

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Rockingham
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE OCT 3 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Baxter House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 42, North of Edom Harrisonburg Va. 42

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisonburg Va.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh; J. Kenneth Robinson

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51** COUNTY: **Rockingham** CODE: **165**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input 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 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:
Mr. Leonard Myers

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 3 Rt. 1

CITY OR TOWN:
Broadway Linville

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Rockingham County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisonburg

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973** Federal State County Local

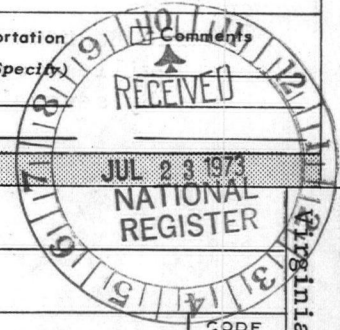
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Room 1116, 9th Street State Office Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

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State letter
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Baxter House, a fine example of an eighteenth century Valley log house, was until recently sheathed with mid-nineteenth century board and batten siding. Now that the siding has been removed, the excellently preserved log construction is clearly evident.

The single pile, double-pen dwelling consists of two abuted two-bay two-story log structures set on limestone foundation. A frame board-and-batten shed addition covers the north side. The house's eastern section or pen is roughly-squared hewn log with half dovetail notching and rock-and-daub chinking. The western pen, however, is of carefully finished logs with full dovetail notching. The logs are closely fitted so as to need no chinking. The logs of the western newer section are spliced into the side wall of the older portion. A four bay porch shelters part of the south facade. The chimney of dressed, coursed, native limestone has curved tapered shoulders. Wooden double-hung windows have six-over-six sash and are surrounded by simple frames. The door frames are plain; the western pen door has two panels, the eastern pen door has a large square light. Galvanized metal covers the gable roof.

Each pen consists of a single room with a door leading from the exterior in each room and the north shed addition is divided into two rooms. The enclosed stair ascends in the southwest corner of the eastern pen.

The Baxter House is set just west of Route 42 in the rolling hills of the Linville Creek area. The house faces south, down the creek, and is shaded by several sizable trees.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Baxter House exhibits some of the finest log construction to be found in Virginia. The later west section of the double-pen dwelling has rare full dovetail corner notching fitted with a precision usually reserved for fine furniture. The logs themselves are so uniformly dressed and fitted that no chinking is required. Tradition has it that this finely crafted portion of the house was built with the aid of nearby German craftsmen.

The original or east section is more typical of the log houses built by the Scotch-Irish settlers in the Valley. Although well constructed it has half-dovetail corner notching and bands of chinking between the logs. The curve-tapered limestone chimney, however, is an outstanding example of early Valley masonry. Another unusual feature is the abutting of the two sections with spliced logs.

The original portion of the house was probably built in the late eighteenth century by George Baxter, a Scottish immigrant, with the west section added a few years later. County records show that Baxter owned as much as 1196 acres around the house in 1789. The family became prominent in the Valley. George Baxter's son, George A. Baxter, served as President of Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, from 1799 to 1829.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Royster C. Lyle, Jr. "Log Construction in the Valley of Virginia", Discovery, APVA Vol. III, No 2. (Fall 1971).

Archives - Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

Fred Kniffer, "On Corner Timbering" Pioneer America, Vol. 1, No. 1, (January, 1969).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

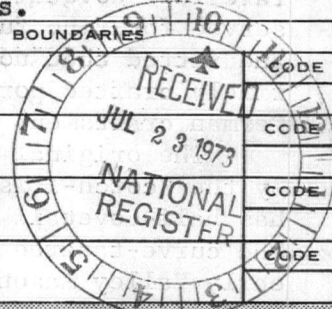
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5 acres.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: July, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1116, Ninth Street Office Building

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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, Jr.
Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Title _____

Date JUL 17 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/3/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9/20/73

PROPERTY

Baxter House

STATE

Va.

WORKING NUMBER

7.23.73.3372

TECH REVIEW

Photos

2

Maps

1

Rockingham

Ref. 73002057

CONTROL REVIEW

1 Photo Form is a carbon copy

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73*

otherwise

OK

HISTORIAN

*Accept - Amc
7/26/73*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
KHC
8/22/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

*Accept 8.23.73
e. Shull*

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*Accept of Whitcomb
9/20/73*

National Register write-up

3/14/74

Send-back

Federal Register entry

11-6-73

Re-submit

Entered

OCT 3 1973



NPS Number 10.3.73

Title: The Baxter House

Loc. Rockingham Co, Va. (1)

View of house from
the south

VA. HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Baxter House, Rockingham Co.

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165

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE OF PHOTO: 1973

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission; Richmond, Va.

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of house from the south.



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Detail view from the
South

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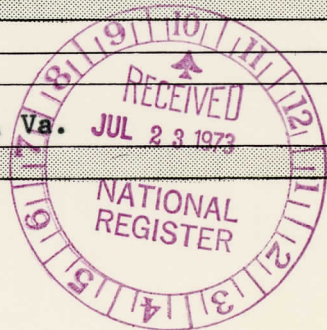
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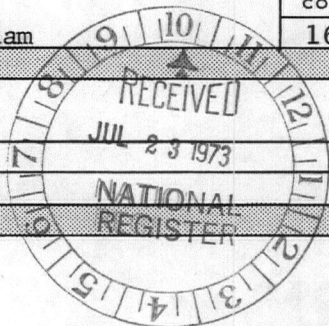
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

