

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Newport News (in cit.)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-245-0005	DATE 2/16/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Denbigh Plantation ✓ Site

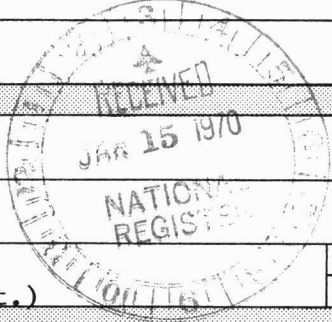
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Denbigh; Mathews Manor

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
.2 mi. SW of southern end of Lukas Creek Rd.

CITY OR TOWN:
Newport News

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 700



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
L. B. Weber

STREET AND NUMBER:
53 Sherwood Shopping Center

CITY OR TOWN: Denbigh STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clerk of the Courts

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Newport News STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, Archaeology Office, File 121-7, 121-8

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

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

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

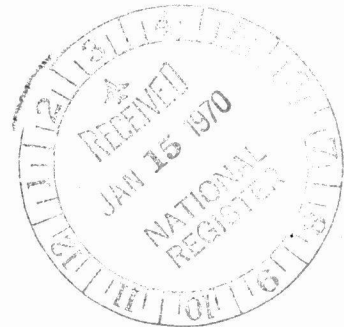
CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The first Mathews Manor House, built sometime before 1630, measured about 21' x 51', with a center chimney, a porch chamber, and brick foundations; it probably was brick nogged. There is an adequate description of this house in 1649, the only house described in an account of conditions in Virginia and published in London at that time. This site also includes the house, much along the same lines, built in the 1650's after the destruction of the first Mathews Manor House by fire. Samuel Mathews, sometime acting governor of Virginia, built the house and probably was absent in England when it was destroyed by fire. His son, in straitened circumstances and needing a roof over his head, probably built the second house, of simple posts in the ground, soon after the fire. The later Denbigh plantation house of the Digges family was built nearby in the eighteenth century.

The site is now located on a public park in the midst of a subdivision.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1630, 1650

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is significant as being one of the few intact sites of houses of the first half-century of settlement in Virginia to be excavated. It has additional archaeological interest since the earliest known porcelain in Virginia, as well as other early artifacts, were found here. The owner has attempted to preserve the foundations in a public garden, and they will be interpreted both in the ground and through a comprehensive publication now being prepared by I. Noel Hume. Early blacksmithing operations, documented to 1626, are an interesting feature of the site, as are the other industrial activities revealed by the artifacts. The site has particular interest archaeologically in that it provided a rather complete chronicle of events on an important plantation for a limited period (1620's - 1660's) with very few intrusions of later material.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brochure, "Denbigh Plantation on the Historic James River," published by L. B. Weber.
Florida Anthropologist, Vol. XVIII, No. 3, part 2, 8-14.
 I. Noel Hume, Historical Archaeology. New York: Knopf, 1969.

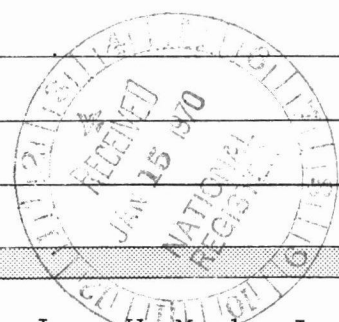
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	37°	05'	40"	76°	33'	00"			
NE	37°	05'	40"	76°	32'	06"			
SE	37°	05'	03"	76°	32'	06"			
SW	37°	05'	03"	76°	33'	00"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **390 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO
47M
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **November 3, 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 December 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 16 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Harbough
 Keeper of The National Register

FEB 11 1970

Date _____

RECEIPT

Newport News ⁵ Benleigh Plantation

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SIGN OFF

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Date of Receipt 1/15/70
Data Page
Photo(s)
Photo Description(s)
Map(s)
Map Description(s)
Logged
Acknowledged 1/20/70

Yes	No	Number
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REVIEW

Historian Comments

OK

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Architect Comments

OK

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If checked
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Berk

