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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Sumerduck Historic District

other names/site number VDHR File No. 030-5164

2. Location

street & number Area including parts of Sumerduck Road (5344-5426) not for publication N/A

city or town Sumerduck vicinity N/A

state Virginia code VA county Fauquier code 061 zip code 22742

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 4/2/09
Signature of certifying official Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Domestic</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Secondary Structure</u>
<u>Commerce/Trade</u>	<u>General Store</u>
<u>Religion</u>	<u>Church</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>School</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Domestic</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Secondary Structure</u>
<u>Commerce/Trade</u>	<u>Specialty Store</u>
<u>Religion</u>	<u>Church</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th Century and Early 20th Century Revivals: Gothic Revival
Other: Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone; Concrete; Brick
 roof Metal; Asphalt
 walls Wood: Weatherboard, Stucco; Synthetic: Vinyl
 other Wood; Brick; Concrete

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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)

- X 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.
X 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
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance circa 1882- circa 1950

Significant Dates 1882

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Henry Broadus Jones Sr., Henry Broadus Jones, Jr. (builders)

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.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- 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

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources: Richmond, Virginia

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 35 acres

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

Table with 8 columns: Zone, Easting, Northing. Includes handwritten entries 1, 2, 3, 4 and a note '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.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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)

Property Owner

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

name See Attached Property Owners List
street & number telephone
city or town state zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings.

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7. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Sumerduck Historic District is located in the rural hamlet of Sumerduck at the junction of Sumerduck (Route 651) and Union Church (Route 632) roads in southwest Fauquier County, about two miles east of the Rappahannock River. The Reconstruction-era district contains the core type of historic buildings usually found in small rural communities including dwellings, stores, churches, a post office, a school, and a public space for meetings. The dwellings in the village date from the late 19th to the mid-20th centuries and are representative examples of residential styles and forms popular in the region during that time. Although relatively small, the Sumerduck Historic District contains a high degree of architectural integrity and is one of the best-preserved collections of historic buildings in this portion of Fauquier County.

The Sumerduck Historic District is linear in its configuration, with its layout dictated by the roads. Almost all buildings are easily visible from Sumerduck Road, a two-lane paved road with no shoulders or sidewalks. The district boundaries include the highest concentration of historic buildings that are not only the oldest in the community but well represent Sumerduck's role as a rural crossroads and a center of social and economic activity in an otherwise rural area beginning in the late 19th century. The village has continued to grow but modern residential construction in Sumerduck has generally occurred in the area south of the district boundary along Sumerduck Road, leaving this approximately thirty-five-acre district fairly well intact with few modern intrusions.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION AND ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS:

The Sumerduck Historic District is a small, late-19th-century crossroads in southwest Fauquier County that developed around the junction of Sumerduck Road and Union Church Road. The late-19th-century community eventually grew to have two churches, a school, and a store, in addition to several Victorian-era dwellings. The churches and one store are still in use, while one store is vacant and the former school, which closed in the mid-twentieth century, is used as an antique shop.

The linear district runs along both sides of Sumerduck Road from its junction with Union Church Road south approximately one-third of a mile. The earliest buildings in town are located at the north end of the village, while the more recent are on the south end. The post office was established here in the late 1880s and is still located in the community, although now in a modern building just south of the district boundary.

The historic resources within the Sumerduck Historic District illustrate the story of the community's development. The district contains primarily dwellings that date from the first half of the 1880s to the 1940s. Most are vernacular in form, with some exhibiting Folk Victorian or Colonial Revival-style

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detailing. The district boasts an excellent example of a Gothic Revival-style dwelling constructed ca. 1885. Also included in Sumerduck are two churches—one from the late 19th century and the other from 1915; a late-19th-century schoolhouse with a 1917 addition; a late-19th-century former store; and a ca. 1950 general store that is still operating. All of the historic buildings within the historic district are of frame construction. Several are still covered in their original weatherboard siding, while others have been stuccoed or faced in synthetic vinyl or aluminum siding. The non-contributing resources in the district are primarily outbuildings with the exception of two modern dwellings.

