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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Melville

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Approximately .4 mile NW of the intersection of State Routes 635 and 636; .6 mile S of Timber Neck Creek.

CITY, TOWN Surry VICINITY OF Fourth (Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)
STATE Virginia CODE 51 COUNTY Surry CODE 181

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
 DISTRICT PUBLIC OCCUPIED AGRICULTURE MUSEUM
 BUILDING(S) PRIVATE UNOCCUPIED COMMERCIAL PARK
 STRUCTURE BOTH WORK IN PROGRESS EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS
 OBJECT IN PROCESS YES: RESTRICTED GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC
 BEING CONSIDERED YES: UNRESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION
 NO MILITARY OTHER.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William E. Savedge

STREET & NUMBER Melville Farm

CITY, TOWN Surry VICINITY OF STATE Virginia 23883

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Surry County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Surry STATE Virginia 23883

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory (2) (See continuation Sheet #1)

DATE 1959

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN Washington, D.C. STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Melville, a flat, open tract of land in a secluded area once known as Troopers, possesses one of the oldest surviving houses in Surry County. The three-bay, story-and-a-half building with its clipped gables and tall interior end chimneys is built of brick laid in English bond below the beveled water table and in Flemish bond with glazed headers above it. While most of the glazed headers have spalled off, the patterned brickwork indicates, and old photographs confirm, that the gables are decorated with parallel glazed chevrons. Early nineteenth-century nine-over-nine and four-over-four sash and window frames are used throughout the house. A modillion cornice embellishes the eaves, and three pedimented dormers, probably dating from the early nineteenth century, break the front slope of the roof. There is some evidence, in the form of scars at the eaves and on the underpinning of the north wall of the house, for the existence in the eighteenth century of an entrance porch, but it is not possible to be certain of this.

An early twentieth-century screened porch covers most of the front of the house, and an early nineteenth-century framed lean-to is on the rear. The latter is covered with plain weatherboards, as is the long, one-story, early twentieth-century frame ell stretching back from it, and the small, single-story wing attached to the east end of the house. The latter is also a frame addition of the early twentieth century.

Melville has a hall-and-parlor plan. One enters the hall (west room), in which the projecting chimney face is flanked by closets, each with a window. The present mantel dates from the early nineteenth century. It consists of Roman Doric colonettes supporting a plain frieze with entablature blocks and a shelf with boldly projecting moldings. The fireplace surround bears traces of the red paint like that found in several other early houses in Tidewater Virginia. Over each of the exterior doors is a roundheaded recess with square shoulders. The whole of the room, including the interiors of the recesses or niches, has been papered so it is not possible at this time to determine whether these niches are original to the house. All of the door and window trim and the double raised-panel rear doors date from the early nineteenth century.

The stairs rise in the parlor but are entered from the lean-to. If there was an entrance porch, this may have been their original configuration. Otherwise, it is likely that they were entered from the hall. An early nineteenth-century mantel like that in the hall enframes the parlor fireplace.

The lean-to is divided into three rooms, although the plans of the eastern two may have been altered. The west room has an original mantel with fluted Roman Doric pilasters supporting a plain frieze with entablature blocks.

Two frame outbuildings remain; one is a nineteenth-century smokehouse with a side lean-to, and the other is a twentieth-century barn.

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BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The bounds follow Timber Neck Creek on the east, and State Route 635 on the south and are drawn arbitrarily on the north and west -- all to include the main house, the smokehouse, barn, and approach from the road.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Melville, a broad, flat tract near Surry Court House, possesses one of the earliest and most interesting houses standing in the county. Probably built in the second quarter of the eighteenth century by the Faulcon family, who were prominent in the political affairs of eighteenth - and early nineteenth-century Surry, Melville is distinguished by its handsome brickwork with its gable-end chevroning, its clipped-gable roof, and the possible remains of an entrance tower. In spite of its small size it is a typical example of the houses erected by the more prosperous of colonial Virginia planters. It is set apart from the dwelling of the lower classes by its careful proportions, fine detailing and brick construction. Such houses have come to epitomize the best of colonial Virginia's vernacular architecture.

Melville, with the adjacent tract New Hope, was in the eighteenth century the seat of Nicholas Faulcon (d. 1783), who inherited land in what was then known as Troopers or Troopers Arms from his mother, Jane Faulcon, and from his brothers Abraham and Jacob. Nicholas Faulcon probably built Melville sometime after the deaths of his two brothers, both in 1727. (From Abraham Faulcon he inherited a house at Troopers Arms. It is possible, but not likely, that this was the present house at Melville.)

After his death, Nicholas Faulcon's plantations were distributed among his three sons, with John Faulcon receiving the 537-acre Melville tract, the name Melville first appearing in the land tax books for 1812. John Faulcon was Clerk of the Surry County Court, 1801-1829, a position which he inherited from his brother Jacob, who held that influential post from 1781 to 1801. There is a tradition that the clerk's office was at Melville, but that is unlikely, since Jacob Faulcon did not live at Melville, and the court functions were moved to the present site in 1797, four years before John Faulcon became clerk. At John Faulcon's death, Melville became the property of John N. Faulcon.

