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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Virginia
COUNTY:	Pittsylvania Pittsylvania
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COMMON: **Yates Tavern**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: South of Gretna; West side of U. S. Route 29, .8 mile southwest of intersection of U.S. Route 29 and State Route 40.

CITY OR TOWN: (Gretna vicinity) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fifth (W.C. Daniel)

STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51	COUNTY: Pittsylvania	CODE: 143
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Other (specie) <u>Storage</u>
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Walter P. Cocks

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1, Box 270

CITY OR TOWN: Gretna STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Chatham STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2)

TITLE OF SURVEY: (1) Historic American Buildings Survey (See Continuation Sheet)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1940, 1941 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)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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

Yates Tavern is a two-story frame building, covered with weatherboards, which stands on Route 29 just south of Gretna. It measures approximately 16 feet by 24 feet featuring a gable roof and an exterior end chimney built of rubble to the weatherings with a free-standing brick stack and corbelled cap.

A four-over-four window and a small four-light window pierce the south side, and another four-light sash is on the north side. The second floor is lighted only by a small window in each gable.

The most striking feature of Yates Tavern is the eight-inch jetty on each long side at second-floor level. It is unlikely that this is an original feature; rather, it seems to be the result of a remodeling which placed a second story upon the existing framing of a box cornice.

In plan, the building is a traditional hall-and-parlor Tidewater house with opposed front and rear doors and a stair in one corner of the larger east room. A door in the gable end of the west room may have replaced an original end chimney. The stone fireplace in the east room has a slight segmental-arched opening. The first-floor interior walls are covered with beaded vertical sheathing, and the second floor, which is open to the roof, is sheathed with horizontal boarding. The second-floor joists are exposed from below. The chief interior feature is the closed winder stair with its fine three-batten door.

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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)

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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 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

Yates Tavern is a good example of an intermediary stage in the transition and translation of the Tidewater hall-and-parlor house form into the mountain building forms of the nineteenth century. Its plan, its chimney, and its stair all connect it with both the seventeenth-century Tidewater house and the nineteenth-century upland house. In addition, its curious overhang is a reminder that individual eccentricity does enter into seemingly monotonous vernacular building.

It is not certain when the house was built, but an order of the Pennsylvania September Court of 1778 mentioning "Yate's Old House" may be referring to this building. In 1813, Stephen Yates was charged \$8.50 for keeping a tavern at his house, and Samuel Yates (1776-1836), who is buried near the house, bought a license "to keep a house of public entertainment where he now resides" for \$1.67 in 1818.

Since the early twentieth century, Yates Tavern has been in the hands of the Bennett family. Mrs. Nannie Bennett Cocke is the present owner. Restoration of the building during the Bicentennial is contemplated.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clement, Maud Carter. The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.
Lynchburg: J.P. Bell, Inc., 1929, pp. 61, 277.

Fitzgerald, Madalene Vaden and Hurt, Frances Hallem. Eighteenth Century Landmarks of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Lynchburg: The Blue Ridge Lithographic Corporation, 1966, pp. 59-60.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	36	56	07
NE	° ' "	° ' "	79	22	04
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff**

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **October 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., Executive
Director, Virginia Historic Landmarks
Title: Commission

Date: **NOV 19 1974**

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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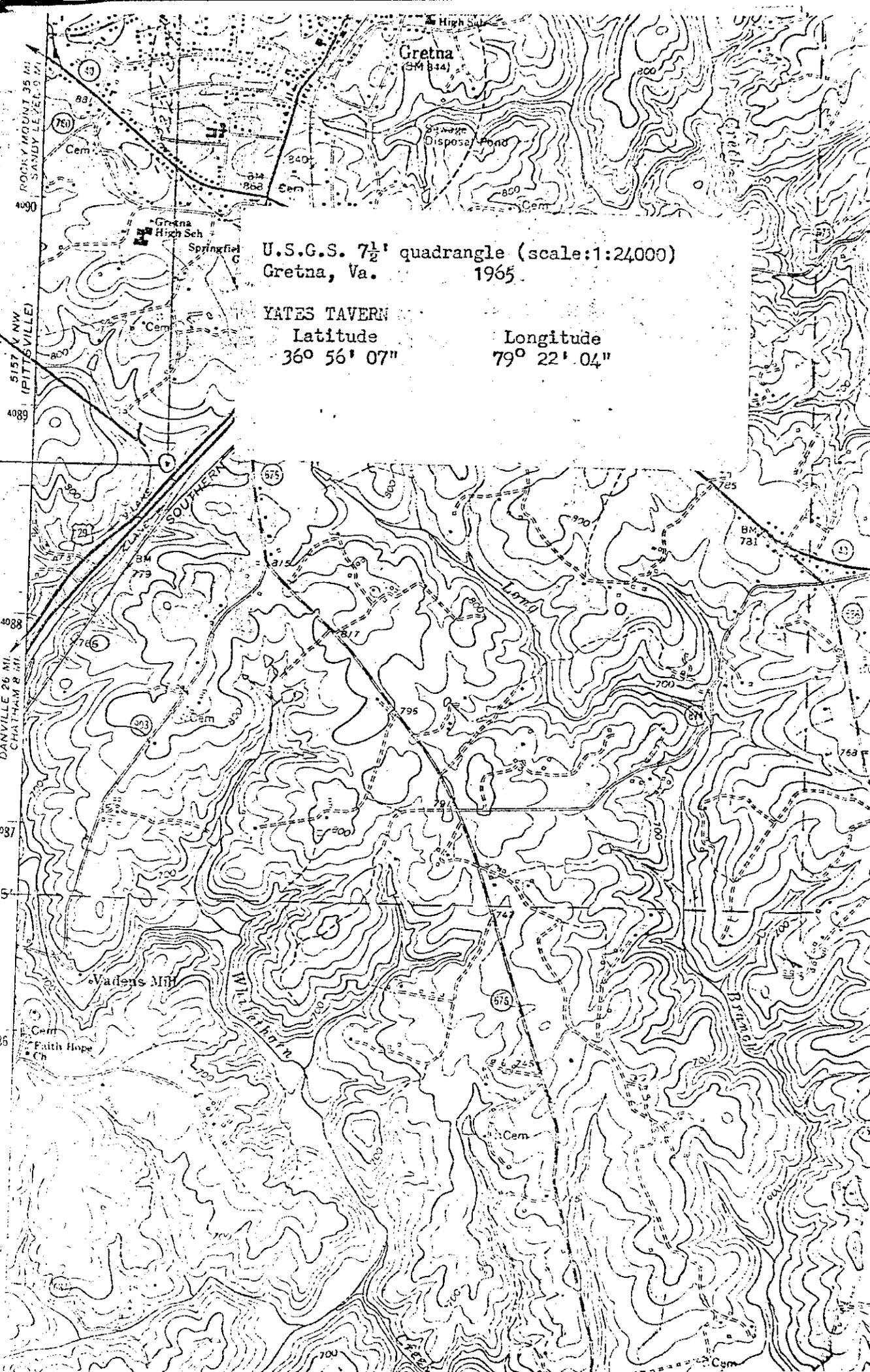
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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

(2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1974 State

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia Code: 51

YATES TAVERN



U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)
Gretna, Va. 1965

YATES TAVERN
Latitude 36° 56' 07"
Longitude 79° 22' 04"

ROCKY MOUNT 35 MI
SANDY LEVEL 0.2 MI

5157' U NW
(PITTSVILLE)

DANVILLE 26 MI
CHATHAM & I

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