The earliest building in the district is the Tulloss House [030-5164-0006], a two-story, three-bay, vernacular, hall-parlor-plan dwelling constructed ca. 1882, probably by local carpenter Henry Broadus Jones. The frame house rests on a stone-pier foundation with concrete infill. Located off the east side of Sumerduck Road, the house is one of the few in the district not easily visible from the main road.

Just north of the Tulloss House at 5400 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0007] is the Henry Broadus Jones House, also commonly known as the Santa Claus House or the House of the Seven Gables. This 1 ½-story, three-bay Gothic Revival-style dwelling was constructed ca. 1885 and rests on a stone foundation (part stone piers with concrete infill). The well-preserved frame house, constructed by Henry Broadus Jones for himself, is clad in weatherboard siding and has an asphalt-shingled, gabled roof with two steeply-pitched front and rear gables with pointed-arched windows and is the only example in the district of a high-style building. The large central brick chimney has a corbelled cap. A seven-bay, standing-seam-metal-roofed, wraparound porch has chamfered posts, sawn brackets, a saw tooth cornice, and gabled entrances with a large wooden star in the pediment. The house contains its original four-over-four-sash wood windows and a ca. 1900 side wing with an exterior-end brick chimney. This wing was raised a half-story with the addition of a mansard roof in 1978. A one-story gabled wing is attached to the west end of the house and a one-story hipped wing extends to the north. The interior contains a lateral hallway (along the south side) with two rooms on the first floor and a central fireplace. The second floor also contains two rooms. Bathrooms and a kitchen are located in the side wing. The house maintains original Victorian mantels, woodwork, and plaster. North of the house are several period outbuildings including a barn, chicken coop, and a privy.

Jones and his son also ran the store on the property known as Jones's Store which is sited just south of the house. Currently vacant, the large two-story, three-bay commercial building was constructed at about the same time as the main house and contained the community's post office. The building, sited directly off the west side of Sumerduck Road, has a standing-seam-metal, gabled roof with exposed rafter ends and two interior brick flues. The first floor was used as a store and the second floor as a meeting hall for the Republican Party. Architectural details include weatherboard siding, a transom over the double-leaf front door, a side door with transom allowing access to the upstairs, six-over-six-sash and nine-over-six-sash wood windows, and a stone foundation. A full-length, one-story, shed-

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roofed wing with a front parapet is situated along the south side of the store and features a standing-seam metal roof, weatherboard siding, and six-over-six-sash wood windows.

Another building dating to the late 19th century is the Embrey-Mills House [030-5164-0008] at 5407 Sumerduck Road. Constructed in the late 1880s and restored after a fire in the 1980s, this two-story, multi-bay, frame, vernacular dwelling features Folk Victorian detailing. Resting on a solid stone foundation, the house has a Queen Anne-style projecting bay, decorative window surrounds, a decorative vergeboard, gable-end returns, and a wraparound wooden porch with square posts. A 1 ½-story, three-bay side wing with gabled wall dormers extends to the west. The property also contains a one-story, three-bay, two-door, gable-roofed building that was originally used as a shoe shop and a one-bay, one-story, gable-roofed well house that was used by teamsters traveling on the road.¹

The J. Hackley Jones House, located at 5420 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0009], near the northern edge of the district, also exhibits Folk Victorian detailing but was constructed ca. 1915. This two-story, three-bay, T-shaped, frame dwelling rests on a stone pier with concrete infill foundation. The cross-gabled roof has overhanging eaves, exposed scalloped rafter ends, and decorative sawn vergeboards with half-moon and star cutouts located in the front and side cross gables. An interesting feature is the enclosed porch that connects the house to what was once a detached pump house.

The only other contributing dwelling in the district is the Steven Jacobs House [030-5164-0004] located at 5361 Sumerduck Road. Constructed ca. 1940, this house sits on the site of the old Taylor's store, which no longer stands.² The 1 ½-story, three-bay, frame dwelling rests on a concrete block foundation and can be characterized as a vernacular Colonial Revival-style building. Clad in aluminum siding, the gable-end dwelling features an interior-end brick chimney, six-over-six-sash wood windows, a three-bay porch with square posts, a shed-roofed dormer on the south side, two gabled dormers on the north side, and an enclosed rear porch.

