

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wishart House is an extraordinary survival of seventeenth-century medieval design and has remained relatively untouched by time. The combination of steep gable roof, massive T-shaped chimneys with their steep tiled splays and belt courses, English bond brickwork above and below the beveled water table, glazed headers on the gable end following the rake of the roof, segmental arched entranceways, and brick corbels at either end of the eaves produce a structure with an undeniable seventeenth-century feeling. The flat arches over the windows, however, would tend to place it in the latter half of the seventeenth century. Under the long monitor shed dormers are three older dormers which are probably not original. Originally, the house probably had dormers as indicated in the interior by the Jacobean staircase, later enclosed, with its turned balusters and square newel post -- an elaborate feature not used on homes having an unlighted second level. (There is no indication of gable end windows). The two-room plan has the stair in the south room at the northeast corner and two large mantels, the north one retaining its distinctive bolection moldings. The center wall has wide horizontal boards, now covered by layers of paint and wallpaper. Unfortunately a brick rear ell has been added, but even when combined with the altered dormers and the removal of some of the interior trim, it must be said that the Wishart House is one of the most valuable and complete landmarks in Virginia.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Wishart House is an extraordinary survival of seventeenth-century medieval design. It is one of the oldest brick houses remaining in the United States and is among the few seventeenth century Virginia houses to retain a significant portion of its original interior woodwork. The house is built on land sold by Adam Thorowgood to William Richerson in 1653 who, in turn, sold the property to James Wishart in 1673. It is difficult to establish whether Richerson or Wishart built the house but the building appears to have been erected in the latter half of the seventeenth century. The property remained in the hands of the Wishart family until 1795 when Thomas Wishart and his wife, Porcia, sold it to William Boush whose family was to inherit the house for several generations.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, Henry Chandlee, The Architecture of the Old South, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1948.

Kellam, Sadie Scott and V. Hope, Old Houses in Princess Anne, Virginia, Portsmouth, Virginia: Printcraft Press, Inc., 1958.

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	36 ° 52' 30"	76 ° 08 00"				
NE	36 ° 52' 30"	76 ° 07 30"				
SE	36 ° 52' 08"	76 ° 07 30"				
SW	36 ° 52' 08"	76 ° 08 00"				

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

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: June 2, 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 _____

Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Virginia	
COUNTY Virginia Beach (in City)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries)

6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1958 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

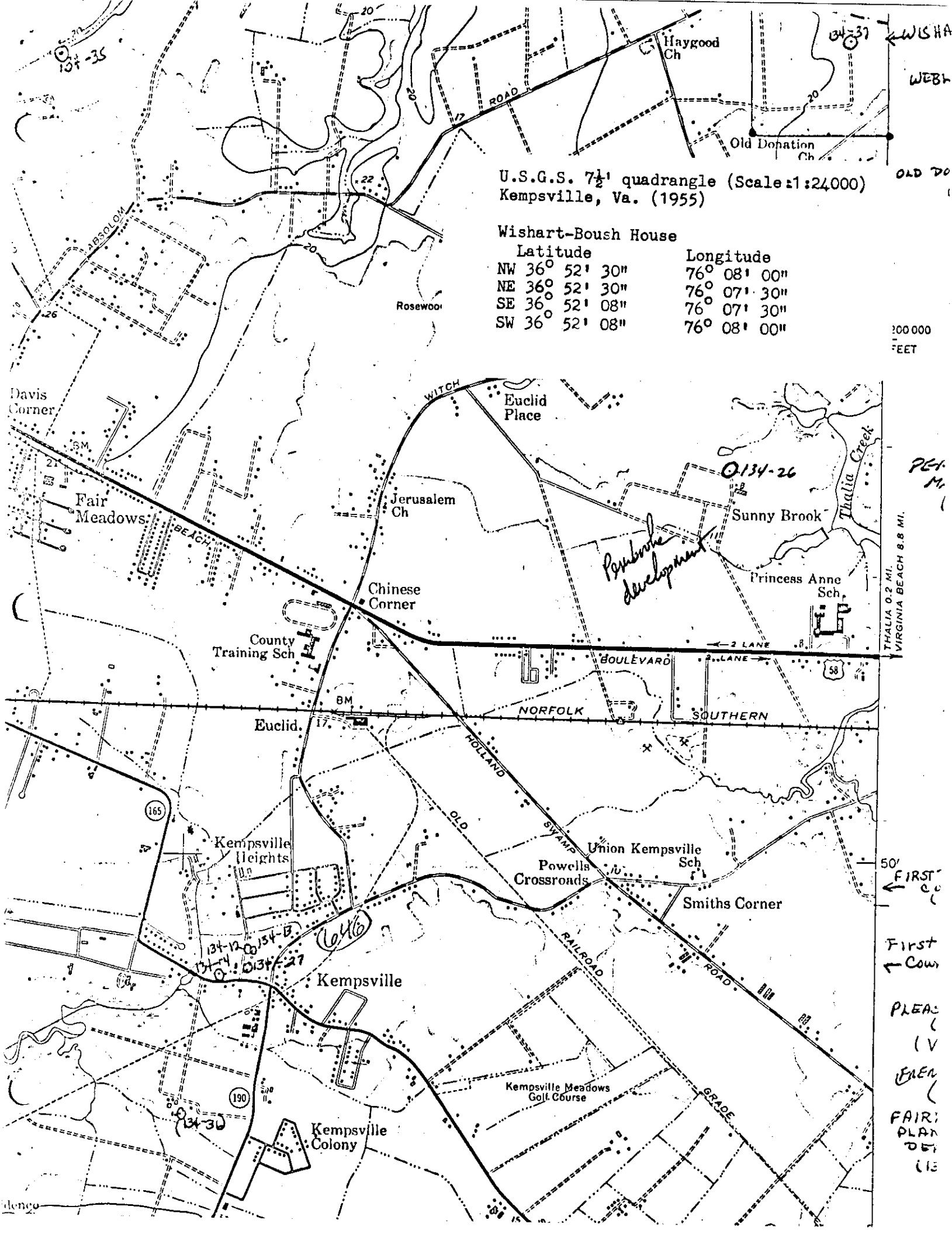
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #134-37
1968 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 760 45

U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale:1:24000)
 Kempsville, Va. (1955)

Wishart-Boush House

Latitude	Longitude
NW 36° 52' 30"	76° 08' 00"
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1:24000
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