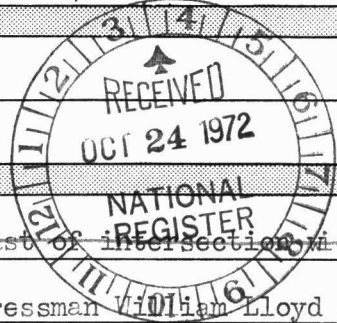


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: King and Queen	
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ENTRY NUMBER APR 2	DATE 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Upper Church, Stratton Major Parish

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SE of Va. 14
Southwest side of Rt. 14, .3 mile Southeast of intersection with Rt. 611

CITY OR TOWN:
Shanghai vicinity (Eighth District, Congressman William Lloyd Scott)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: King and Queen CODE: 097

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Old Church Methodist Congregation

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o David Moorefield, Box 34

CITY OR TOWN: Saluda STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
King and Queen County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: King and Queen Court House STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Upper Church stands on the south side of Route 14, about eight and one half miles south of King and Queen Court House. The rectangular brick building measures 64' x 33'9", and is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof with a box cornice and cornice returns. A modern, gable-roofed addition of brick is connected to the west end of the church by a brick passageway which hides most of the west doorway. The church's walls are laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers above the bevelled water table, with English bond below. Rubbed brick is employed at the corners, and marks the window jambs. The windows' semi-circular arches are laid in gauged brick as are the rims of the circular windows. Queen closers are found at the building's corners, and on either side of the windows and doorways, although their employment is sometimes irregular. There are four windows on both the north and the south sides, and two in the eastern chancel end. A round window is located in each gable. All windows are filled with colored glass. Both doorways are executed in rubbed and gauged brick and have classical pediments. Although the west door unfortunately has been obscured by the modern addition described above, the segmental arched pediment of molded brick and tympanum with glazed headers, may still be seen. The south doorway has a triangular pediment which includes a raked cornice of molded brick over flat arch, raised jambs and pedestals.

The interior is very plain and contains no original fabric. A raised chancel, with a semi-circular altar rail, is located in the east end between the windows. A partition under the gallery in the west end forms a vestibule. Two doors open into aisles which lead toward the chancel. The walls are plastered and the three-plane ceiling is covered with acoustic tile. Eight tie rods to strenghten the brick walls run across the church.

G. H.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Upper Church is believed to have been constructed between 1724 and 1729, and is the only surviving colonial church of the several that served Stratton Major Parish. The parish was created in 1655 from Bislard Parish, and its first Upper Church is thought to have been located near the present Mattaponi Church, in the central part of the county. The second Upper Church was situated just to the north of the present structure, the third Upper Church.

The church was abandoned in 1768 when the New Parish Church, taking the places of both the former Upper and Lower Churches, was completed. The New Church of Stratton Major Parish does not survive. After the Anglicans left it Upper Church seems to have been used by a Baptist group until about 1842. It was then used by a school until the roof and interior were destroyed by fire several years later. The church was rebuilt within the walls in 1850, and served both Methodist and Baptist congregations until the Methodists gained full control. The building is still owned and used by a Methodist congregation who call it Old Church.

Despite recent additions and the loss of its wooden parts, Upper Church stands as one of the most architecturally sophisticated of Virginia's early-eighteenth century churches, and is a classic example of the rectilinear church form. The dignified structure is noted for its graceful proportions as well as the high caliber of its glazed Flemish bond brickwork. Its molded brick doorways are of finest quality; the south doorway being comparable to the well-known example on the Records Office in Williamsburg.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **September, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

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 Junius R. Fishburne
 Title Director Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Date OCT 17 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/2/73

ATTEST:
John Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 3/22/73



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Title: Upper Church, Stratton Major

Parish

Loc. KING AND QUEEN, VA.