Sumerduck is somewhat distinctive in that it contains two churches, a fairly large number for so small a community. The oldest is the Union Primitive Baptist Church [030-5164-0010], located at the northwest corner of the junction of Sumerduck and Union Church roads, at the north end of the district. The fairly plain, one-story, one-bay, gable-end church was constructed ca. 1898 and rests on a solid parged foundation. The stuccoed frame building features standing-seam-metal roofing with exposed rafter ends, an exterior-end concrete block chimney, a double-leaf entrance door, and three bays of six-over-six-sash wood windows on the sides. The rear elevation contains a shed-roofed rectangular chancel.

The Sumerduck Baptist Church, also known as the Embrey Memorial Church [030-5164-0003] is located at 5354 Sumerduck Road, in the south end of the district. The one-story, one-bay vernacular

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church was constructed in 1915 on land donated by Robert Calvin Embrey. The gable-end building rests on a concrete parged foundation and the walls are clad in vinyl siding while the roof maintains its original standing-seam metal. The simply-detailed church includes an exterior-side brick chimney, a rear projecting rectangular apse, gable-end returns, a plain frieze, and three bays of six-over-six-sash windows along the side elevations. The one-bay entrance is through the projecting two-story bell tower that contains double-leaf entrance doors, and rectangular attic and bell tower vents. A modern aluminum awning shelters the entrance. Two one-story, three-bay, side wings were added to the church around 1960. The one to the south has a rear wing that appears to house Sunday school rooms. A fairly large cemetery with approximately 100 burials is located behind the church. Surrounded by a chain link fence, the cemetery contains burials from the late 19th century to modern times.

The Sumerduck Historic District also contains the old school, which closed in the mid-twentieth century and is part of an antique store complex on the site. Located at 5353 Sumerduck Road [030-0023; 030-5164-0002], the one-story, hip-roofed, three-bay former school was constructed in 1887 and rests on a solid brick foundation. Believed to be the most intact Reconstruction-era school in the county, the frame building is clad in weatherboard siding and features a standing-seam-metal roof with two interior-end chimneys with corbelled caps, overhanging eaves, and exposed rafter ends. The building still maintains its original paneled, double-leaf entry doors, and single and paired six-over-six-sash wood windows. The one-bay, hip-roofed front porch has chamfered posts and a belfry on the roof. The interior maintains original folding doors, raised paneled doors, chalkboards, fluted trim with bull's-eye corner blocks, plaster walls, and wooden floors.

The Sumerduck Trading Company, formerly E. H. Wax's Store [030-5164-0001] is located on Sumerduck Road at the southern end of the district. The one-story, concrete block commercial building was constructed ca. 1950 and features a standing-seam-metal, gable-end roof with an exterior brick chimney, and an enclosed front porch. The side lean-to was used as the post office until the 1960s when it was moved to a modern building outside of the district.

Sumerduck's surviving historic buildings capture the village's history while retaining a high degree of visual integrity. It is one of the best-preserved districts in this portion of Fauquier County, close to the Stafford County line.

ENDNOTES:

¹ Eugene Scheel, The Guide to Fauquier A Survey of the Architecture and History of a Virginia County with 15 Walking Tours of Towns and Villages, [Warrenton, Va.: Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, 1976] 45; Interview with local

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historian James J. Durnan Jr., December 3, 2007.

² Olive V. Jones. "The Little Village of Sumerduck, 50 Years Ago," unpublished manuscript, 1970, 10.

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SUMERDUCK HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

NOTES ON FORMAT, ORGANIZATION, AND JUSTIFICATION OF INVENTORY:

In the following inventory, which is listed numerically by street address, all resources, both primary and secondary, have been considered either contributing or non-contributing based upon the areas of significance as listed under Criterion C with ARCHITECTURE and Criterion A with SOCIAL HISTORY as the areas of significance and based upon the period of significance as circa 1882-circa 1950. All non-contributing resources have, therefore, been so noted for being either constructed after 1950 or as having no integrity left to represent the period and areas of significance. The resources are keyed to the accompanying sketch map in regular order.

