

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance 1809-1870

Significant Dates _____

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary Location of Additional Data
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 334 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting		Northing		Zone Easting		Northing	
1	17	680760	4122490	2	17	681560	4121690
3	17	681530	4121540	4	17	681860	4121340

x See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Crowther

street & number Blenheim Farm, Route 1 telephone 703-371-4865

city or town Concord state VA zip code 24538

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Campbell County, Virginia

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Blenheim is a 334-acre plantation situated along Falling River in a rural setting in eastern Campbell County. The long, narrow tract preserves the approximate boundaries and acreage that have defined the property since the second quarter of the nineteenth century and perhaps earlier. These historic boundaries preserve the historic rural context for the house and consist of Noland's Mill Road (route 648) and Rocky Branch on the southwest, Red Oak Spring Mills Road on the northwest, and Falling River on the east. Mariborough Creek and Prince Eugene of Savoy Creek mark sections of the northern boundary. The focal point of the property is the weatherboarded, story-and-a-half, Federal period plantation house situated at the end of a long cedar-lined lane above fields overlooking the bottom lands of Falling River. The upland portion of the property is mostly wooded and provides a visual buffer against encroaching modern housing. The house itself has a high degree of historic integrity, preserving original porches, beaded weatherboarding, louvered shutters, and striking, provincially conceived Federal woodwork. The main stair is noted for its outstanding carved decoration. To the east of the house is the remnants of an early formal garden which may possess archaeological potential. Scattered about the property are various visually compatible but non-contributing late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century outbuildings and farm buildings. None of these buildings have any particular distinction and all are outside the period of significance. No structures within the period of significance remain in property.

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GEOGRAPHIC DATA

UTM References (continued)

5. 17/682320/4121400
6. 17/682340/4121660
7. 17/682640/4121430
8. 17/682040/4120600
9. 17/689050/4121420
10. 17/680400/4122370

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the southern right-of-way of county route 604 delineated by UTM reference 1. 17/680760/4122490, proceed southeast some 3800' to a point delineated by UTM reference 2. 17/681560/4121690, thence south some 600' to a point delineated by UTM reference 3. 17/681530/4121540, thence southeast some 1400' to a point delineated by UTM reference 4. 17/681560/4121340, thence east some 1600' to a point delineated by UTM reference 5. 17/682320/4121400, thence northeast some 800' to a point delineated by UTM reference 6. 17/682340/4121660, thence south some 1200' to a point on the west bank of Falling River delineated by UTM reference 7. 17/682640/4121430, thence southwest along the said west bank some 3400' to a point delineated by UTM reference 8. 17/682040/4120600, thence northwest along an unnamed tributary of Falling River some 4200' to a point on the eastern right-of-way of county route 648 delineated by UTM reference 9. 17/680950/4121420, thence northwest along the said right-of-way some 3800' to its intersection with county route 604, thence east along the southern right-of-way of county route 604 some 1100' to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries have been expanded to incorporate the 334 acres that currently make up Blenheim Farm. The acreage and boundaries generally coincide with the boundaries that have defined Blenheim plantation since before the Civil War. They include the wooded uplands portion of the long, narrow tract; the half-mile cedar-lined lane from the country road 648, the historic approach to the property; the open fields around the house, and the bottom lands of Falling River--the historic eastern boundary of the property. The southwestern boundary is still defined by Rocky Run and Noland's Mill Road. The northern boundaries of the property are in part defined by Marlborough and Prince Eugene of Savoy creeks, also historic boundaries of Blenheim--so named along with the plantation by owner John Devereaux around 1870 in a fit of admiration for the defeat of Louis XIV. The 334 acres are essential for preserving the historic rural context of the property and shielding from view encroaching modern housing, particularly along route 648.

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All photographs are of:

**BLenheim, CAMPBELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA
VDHR file number: 15-66
Calder Loth, photographer**

DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: vista from main house; view looking southeast
NEG. NO.: 13186
PHOTO 1 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: entrance driveway; view looking northwest
NEG. NO.: 13186
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DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: main house across fields; view looking east
NEG. NO.: 13186
PHOTO 3 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: field and woods from main house; view looking west
NEGATIVE NO.: 13186
PHOTO 4 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: early 20th-century overseer's house; view looking north
NEG. NO.: 13186
PHOTO 5 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: pool house; view looking southeast
NEG. NO.: 13187
PHOTO 6 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: 20th-century garden tool shed; view looking north
NEG. NO: 13187
PHOTO 7 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993
VIEW OF: ruinous early 20th-century barn and granary; view looking north
NEGATIVE NO: 13187
PHOTO 8 of 9