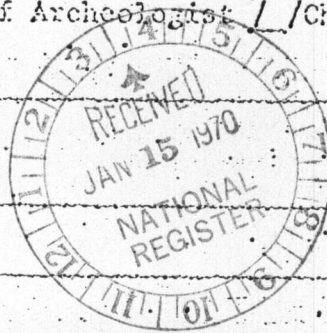
Chief Architect Chief Archeologist Chief Historian

Keeper Comments

OK

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ENTRY

Chief, OAMP Comments

OK

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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

Date 3/3/70

Annual Edition Entry

No picture?
otherwise
OK

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WORKING NO

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Missing Core Documentation

Property Name	County, State	Reference Number
Denbigh Plantation Site	Newport News Independent City, Virginia	70000873

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map

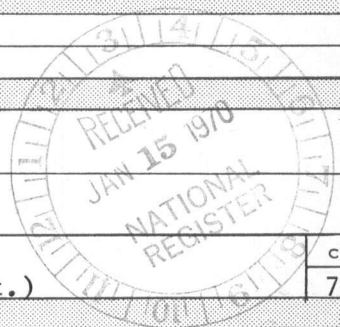
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

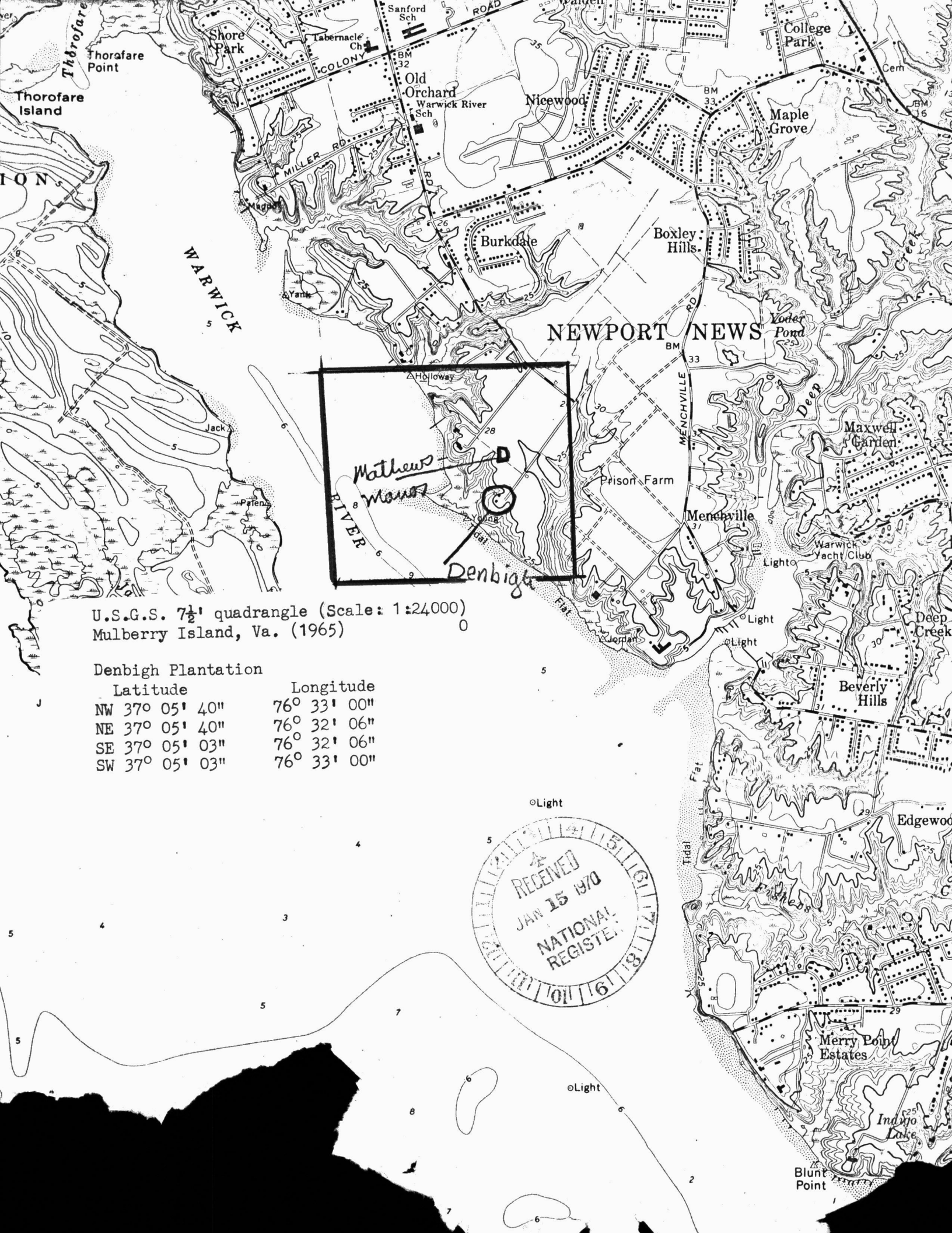
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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AND/OR HISTORIC: Denbigh, Mathews Manor			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
.2 mi. SW of southern end of Lukas Creek Rd.			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Newport News			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Virginia	45	(in cit.)	700
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. map, 7.5', quadrangle Mulberry Island, Va.			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1965			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24,000)
 Mulberry Island, Va. (1965)