Sumerduck Road

5344 Sumerduck Road **030-5164-0001**

Name: Sumerduck Trading Co.; E. H. Wax's Store

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, *Stories:* 1, *Style:* Vernacular, ca. 1950

Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Contributing

5353 Sumerduck Road **030-0023**

Other DHR Id#: 030-5164-0002

Name: Sumerduck School

Primary Resource Information: School, *Stories:* 1, *Style:* Vernacular, 1887; 1917 addition

Individual Resource Status: School Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Warehouse **Noncontributing**

Individual Resource Status: Warehouse **Noncontributing**

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling **Noncontributing**

5354 Sumerduck Road **030-5164-0003**

Name: Sumerduck Baptist Church; Embrey Memorial Church

Primary Resource Information: Church, *Stories:* 1, *Style:* Vernacular, 1915

Individual Resource Status: Church Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Cemetery Contributing (Site)

Individual Resource Status: Shed **Noncontributing**

5361 Sumerduck Road **030-5164-0004**

Name: Steven Jacobs House

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, *Stories:* 1.5, *Style:* Vernacular Colonial Revival, ca. 1940

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing

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Individual Resource Status: Shed Contributing

5367 Sumerduck Road 030-5164-0005

Name: **Smith House**

***Primary Resource Information:* Single Dwelling, Stories: 1, Style: Minimal Ranch, ca. 1980**

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling **Noncontributing**

5376 Sumerduck Road 030-5164-0006

Name: **Tullos House**

***Primary Resource Information:* Single Dwelling, Stories: 2, Style: Vernacular hall parlor-plan house, ca. 1882**

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Shed **Noncontributing**

5400 Sumerduck Road 030-5164-0007

Name: **Santa Claus House; House of the Seven Gables; Henry Broadus Jones House**

***Primary Resource Information:* Single Dwelling, Stories: 1.5, Style: Gothic Revival, ca. 1885**

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Barn Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Chicken Coop Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Privy Contributing

5407 Sumerduck Road 030-5164-0008

Name: **Embrey-Mills-Bean House**

***Primary Resource Status:* Single Dwelling, Stories: 2, Style: Folk Victorian, ca. 1885**

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Shed Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Well House Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Wood Shed Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Pool **Noncontributing (Structure)**

Individual Resource Status: Garage **Noncontributing**

5420 Sumerduck Road 030-5164-0009

Name: **J. Hackley Jones House**

***Primary Resource Information:* Single Dwelling, Stories: 2, Style: Folk Victorian, ca. 1915**

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Shed Contributing

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Individual Resource Status: Shed
Individual Resource Status: Carport

Contributing
Noncontributing (Structure)

5426 Sumerduck Road 030-5164-0010

Name: Union Primitive Baptist Church

Primary Resource Information: Church, Stories: 1, Style: Vernacular, ca. 1898

Individual Resource Status: Church

Contributing

Individual Resource Status: Social Hall

Noncontributing

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Sumerduck Historic District, a tiny village located in the southwestern portion of Fauquier County in Virginia's rolling Piedmont, is significant as an extraordinarily well-preserved collection of late-19th- and early-20th- century buildings that effectively represents its modest history. Although the linear district is very small, all critical aspects of its history—domestic, commercial, religious, and educational - are represented by its collection of historic structures that have been little altered over the years. In the context of small rural villages at junctions along local transportation routes in Fauquier County, Sumerduck retained through its period of significance an unusually high level of functional and visual consistency. Even today, Sumerduck presents its physical identity with remarkable consistency.

Located on the road now known as Remington Road, (county road 651) at its junction with county road 632, the village contains two churches, the Union Primitive Baptist Church [030-5164-0010] and the Sumerduck Baptist Church, also known as the Embrey Memorial Church [030-5164-0003] that contains a cemetery where many of Sumerduck's residents are buried. Attesting to its importance to the surrounding agricultural area, the district also includes the Sumerduck School [030-0023; 030-5164-0002] and the late-19th-century Henry Broadus Jones Store, that sits on the property at 5400 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0007], and the Sumerduck Trading Company, (Emory Henry Wax's Store), constructed ca. 1950 [030-5164-0001]. The village is graced with a handful of dwellings and associated dependencies that date from the period circa 1882-circa 1950. The district's significance was highlighted in a first-hand history prepared in 1970 by a long-time resident, Olive V. Jones, that delineates the history of the small town and its residents.