Melville has been the property of the Savedge family for many years and is presently owned by William E. Savedge.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Boddie, John B. Southside Virginia Families. Redwood City, California: 1955.
- Bohannon, A. W. Old Surry. Petersburg, Virginia: 1927.
- Surry County Land Tax Books.
- Surry County Will Books.
- Mutual Assurance Society Policies #388, 1802, R1 V8; #1057, 1806, R4 V39.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 Acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Surry, Virginia

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	341220	4112030	B	18	341040	4111770
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	18	3410830	4111740	D	18	341020	4112100
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point on N side of State Route 635, about 1850' NW of intersection with State Route 636; thence extending about 750' NW along said side; thence extending about 1300' NE; thence extending about 600' SE to W side of Timber Neck Creek; thence following said creek SW for about 1000' and continuing SW to N side of road, the point

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

November 1976

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

Resubmitted 12/28/79

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE DEC 21 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Melville, Surry Co., Va.

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

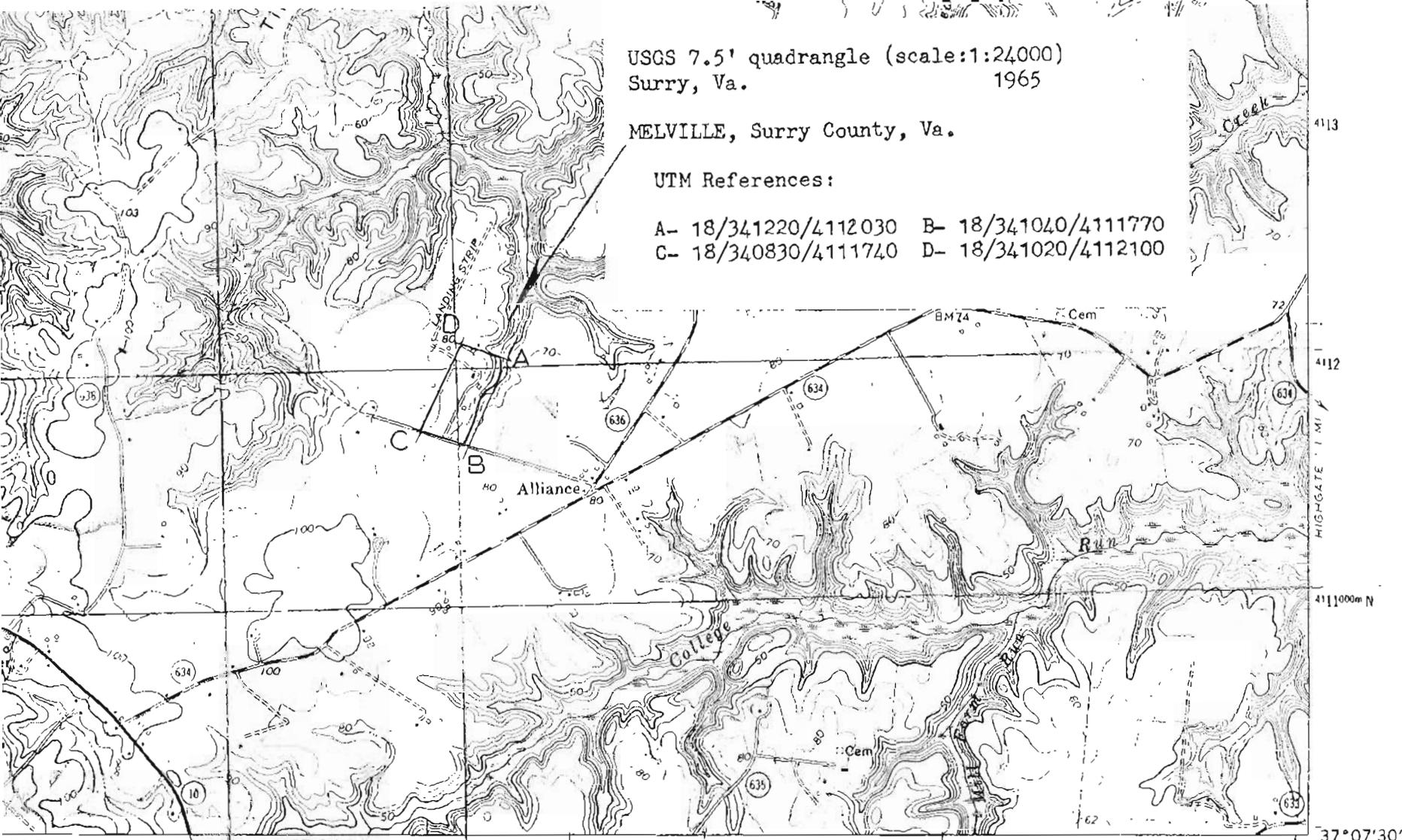
- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1967, 1975 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Richmond, Virginia

USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Surry, Va. 1965

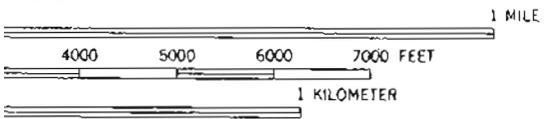
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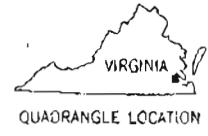


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SEA LEVEL
ET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
OXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET

IL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
RVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
CES, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903
NO SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
○ State Route

SURRY, VA.
NE/4 SURRY 15' QUADRANGLE
N3707.5—W7645/7.5

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BACONS CASTLE
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