Denbigh Plantation

	Latitude	Longitude
NW	37° 05' 40"	76° 33' 00"
NE	37° 05' 40"	76° 32' 06"
SE	37° 05' 03"	76° 32' 06"
SW	37° 05' 03"	76° 33' 00"



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BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

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 designated 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 Beyer Spang, Jr., and appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information.

A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Ernest Allen Connally, Jr.

Ernest Allen Connally, Jr.
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

FEB 16 1970

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 Beyer Spang, Jr.
Hon. C. William Whitelurst
Hon. William Lloyd Scott

Hon. John O. Marsh, Jr.
Hon. Thomas N. Downing
Hon. Watkins M. Abbitt

cc: Regional Director, Southeast Region

ll-Mr. Melvin

T-Mr. Butterfield

RCamble:mm

HR

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Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

VIRGINIA

Salubria

Moses Myers House

Poebrook Manor

Denbigh Plantations

Port Royal Preservation Zone

Rowntree Court House

Preservation Zone

Culpeper County, Virginia

Norfolk, Virginia

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Newport News, Virginia

Port Royal, Virginia

Pendleton County, Virginia

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT | FILE NUMBER:

County: OLD WARWICK Co. NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Locality:

Original Owner: SAMUEL MATHEWS (1626 ?)

Present Owner: MR. L.B. WEBER - ?
Address: KEY REAL ESTATE, INC.
SHERWOOD SHOPPING CENTER
RT. 60

Tenant: NEWPORT NEWS, VA

Attitude of Owner:
SEE ATTACHED EXPLANATION & LIST OF PROPERTY

Name: "MATHEWS MANOR" UNTIL C. 1680

"DENBIGH PLANTATION" - 18th C. TO PRESENT
Apparent nature and period:

Rich in PRE-COLONIAL INDIAN ARTIFACTS, & FROM AT LEAST LATE 1620'S, USED AS PLANTATION-TYPE RESIDENCE COMPLEX BY SEVERAL FAMILIES.

Accession Number:

DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

3 Standing Structures Now:

① ~~Young~~ KITCHEN, 18th C. BRICK, 5m. GABLE WINDOWS ON ENDS. HAS "YOUNG FARMHOUSE" (20th C.) ATTACHED & BOTH PARTS IN POOR SHAPE - OPEN TO WEATHER. KITCHEN b. 1810

② DIGGES DAIRY BLDG. b. 1740 & RECENTLY RESTORED & ROOFED BRICK. ANCIENT MULBERRY TREE NEARBY.

③ FRAME STRUCTURE facing RIVER & SORT OF BEHIND KITCHEN-FARMHOUSE BLDG.