The district is eligible at the local level under Criterion C for the well-preserved architectural fabric of dwellings, institutional buildings, and commercial structures dating from the early 1880s to the mid-20th century and under Criterion A for its association with the social history of the area as a crossroads community providing stores, a school, and two churches, and for its association with two locally prominent families – the Joneses and the Embreys.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

According to Olive Jones, local historian, Sumerduck derives its charming name from a translation of the Indian name for the nearby "run" or creek. The name in its present form first appears in a 1715 patent recorded in the land books for the Northern Neck Proprietary. Later in 1741 the name was used by Colonel Landon Carter in describing his 1000-acre tract located between the present-day village and Sumerduck Run. It probably derived the name itself from the number of ducks that populated the nearby creek.¹ Like many of the small villages in Fauquier County, Sumerduck stands at the junction of two roads – one leading to Remington and the other to Morrisville. It was at intersections that the

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buildings that served the surrounding countryside were located. When a post office was established at the village in 1889, with Walter Taylor, a blacksmith, as the postmaster,² the name chosen was "Jonesville" for the family that owned much of the property in the area, but that name had already been selected by a town in Southwest Virginia, so residents settled on the name Sumerduck.³ According to a newspaper article in The Fauquier Democrat, the post office objected to the length of the town's newly chosen name, and one of the *m*'s was removed to accommodate the postal authorities.⁴

Only two surviving dwellings date from before the establishment of the post office. The house located at 5400 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0007], known locally as "The Santa Claus House," or on occasion as "the House of Seven Gables," was built by Henry Broadus Jones ca. 1885. Jones had a very large family including three sets of twins.⁵ Both the 'Broadus' and 'Jones' names frequently appear in the annals of the town. According to census records from 1900, Henry Broadus Jones (Sr.) was a carpenter as was his son Henry B. Jones (Jr.), suggesting that senior Jones likely had a hand in building this dwelling.⁶ Another son of Henry Broadus Jones, J. Hackley Jones, is also recorded in the 1910 census as a carpenter and he may very well have built his house at 5420 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0009] ca. 1915. Both houses stood on what is now called Sumerduck Road, which was earlier known as the Freeman Road or Remington Road. According to Mrs. Jones, residents of Sumerduck often had to travel to Remington for services not available in their small community.⁷

Standing on the same property with the Santa Claus House [030-5164-0007] is a commercial building that functioned as a country store operated by Henry Broadus Jones's (Sr.) son, Orlando. The structure also housed the post office after Henry Broadus Jones assumed the postmaster's position as well as a meeting space for Jones's beloved Republican Party. The store building, probably built in the mid-1880s, coincided with the heyday of the Republican Party, which at that time was controlled by William Mahone's Readjusters and was fiercely competitive with the Democratic "Fundlers." According to Mrs. Jones, Henry Broadus Jones built the structure to accommodate meetings of the local Republican Party when he learned of a neighbor operating a store where Democrats met.⁸ Census records from 1900 indicate that the store provided employment to members of the Jones extended family for several decades. Among those who operated the store in succeeding years were Malory Smith, Ward McConchie (born in 1879 and listed in the 1930 Census as a "farmer"), and later by Henry and Boyer Jones, grandchildren of the original owner.

Another house with direct association with the Jones family is the Tullos House at 5376 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0006] built by Broadus Jones for farmer William Tullos and completed by 1882.⁹ It can be assumed it was built after 1880 as Tullos appears only in the Stafford County census records for that year. Identified as a farmer with a large family, Tullos lived in Fauquier until at least 1910.¹⁰

Although several country stores came and went during the first half of the 20th century, as evidenced by

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references in the census records and recollections of Mrs. Jones, the only other commercial enterprise in the village that survives today is E. H. Wax's Store at 5344 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0001] built ca. 1950. Currently known as the Sumerduck Trading Company, Wax's Store at one time housed a small library for the community, using the store shelving to hold the books.¹¹ Taylor's Store, long a landmark in the community, was operated by Walter Taylor, a brother-in-law to the Jones family.¹² The store burned a number of years ago, and the parcel is now the site of a 1940 dwelling known as the Stevens Jacobs House at 5361 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0004].