view of church from southwest

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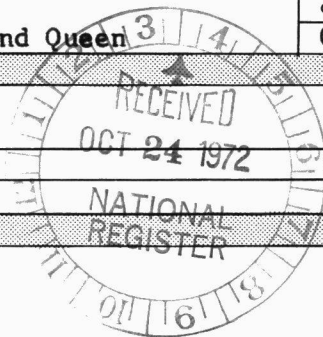
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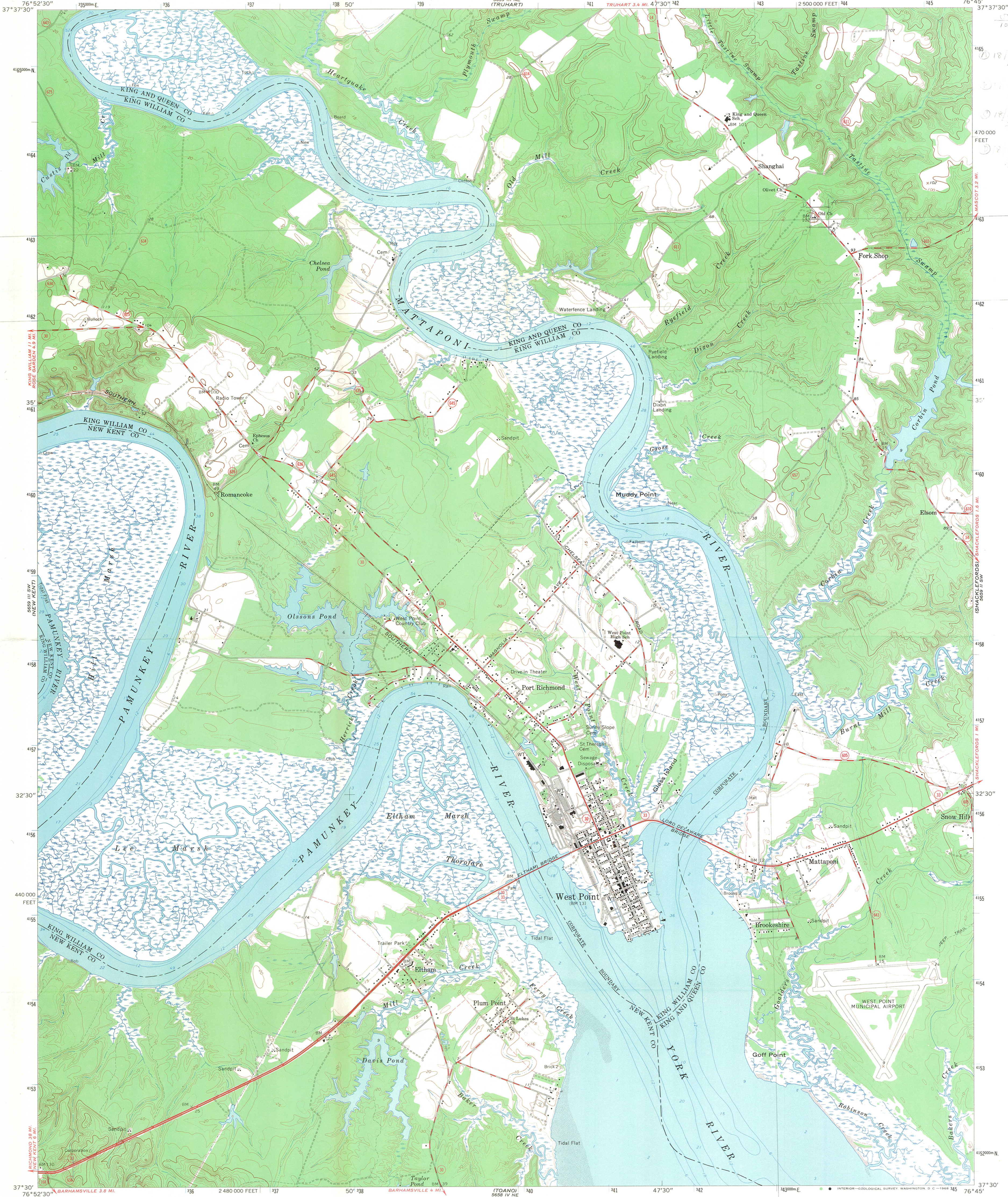