④ BRICK STEPS, PART OF FORMAL GARDENS? - BELIEVE THIS AREA TO HAVE BEEN EXCAVATED & REFILLED - MUCH BRICK & LARGE STONES - TERRAIN VERY IRREGULAR; BRICK FOUNDATIONS PRESENT NEAR STEPS, BOTH ABOVE & JUST BELOW GROUND LEVEL - COVERS A BIG AREA BETWEEN YOUNG HOUSE & FLAXMILL ROAD.

CONDITION OF THE SITE:

Erosion of BANK EXPOSING REFUSE. PT.
Cultivation _____
Encroachment _____

Destruction VANDALISM & POT HUNTING PARADISE AS IS

PRIORITIES:

Preserve "FOR SALE" SIGN ON
Lease LAND ON U.S. GOVERNMENT
Salvage DRIVE ADJACENT TO
Abandon DIGGES - YOUNG HOUSES.
NEW HOUSES ALREADY BUILT WITHIN 18th C. AREA AT END OF YOUNG'S ROAD.

Use reverse side or separate sheet if more space is needed

USGS sheet:

③ FARABEE'S STUDIO
3005 WEST AVE.
NEWPORT NEWS, VA. 23607
(TOOK FIVE PHOTOS SOME YEARS AGO - MUST HAVE NEGATIVES)

Site collections held by:
RUSSELL BECKER, R. PERRY, I. NOEL-HUMPHREYS, ET AL.

Photograph files: COL. WMBGS -
① ARCHAEOLOGY DEPT. ② ARCHITECTURE DEPT.

Drawings: OF KITCHEN

Name, address and title of recorder

R. PERRY
DRAWER CJ
WMBGS, VA.
23185

SKETCH MAP (cite historic structures) SEE ATTACHED MAP
Indicate North ✓

Informant: ① MR. & MRS. BECKER & RUSSELL : 5 PAULINE DRIVE, NEWPORT NEWS, VA.
② PAUL BUCHANAN & HAROLD GILL of COL. WMBGS.

① FEATURE ARTICLE: DAILY PRESS, SUN. APR. 10, 1966
Documentation

② "EXCAVATIONS AT MATHEWS MANOR"

"SMITHSONIAN INST. PUB. IVOR NOEL-HUMPHREYS (TO BE PUB. BY NOW)"
Date surveyed

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION ARCHAEOLOGY OFFICE

TO WARWICK R.

SANDY BEACH

INDIAN
POINTS &
POTTERY
FOUND ALL ALONG HERE:
1-300 feet.
AT
LEAST

FORMER FRESH WATER
POND

(BIG MODERN
FLAYMILL Rd
HOUSES ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT)

6-8 Feet High
Exposed
BANK -
TRASH
PIT AREA
of this
Report
Spring
House

SITE of
TURPENTINE
STILL



OLD
ICE HOUSE
DAM

SITE of
Supper
1920s
Slave
QA.

SITE of
ROOMAL
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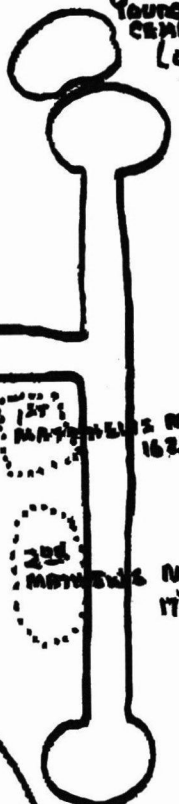
SITE of
LEAVING
HOUSE



Digger's
House

U. Governor Drive

Young's
Cemetery
Lot
1114



MANOR
HOUSE

27th
MANOR'S MANOR
1625-50

28th
MANOR'S MANOR
1720s

East Governor Drive

OLD
YOUNG'S Pond TOWNSHIP

TO
MARTINVILLE Rd
by RT. 60

OLD
SWAMP
GATE
ROAD

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Brochure to ADVERTISE
DENBIGH PLANTATION AS
High Class, PROTECTED,
Historic place to live

INDIAN SITES &
TRASH PIT AREA
ARE MY ADDITIONS &
WHERE "COLLECTIONS"
Now being MADE.

R. PERRY
11-20-71