Beyond their commercial contributions to the village of Sumerduck, the Jones family was also instrumental in the establishment and building of one of the town's two churches. The Union Primitive Baptist Church at 5426 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0010] stands on land conveyed by Broadus and Mary (his wife) Jones to the Trustees of the church in 1897. The congregation was organized in 1886. The building stands on what was earlier known as Church Road and appears on a 1914 map of Fauquier as "Bap. Ch. Old School." The conveyance from the Joneses "recites the Church's holding the doctrines of Predestination, Election, Final Perservance [sic] of the Saints, Resurrection of the Dead and a Final Judgement,"¹³ pointing to the fierce independence of some Baptists and their opposition to many institutions usually associated with Baptist congregations like Sunday schools, missionary societies, and theological schools. The survival of the church building is a testament to its sturdy construction and the devotion of its early communicants.

The other church in this small community is the Sumerduck Baptist Church, also known as the Embrey Memorial Church [030-5164-0003]. This house of worship was built by the other large family who lived in the area that is associated with much of the town's history – the Embreys. Robert Calvin Embrey did not live in the village but was a farmer nearby on the Rappahannock River. He gave the land and underwrote the construction of the new church in 1915, then envisioned to be a New School Baptist Church. According to Mrs. Jones, the history of the congregation pre-dates its construction, with its roots reaching back to 1833 with the Providence congregation in Culpeper County.¹⁴ According to Mrs. Jones, her father Broadus Jones, Jr. helped build the church, another instance in which a member of the Jones clan was involved in Sumerduck's physical presence.¹⁵ The cemetery behind the church is the resting place of a number of local luminaries, including many of the Embrey family. There are two cemeteries in the area, the other one being outside the district but close to Sumerduck, that have Embrey family burials. The Embrey-Smith Cemetery that is associated with the church contains the remains of at least five Embrey family members, including Robert and Jane Embrey who both died in 1894, and Robert Embrey (Jr), who died in 1916. Robert Embrey, Jr. would have been the donor of the land for the church.¹⁶ The Embrey family were primarily farmers and farm laborers, although census records indicate that one Embrey family member was a merchant, one a miller, and one a school teacher.¹⁷

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Yet another structure associated with the Embrey family is the Embrey-Mills-Bean House, sometimes called the Mills Place, at 5407 Sumerduck Road [030-5164-0008] the core of which dates to ca. 1885. Martha Embrey, a daughter of Basil Embrey who is listed in the 1910 census for Fauquier as living on Sumerduck Road, was married to Samuel Mills. According to Mrs. Jones, Mr. Mills once operated a shoe shop on his property that stood right on the road's edge, providing an essential service for his neighbors.¹⁸

The other defining structure in the town is the Sumerduck School at 5354 Sumerduck Road [030-0023; 030-5164-0003], constructed in the late 19th century. It appears on a 1914 county map as the "Sumerduck School (W)." According to Mrs. Jones, the schoolhouse originally had only two rooms, a not uncommon size for a country schoolhouse in late-19th-century Virginia. Another room was added in 1917. According to the Bradley survey of Fauquier County public schools in 1934/35, the school had three rooms for five grades and 23 students.¹⁹ For nearly thirty years, until as Mrs. Jones says "a school bus was put on the road to take the children elsewhere," the three-room school served the community, undoubtedly attracting children from the surrounding area. Currently it houses an antique shop but still retains its architectural integrity.²⁰

The other curious element of the small community is, that according to Mrs. Jones, boardwalks lined present-day Sumerduck Road to provide a corridor for residents to stroll through the town. The walk, made of wooden boards, built in an era before streets were paved and when mud and dust were pervasive, has long been rotted away, but its very existence shows that Sumerduck viewed itself as something more than merely a crossroads.²¹

Mrs. Jones's charming first-hand history of the community offers a striking image of the richness of the agricultural area surrounding Sumerduck, with orchards full of fruit trees, and fields and livestock pens. Although not within the boundaries of the tiny village, all residents in the surrounding area undoubtedly viewed Sumerduck as "their" town, providing stores, a school, and two churches to round out their lives. Retaining its singular pastoral setting, and fulfilling all the basic needs of its residents, Sumerduck continues in the 21st century to offer a picture little changed in nearly 125 years.