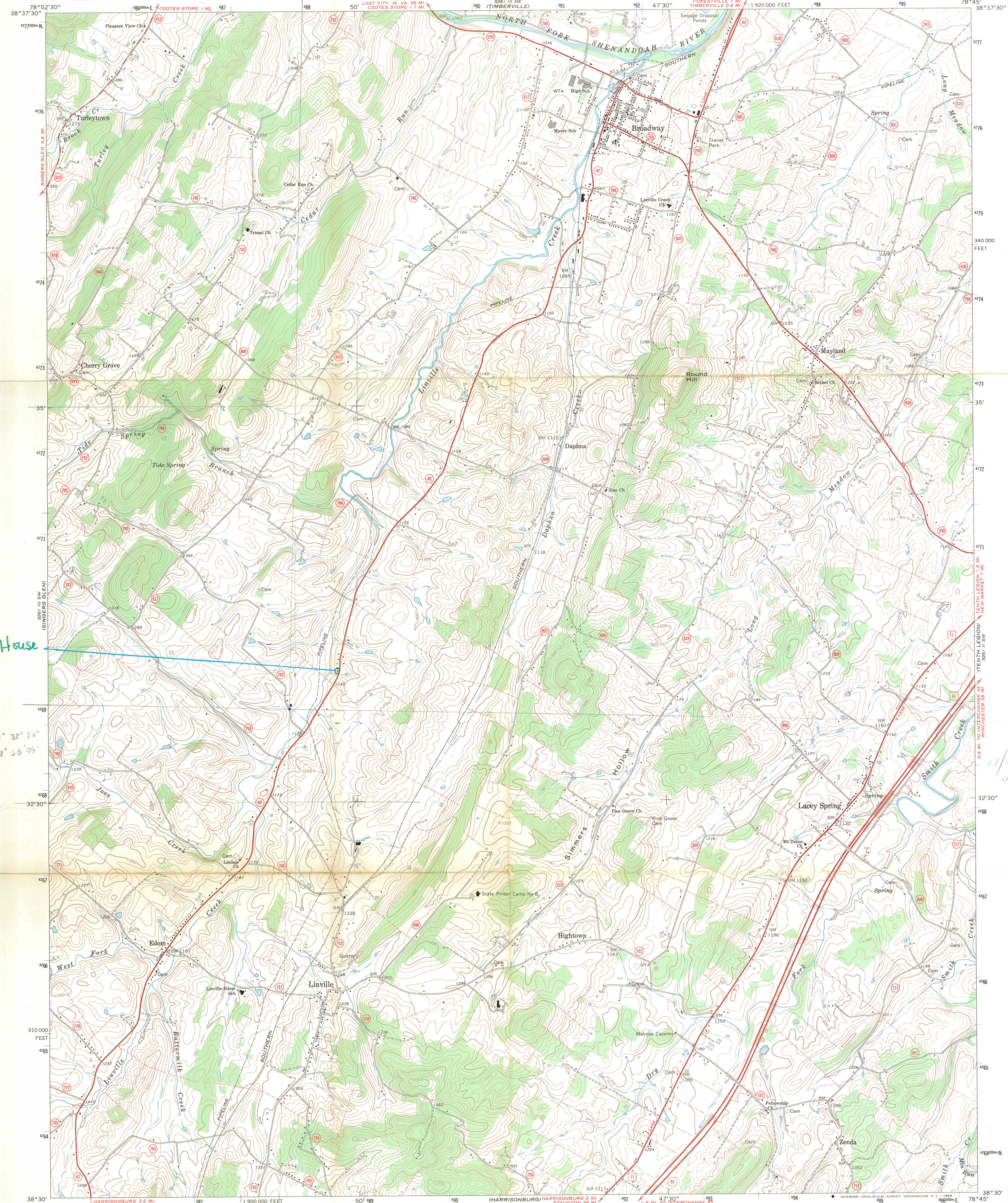
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle Broadway, Virginia			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1967			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



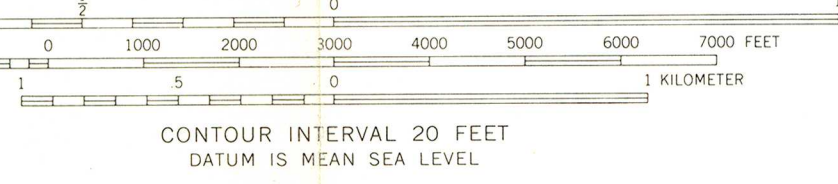
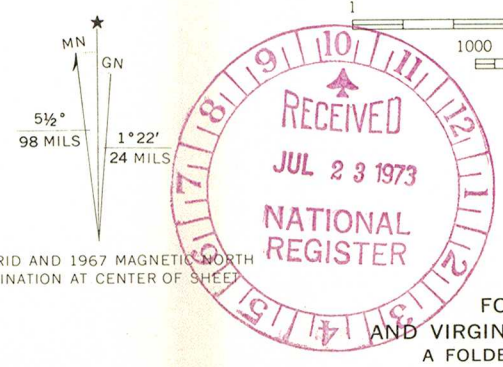


Baxler House

38° 35' 20"
78° 50' 09"

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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1967
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

BROADWAY, VA.
SE/4 BROADWAY 15 QUADRANGLE
N3830—W7845/7.5

1967

AMS 5261 III SE—SERIES W834

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VIRGINIA

Date Entered OCT 3 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Belmont	Cayron vicinity Southampton County
The Baxter House	Edom vicinity Rockingham County
Carleton	Falmouth Stafford County
Gloucester County Court House Square Historic District	Gloucester Gloucester County

Also Notified

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Hon. William B. Scott
Hon. Robert W. Daniel, Jr.
Hon. J. Bennett Robinson
Hon. Thomas N. Downing

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. Junius R. Fishburne, Jr.
Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Director, Northeast Region

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