DATE: November 19, 1993
VIEW OF: 20th-century farm equipment shed; view looking southwest
NEGATIVE NO: 13187
PHOTO 9 of 9

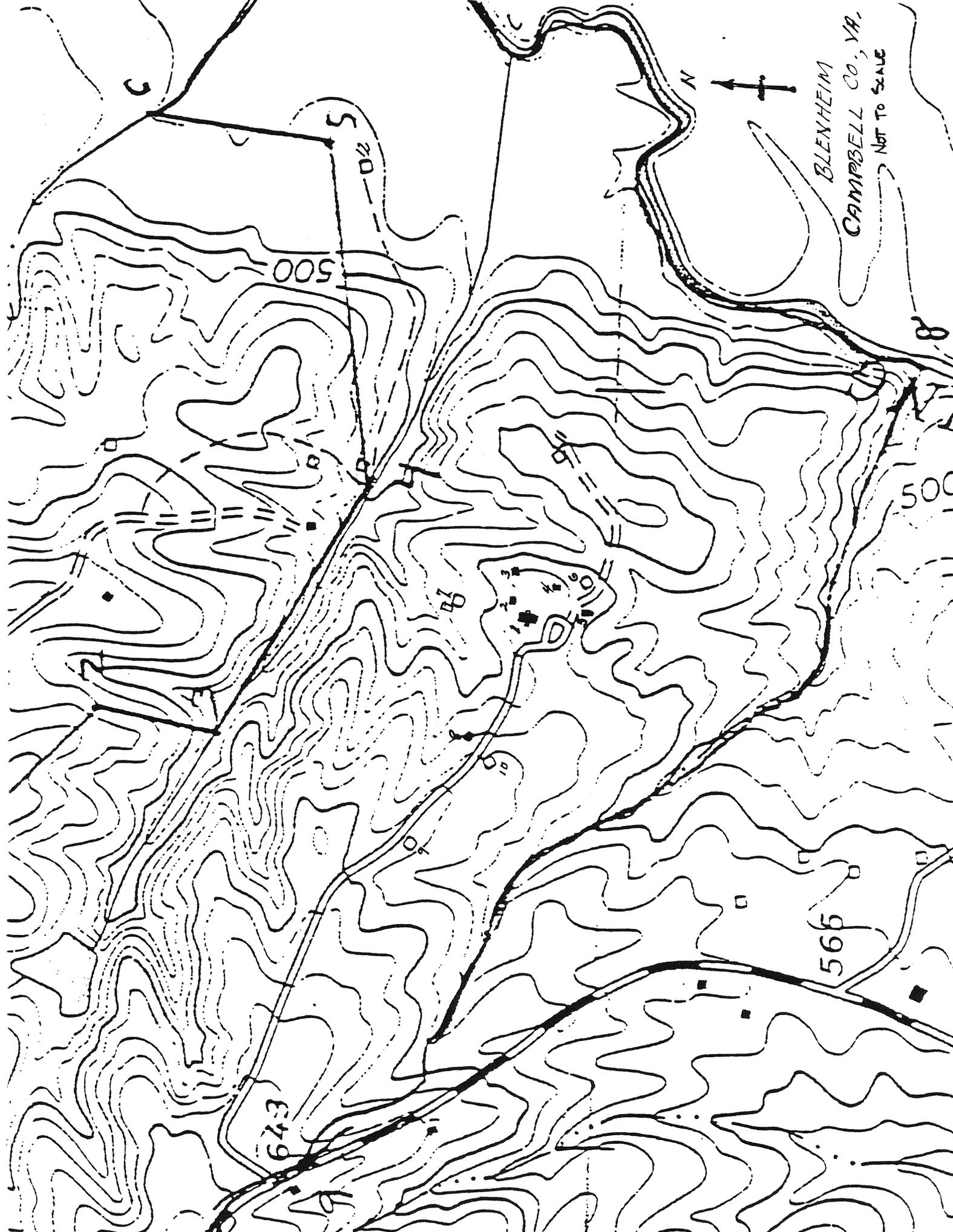
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KEY TO SKETCH MAP

1. main house: contributing
2. 20th-century shed: noncontributing
3. 20th-century garden tool house: noncontributing
4. 20th-century pool house: noncontributing
5. 20th-century farm equipment shed: noncontributing
6. 20th-century farm machinery shed: noncontributing
7. early 20th-century ruinous barn and granary: noncontributing
8. ca. 1910 overseer's cottage: noncontributing
9. farm building (demolished)
10. farm building (demolished)
11. farm building (demolished)
12. farm building (demolished)