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¹ Olive V. Jones. "The Little Village of Sumerduck, 50 Years Ago," unpublished manuscript, 1970, 1 and Note # 1, 23.

² Federal Census for Fauquier County, 1880.

³ Eugene Scheel, *The Guide to Fauquier A Survey of the Architecture and History of a Virginia County with 15 Walking Tours of Towns and Villages*, [Warrenton, Va.: Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, 1976] 44.

⁴ Hilda Edwards, "Wildfowl Gave Village its Name," *The Fauquier Democrat*, (1955).

⁵ Jones, 3. Mrs. Jones was the great granddaughter of Broadus Jones, Sr.; Federal Census for Fauquier County, 1900.

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⁶ Federal Census for 1880, 1900, 1910 for Lee District, Fauquier County, Virginia.

⁷ Jones, 2; Scheel, 45.

⁸ Jones, 6. Among other things, the "Funders" wanted to honor all Virginia's pre-war debt to Northern bond holders while the "Readjusters" wanted to "adjust" the debt so that there would be more funds for public education.

⁹ Jones, 8.

¹⁰ Federal Census for Stafford and Fauquier Counties Virginia, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920.

¹¹ Jones, 9.

¹² Jones, 10.

¹³ Jones, Note # 2, 23.

¹⁴ Notes Note # 9, 28.

¹⁵ Jones, 11; Scheel, 45.

¹⁶ Nancy Baird Chappellear. Fauquier County, Virginia Tombstone Inscriptions. [Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 2000] 56. Page 55 of this book records the Embrey-Smith Cemetery, also the resting place of many Embrey family members. This cemetery is adjacent to the Robert Embrey House outside the historic district.

¹⁷ Federal Census for Fauquier County (Lee District), 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920.

¹⁸ Jones, 4; Federal Census for Lee District, Fauquier County, 1910.

¹⁹ Reconnaissance Survey form #030-0023 completed by Helen Ross, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1994.

²⁰ Scheel, 45; Jones, 10.

²¹ Jones, 12.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM REFERENCES: (NAD 83)

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E: 18 261966E 4260078N
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundary of the district is shown on the accompanying map entitled "Sumerduck Historic District," which was prepared by the Fauquier County Geographic Information Systems Office.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The Sumerduck Historic District boundaries were drawn to include the largest concentration of historic buildings that tell the story of the growth and development of the village. Noncontributing resources, whenever possible, particularly when on the edge of the boundary, were excluded. The district boundaries coincide with property lines and natural landscape features whenever possible.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION:

Unless otherwise noted, all photographs are of:

Property: **Sumerduck Historic District**

VDHR File Number: **030-5164**

Location: **Fauquier County, Virginia**

Date of photograph: **January 2008**

Photographer: **Maral S. Kalbian**

Negatives filed at: **Virginia Department of Historic Resources in Richmond, Virginia.**

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View: Santa Claus House [030-5164-0007]; southwest view

Negative Number: 23744 [9]

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View: Jones' Store [030-5164-0007], northwest view

Negative Number: 23744 [24]

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View: Embrey-Mills-Bean House [030-5164-0008]

Negative Number: 23744 [26]

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View: Sumerduck School [030-0023; 030-5164-0002], east view

Negative Number: 23745 [22]

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View: Sumerduck Baptist Church [030-5164-0003], southeast view

Negative Number: 23745 [3]

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View: Streetscape, looking north on Sumerduck Road towards Jones' Store

Negative Number: 23745 [1]

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View: Streetscape, looking south on Sumerduck Road towards Jones' Store

Negative Number: 23744 [33]

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Figure 1. Scaled map of historic district boundaries. Produced by Fauquier County GIS.



