Danville Public Library (in city)  
Green Hill (Campbell County)  
Battersea (Petersburg)  
Belmead/St. Emma's Industrial & Agricultural School (Powhatan County)  
Buckingham Court House Preservation Zone (Buckingham County)  
Mayfield Cottage (Dinwiddie County)  
Brandon (Prince George County)  
Briery Church (Prince Edward County)  
St. Mary's Whitechapel (Lancaster County)  
Old Mansion (Caroline County)  
Chelsea (King William County)  
Blandfield (Essex County)  
Greenway (Charles City County)  
Camden (Caroline County)  
Saline Hall (Richmond County)  
Old Hotel (Prince William County)  
Oatlands (Loudoun County)  
Nanzatico (King George County)  
Charles City Court House (Charles City County)  
Aquia Church (Stafford County)  
Elsing Green (King William County)  
Yeocomico Church (Westmoreland County)  
Eppes Island (Charles City County)  
Fincastle Preservation Zone (Botetourt County)  
Fotheringay (Montgomery County)  
Smithfield (Montgomery County)  
Poplar Forest (Bedford County)  
Carlyle House (Alexandria)  
Abingdon Bank (Washington County)  
Norfolk Academy Building (in city)  
James River and Kanawha Connection Locks (Richmond)  
Malvern Hill (Henrico County)  
Eppington (Chesterfield County)  
Hollywood Cemetery (Richmond)