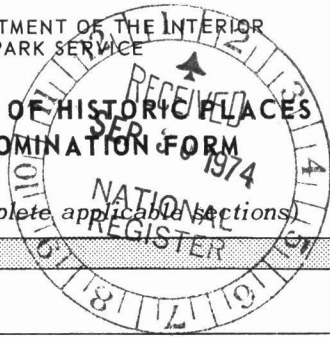


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1. NAME
 COMMON: **Lands End**
 AND/OR HISTORIC: **Lands End**

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: **On Robins Neck and .2 miles north of Severn River between Whitaker Creek and Turtle Neck Point; .6 miles southeast of Eastern end of Rt. 614.**
 CITY OR TOWN: **(Naxera Vicinity)** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **First (Thomas N. Downing)**
 STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51** COUNTY: **Gloucester** CODE: **073**

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 type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: **Claude O. Lanciano, Jr.**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **Route 3 Box 370**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Gloucester** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Gloucester County Court House**
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: **Gloucester** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2)
 TITLE OF SURVEY: **(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory**
 DATE OF SURVEY: **1959** 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

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lands End is located near the southeastern tip of Robins Neck overlooking the Severn River, a tributary of Mobjack Bay. The land around the house is low and marshy causing the house to take on its somewhat unusual form. Its basement is fully above grade giving the house an extremely high water table and a distinctive verticality. This verticality is emphasized by the single-pile plan and the steeply-pitched gambrel roof.

Aside from its verticality, the architecture of Lands End is typical of better quality late-eighteenth-century farmhouses of Tidewater Virginia. Its walls are laid in Flemish bond both above and below the high beveled water table. Simple gauged jack arches are employed above all the windows. The brickwork has been painted white but the paint is being allowed to weather off. The three-bay facade has a center door on the basement and first-floor levels. The first-floor entrance is sheltered by a pedimented porch supported on tall brick piers. The porch has been largely rebuilt, but its form is based on earlier porches. Its present stair arrangement is modern, however.

Interior chimneys are at either end of the gambrel roof, and simple box cornices line its eaves. The gabled dormers have six-over-six pane sashes as do the basement windows. The taller first-floor windows have nine-over-nine sashes. Attached to the center bay of the house's rear elevation is a two-and-a-half-story brick veneered wing containing the present kitchen and master bedroom. This wing assumed its present proportions after 1927 and incorporates a one-story frame "dance parlor" added in the 1840's.

The house's interior contains two rooms and a center passage on the first and second floors. The basement originally had a partition separating the passage from the dining room to the east, but the partition has been removed. Opposite the dining room is a small room used as a study. Parlor and guest rooms are on the first floor and two bedrooms are on the second. The finish of the rooms is of the simplest type; the walls are plastered and have simple beaded baseboards. A beaded chairboard is used in the first floor passage. The outstanding interior feature is the handsome closed-string stair which ascends from the basement to the second floor. The stair has a very simple molded railing and square balusters set on a diagonal. Most of the interior woodwork is original including paneled doors and door surrounds, window reveals, flooring and stair. The mantels on the basement and first-floor levels appear to date from the mid-nineteenth century.

The house has undergone an extensive renovation in recent years and stands in excellent condition. The grounds originally had a wooden kitchen and wooden laundry flanking the house and a wooden barn 300 yards to the rear, but they no longer survive. A later secondary building stands near the site of the barn.

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1971 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia (Code 51)



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) 1796-1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lands End was built between 1796 and 1800 for John Sinclair (1755-1820), a sea captain who achieved Revolutionary War fame. Reflecting the nautical attachments of its builder, the picturesque gambrel-roofed dwelling is oriented towards the water, and commands a panoramic view of Mobjack Bay's tributary, the Severn River.

Captain Sinclair is chiefly remembered for being charged to carry dispatches to de Barras, the commander of the French fleet stationed in Newport, Rhode Island. This action made possible the rendezvous of the greater part of the Colonial and allied navies off Yorktown, thus ensuring victory for the American cause by forcing the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. Other Revolutionary accomplishments of Captain Sinclair were summarized in a statement issued in 1787 recommending Sinclair be given the post of Commander of State Boats. The recommendation noted that Sinclair was "...formerly a captain in the State navy, and among the first who took prizes from our adversaries, and who was also successful by his Privateer, and received the particular confidence of the Marquis de la Fayette. . . ." Although Sinclair did not receive the post, his recommendation was evidence of the high regard in which he was held by his contemporaries.