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Re: Broad Run/Little Georgetown Rural Historic District
Sumerduck Historic District
Bristersburg Historic District

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Enclosed are the original Copy Teste Resolutions from the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors in support of the nominations to the Virginia Landmarks and National Register of Historic Places for the Broad Run/Little Georgetown Rural Historic District, the Bristersburg Historic District, and the Sumerduck Historic District. The Board of Supervisors and community are exceptionally proud of the historic national, regional, and local heritage represented by these nominations.

We look forward to their placement on both registers.

Sincerely,

Paul S. McCulla
County Administrator

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Enclosures

cc: Board of Supervisors
Planning Commission
Architectural Review Board
Frederick P.D. Carr, Director, Department of Community Development
Kimberly Abe, Senior Planner

FAUQUIER COUNTY
250th ANNIVERSARY

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SUPPORTING THE SUMERDUCK NATIONAL REGISTER RURAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Sumerduck Historic District is located in the rural hamlet of Sumerduck at the junction of Sumerduck Road (Route 651) and Union Church Road (Route 632) in southwestern Fauquier County, about two miles east of the Rappahannock River; and

WHEREAS, the 15-acre district boundaries include the highest concentration of historic buildings that are not only the oldest in the community but well represent Sumerduck's role as a rural crossroads and center of social and economic activity in an otherwise rural area beginning in the late 19th century; and

WHEREAS, the district contains primary dwellings that date from the first half of the 1880's to the 1940's and numbering among these structures there are Folk Victorian-style dwellings, a distinctive seven-gabled Gothic Revival-style dwelling, two churches, a late 19th century schoolhouse, a late 19th century former store, and a circa 1950 general store still in operation; and

WHEREAS, there are many memories for the local residents embodied in these buildings and Sumerduck's history was lovingly recorded in a community history written in 1970 by a long-time resident named Olive V. Jones; and

WHEREAS, the name Sumerduck first appeared in a 1715 patent recorded in the land books for the Northern Neck Proprietary that likely was derived from the number of ducks that populated the nearby creek; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of March 2009, That the Board hereby supports and encourages the Virginia Board of Historic Resources to include the Sumerduck National Register Historic District, located in the Lee Magisterial District, in the Virginia Landmarks Register; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Virginia Board of Historic Resources recommend to the National Park Service, due to the established and unique history and National significance of Sumerduck, that this district expansion be enrolled in the National Register of Historic Places.

A Copy Teste



*Paul S. McCulla
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors*



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RE: Bristersburg Historic District, Fauquier County; Sumerduck Historic District, Fauquier County; Broad Run/Little Georgetown Rural Historic District, Fauquier and Prince William Counties; Danville Tobacco Warehouse and Residential Historic District, Boundary Increase, City of Danville; Ware Neck Store and Post Office, Gloucester County; B. Williams & Company Store, Mathews County

Dear Mr. Wordekemper:

We are pleased to inform you that the above referenced resources will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at our March 19, 2009 Board Meeting in Richmond.

There is reference of postal use in both the Ware Neck Store and Post Office and the B. Williams & Company Store nominations. There is also a current Post Office located at 5073 John Marshall Highway within the Broad Run/Little Georgetown Rural Historic District.

We want to let you know about the nominations for your future planning purposes. We have notified all property owners by letter, and by newspaper legal notices. The processing of all nominations has followed the state regulations, which invites all owners and adjacent owners to a public information session. We provide comments from these meetings to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage.

Enclosed is a copy of the notice that was distributed to all owners in each district by first class mail. Also included are maps that delineate the boundary of the districts.

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Listing in the National Register provides the following benefits to federally owned historic properties:

-Consideration in the planning for federally assisted projects. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 provides that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation be given an opportunity to comment on projects affecting such properties.

-Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located, in accordance with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977.

For more information about Virginia's Register Program you can visit the web site:

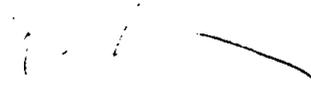
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You may review the pending nominations on the agency web site:

http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/homepage_features/board_activities.htm

If you wish to comment on the historic district proposal, please send to Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, Director, State Historic Preservation Office. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions. I can be reached at 804-367-2323/x-115 (email: Marc.Wagner@dhr.virginia.gov).

Sincerely yours,



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State Historic Preservation Office
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