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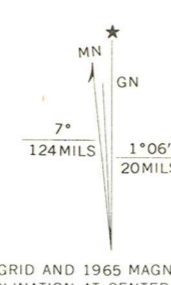
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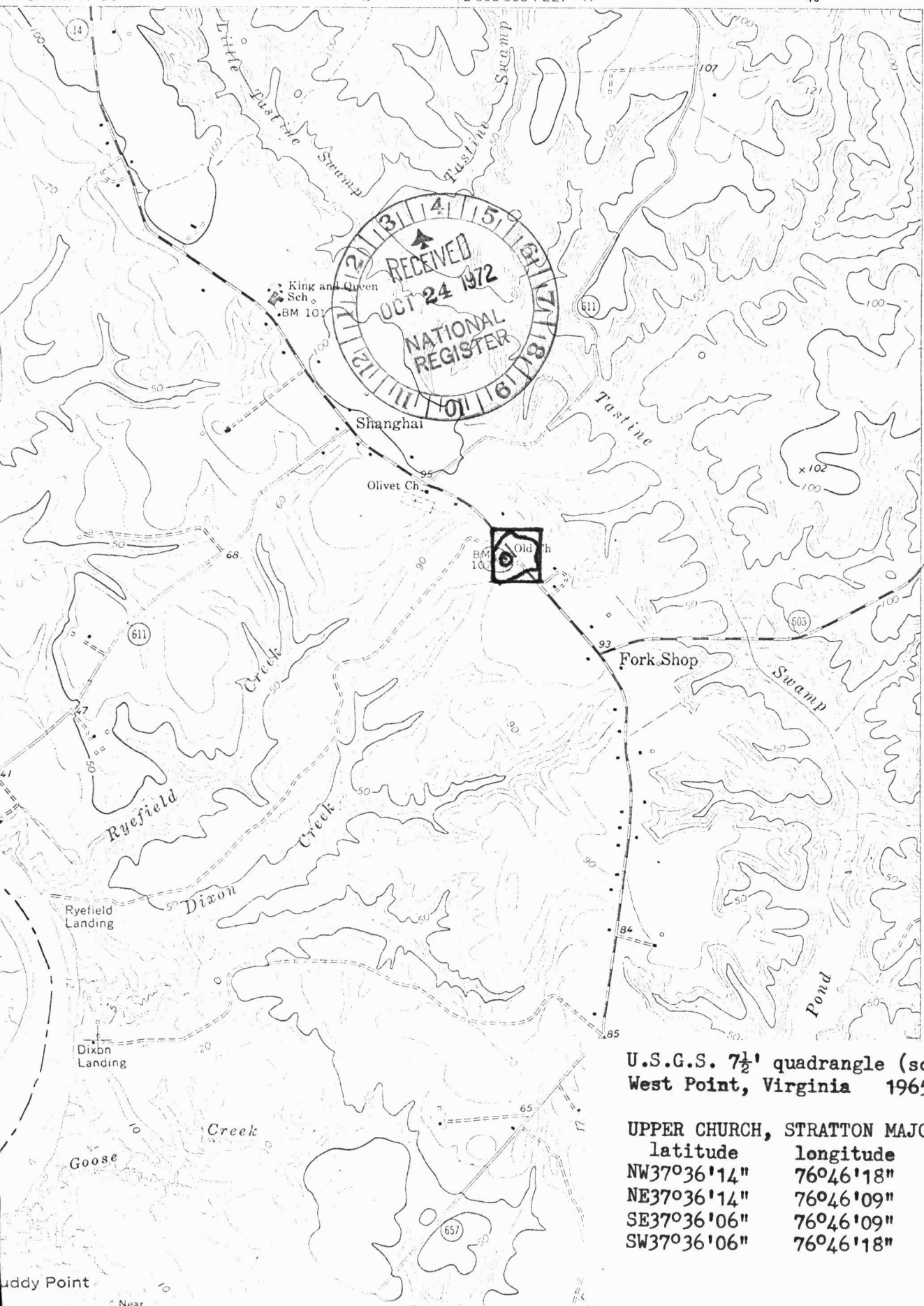
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