

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Accomack
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

JUL 23 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Bank Building *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
No. 1 Court House Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Accomack

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First (Thomas N. Downing)

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51** COUNTY: **Accomack** CODE: **001**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>offices</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Anita Conquest, Executive Secretary**
The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 147, No. 1 Court House Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Accomack

STATE:
Virginia CODE: **51**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Accomack

CITY OR TOWN:
Accomack

STATE:
Virginia CODE: **51**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

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

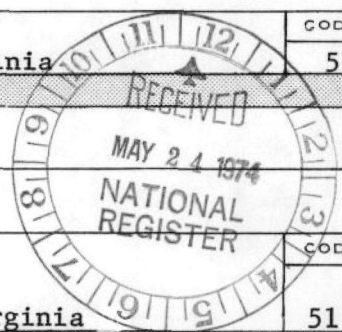
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia CODE: **51**

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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 type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(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

Built around 1820 by Michael Higgins and Alexander McCollom, the Bank Building is Accomack County's best preserved Federal-style commercial building. Designed along a longitudinal axis, the Bank is a two-story brick structure above a full basement. Although the southeast facade and foundations to the off-set watertable were stuccoed and scored to simulate ashlar masonry at a later date, the remaining walls have their brickwork exposed. Ornamented with beautifully executed Flemish bond with king closers around the windows and doors, unadorned wooden lintels with splayed ends, and an original modillion cornice with a delicately detailed fretwork frieze, the Bank Building retains a great deal of its original architectural charm. A single interior-end chimney with a rebuilt stack serves the rear office. Although the first floor entrance doors have been altered, an original flush-paneled six-panel door survives on the second floor level of the southeast facade indicating the arrangement of a now vanished cat's head and hoist for the raising of merchandise to the second floor storage area. Directly over the second floor door in the gable end is an exceptionally fine period fanlight with a simply molded architrave and unadorned wooden keystone. Access to the cellar is gained through an early, though rebuilt, shed bulkhead entrance.

The interior trim of the Bank Building has been masked on the first floor by modern alterations, although it reputedly retains an early ogee cornice behind the present veneer of sheet rock. The mantel in the present office while reflecting the original period of construction is not original to the building, but was moved from a dismantled early-nineteenth-century office. Because of its use as a storage area the second floor interior was originally left roughly finished.

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8. 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 type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1825

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 checked="" 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

Built by Michael Higgins and Alexander McCollom shortly after their joint purchase of a quarter-acre lot in Drummondtown in 1819, the Bank Building originally housed one of Accomack County's principal mercantile enterprises. In 1825 Michael Higgins died intestate and McCollom purchased his partner's interest from the heirs. Four years later in his own will, McCollom specified that the store continue in operation until his son James came of age and was able to assume the financial responsibility of these two operations.

After several subsequent ownerships, the Bank Building, referred to in property title by this time as the Brick Store, was purchased in 1867 by Dr. Edward Young. Dr. Young in turn willed the building to his granddaughter Sarah and her husband Thomas W. Blackstone. Blackstone established his banking business there, and this gave the building its present name. Until its merger with the Eastern Shore Citizens' Bank of Onancock, Thomas Blackstone's bank was a privately owned banking enterprise. The Bank Building is now owned and maintained by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.

Beautifully preserved, the Bank Building is one of Virginia's finest high-style Federal-period commercial buildings. With its delicate exterior detailing and interesting treatment of interior spaces the structure survives, despite minor alterations, as an extremely refined illustration of the combination of pragmatic mercantile requirements with early-nineteenth-century architectural style.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Whitelaw, Ralph, Virginia's Eastern Shore, 1951.

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than an acre.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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: May, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

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 MAY 21 1974

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

AR Mauter
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/23/74

ATTEST:
Wm. Hunter
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7.19.74

PROPERTY *Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce* STATE *Va.*

WORKING NUMBER *5. 24. 74. 844*

Accomack

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS /
MAPS /

Ref. # 74002099

CONTROL REVIEW

*cm
5.29
74*

OK

HISTORIAN *I'm not very happy about the Atlantic station, but what can be done?*

*ACCEPT
Hyland
7/18/74*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN *is the gas sta. included, too? condition should be marked "altered"*

*Reluctant accept
J. Sherman
2/17/74*

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accomack
Cole
7/18/74*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*Wm
7/19*

National Register Write-up *Sept 10, 1974*

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry *Sept. 3, 1974*

Re-submit _____

Entered *JUL 23 1974*



The Eastern Shore
of Virginia
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
100 FORT MONROE
TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY

Atlantic

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

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Virginia	Accomack	Accomac
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	1974	Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission; Richmond, Va.
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View of Southeast.