BLENHEIM
CAMPBELL CO., VA.
NOT TO SCALE

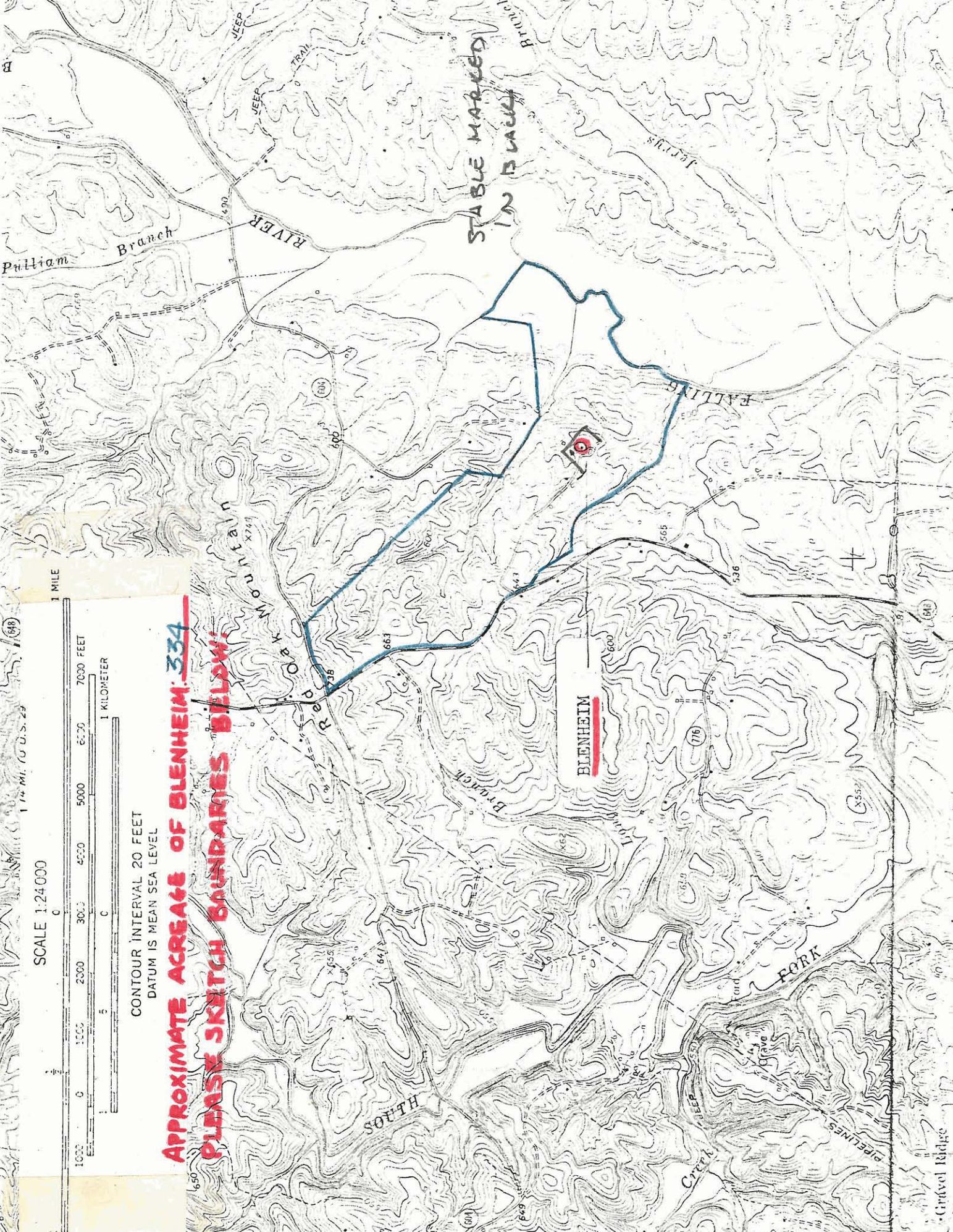


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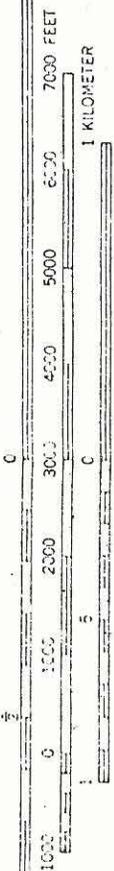
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STABLE MARKED
IN BOUNDARY

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF BLENHEIM: 334
PLEASE SKETCH BOUNDARIES BELOW:

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

1/4 MI. (U.S.S. 29)
(688)

B

Pulliam Branch

RIVER

Ovaya Mountain

HLOS

BLenheim

FALLING

FORK

PIPINES

Gravel Ridge