In 1794 reports were received by the Collector of Norfolk that Captain Sinclair was in the process of outfitting one of his ships, the Unicorn, as an armed privateer to serve the French cause against the British. This was in violation of the American Proclamation of Neutrality of 1793. Troops were sent by state authorities to seize the Unicorn and hold her until court action should decide the issue. General John Marshall, later of U.S. Supreme Court renown, commanded the body of Richmond Cavalry dispatched to the scene, and took charge of the seizure. In his official report of the incident General Marshall stated that he observed in the local citizens "no inconsiderable degree of mortification" that there arose the necessity to call in distant troops "to protect from violence the laws of our common country." Captain Sinclair was later acquitted, but the Unicorn, under a different name, did eventually see service under the French flag.

Captain Sinclair continued to act as a privateer out of the shelter of Mobjack Bay until his death in 1820. Lands End was then acquired by Cary Selden Jones, husband of Captain Sinclair's daughter, Caroline. Jones, a former Humanities student at the College of William and Mary, built the dancing parlor addition to the house in order to entertain his children's friends.

About the year 1848, Richard P. Jones (Virginia House of Delegates, 1845-1847), no relation to Cary Selden Jones, acquired the property. Richard P. Jones died in 1883 and his brother, Judge Warner Throckmorton Jones took over care of the farm and the children of the deceased Richard. One of

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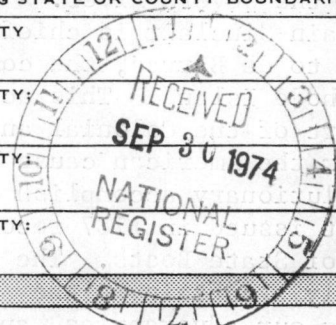
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 30 acres

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: July, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
 221 Governor Street

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, Jr.
 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Title: _____

Date: SEP 17 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AR Martens
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/6/74

ATTEST:
Adrian [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11-5-74

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Gloucester's most prominent citizens, Judge Jones graduated in law from the College of William and Mary and was admitted to the Gloucester bar in 1840. He was Colonel of the Gloucester militia in 1861, appointed Commissioner in Chancery, and was elected Judge of Gloucester County in 1870. Judge Jones also served on the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary and was a Delegate in the General Assembly for several terms from 1855-1865 and after the reconstruction period 1871-1873. Judge Jones was a resident of Lands End for most of his life and he died there in 1891.

In 1897 the children of Richard P. Jones were forced by creditors to sell 518 acres of the estate, leaving 150 acres including the home site. The 518 acres were purchased by James Sinclair, grandson of Captain John Sinclair. James Sinclair erected a race track for horses on the property. In 1935 the surviving children of Richard P. Jones sold the remaining 150 acres to Nell Carneal Drew. The home site and 30 acres are now owned by Claude O. Lanciano, Jr., retired from services with the U.S. Department of Defense.



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View from southwest

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM
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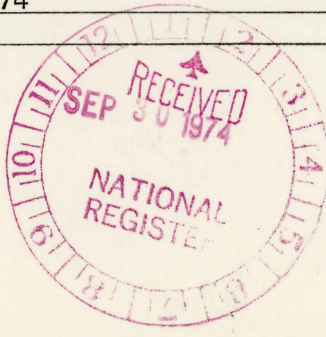
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STREET AND NUMBER
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle, Achilles, Virginia

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1965

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.





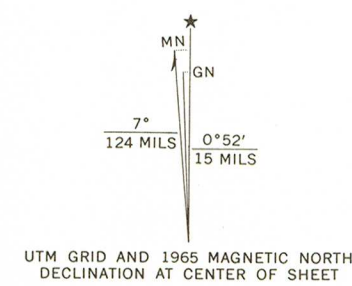
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