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

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G. S. 7 1/2' quadrangle Accomac, Virginia

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1968

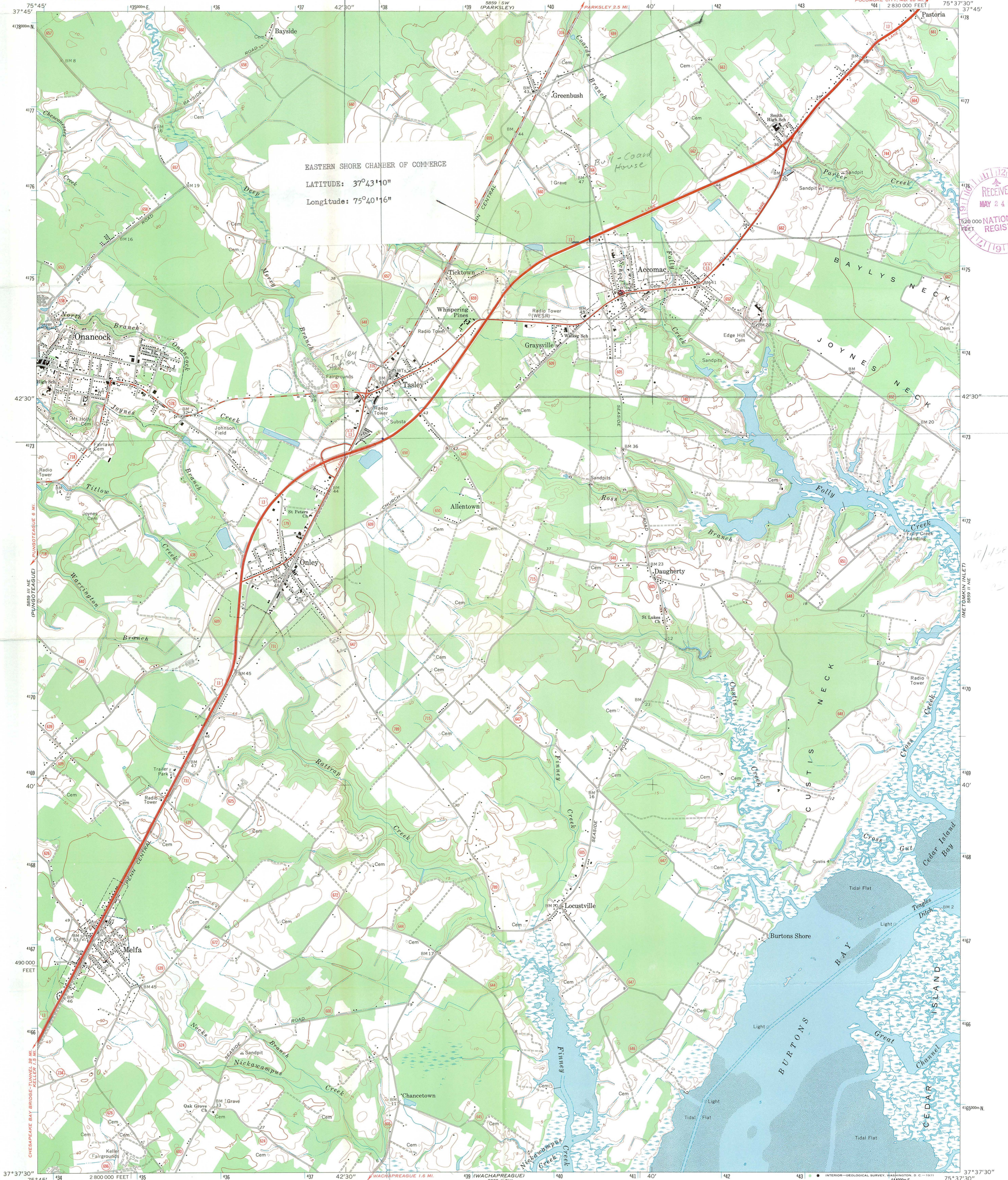
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

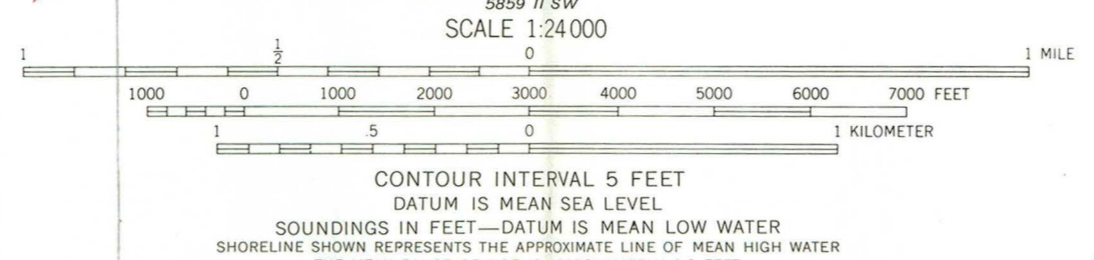
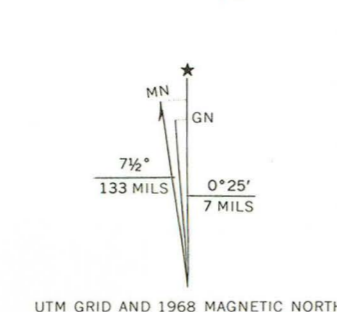
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



EASTERN SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LATITUDE: 37°43'10"
Longitude: 75°40'16"



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1967. Field checked 1968
Supersedes map dated 1957
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 1221 (1969)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Short dashed blue lines indicate elliptical bay outlines
visible on aerial photographs



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 3.8 FEET

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U. S. Route
State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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AND VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903
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ACCOMAC, VA.
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1968
AMS 5859 II NW—SERIES V834

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VIRGINIA

Date Entered JUL 23 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>Bank Building</i> Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce	Accomac Accomack County

Also Notified

Hon. Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
Hon. William L. Scott
Hon. Thomas N. Downing
Regional Director, Mid
Atlantic Region

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

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7/24/74