

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 an 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 William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site (Boundary Decrease)

other names/site number 99-60

2. Location

street & number U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center not for publication

city or town Yorktown vicinity

state Virginia code VA county York code 199 zip code 23690

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.)

Catherine Alvarado 12/8/98
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

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

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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

Name of Property

Site (Boundary Decrease)

County and State

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

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

N/A

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

3

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____

walls _____

roof _____

other _____

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.)

- 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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(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:

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

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Four Acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

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

name/title E. Randolph Turner, III Archaeologist/Director, Portsmouth Regional Office
 organization Virginia Department of Historic Resources date January 30, 1998
 street & number 612 Court Street telephone 757-396-6709
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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 SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
 street & number _____ telephone _____
 city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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William Gooch Tomb and York Village
Archaeological Site (Boundary Decrease)
York County, Virginia

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7. The original William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site nomination prepared in 1973 encompassed 20 acres. Within the nominated area are three contributing resources - the 1655 limestone slab tomb of Major William Gooch, the seventeenth-century settlement of York Village, and Civil War trenches dating to 1862. Archaeological testing in 1993 (see section 8) documented that these three resources are restricted to four acres, thereby reducing by 16 acres the National Register boundaries for this nomination.

8. A lengthy segment of Civil War berm-and-trench is present near the William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site (44Y017). All of these properties are contributing resources within the original nomination and are included within the proposed boundary reductions. Area eliminated from within the boundaries is restricted to locales shown to not contain archaeological deposits or surviving Civil War earthworks.

Archaeological testing of the York Village site (which includes the Gooch Tomb) was conducted in 1993 to determine the boundaries of the site (see McSherry and McCartney 1993). The testing consisted of excavating and screening shovel test holes at 50 ft. intervals throughout the site area as determined by previous survey and excavation (see Outlaw 1974 and Smith 1978). The 1993 testing indicated that seventeenth-century components associated with the York Village site were restricted to a 650 ft. by 375 ft. area (see McSherry and McCartney 1993:Figures 23 and 29), all of which is encompassed in the proposed boundary reduction.

A Civil War fortification, part of the Union Army defensive works erected in 1862, is visible along the north edge of the main site area. No artifacts related to the Civil War were encountered during the 1993 archaeological testing (McSherry and McCartney 1993). No shovel test holes were placed into the trench itself, although shovel test holes were excavated on the south side of the trench (see McSherry and McCartney 1993:Figure 23). Areas to the north have undergone extensive modern disturbance. The visible and intact portions of the berm-and-trench begin at the northeast corner of the York Village site near the east corner of two tennis courts to the north for a length of approximately 60 ft. The trench is then interrupted by Perimeter Road and another tennis court. The intact berm-and-trench reappears on the south side of Perimeter Road. This portion of the fortification extends for approximately 400 ft. It ends near a "fitness station" and a disturbed area around a generator station. A walking path and fitness trail parallel the 400 ft. section of earthworks. The proposed boundary reduction includes all of the surviving berm-and-trench with an additional 20 ft. to both the north and south.

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9. McSherry, Perry, and Martha McCartney
1993 Boundary Reassessment of Site 44YO17, United States Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. Report by James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc., Williamsburg, Submitted to U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown.
- Outlaw, Alain
1974 Archaeological Survey of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center at Yorktown, Virginia. Report on File, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond.
- Smith, James M.
1978 Archaeology of Yorke Village and the First and Second York Parish Churches, Yorktown, Virginia. Report on File, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond.
10. Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary decrease for the William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site encompasses four acres. This includes a 650 ft. by 375 ft. area for the tomb and archeological site, with a 750 ft. by 40 ft. extension off the site's northern boundary which includes a surviving Civil War earthwork.
(SEE MAP 1 - 1" = 130' BOUNDARY DEPICTION)
Verbal Boundary Justification: Area encompassed within this boundary decrease is restricted to the three contributing resources within the original nomination - the 1655 limestone slab tomb of Major William Gooch, the seventeenth-century settlement of York Village, and a Civil War berm-and-trench dating to 1862. These boundaries were established through above-ground observations of surviving resources and archaeological subsurface testing. Area eliminated from within the boundaries is restricted to locales shown to not contain archaeological deposits or surviving Civil War earthworks.
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Archaeological Field Work at the Site/Garrett Fessler, James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc.

As requested by the State Review Board, Garrett Fessler, James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc. (JRIA), prepared the attached map showing all positive and negative test units excavated by JRIA in 1992 at the Gooch Tomb/York Village National Register property in York County. Also enclosed are supplementary comments provided by Fessler. The proposed boundary reductions are consistent with the archaeological documentation.

As a point of clarification, the 49 negative test units noted by Fessler to the south and west of the core portion of the site are not shown on the attached map since they were part of a separate project (see cited reference in Fessler note). They were located directly below the southwestern corner of the site around and to the west of the small building shown here on the map. Also, while not in the Fessler note, he did mention to VDHR staff, that the area to the north of the core portion of the site is severely disturbed due to construction of tennis courts and land leveling associated with the construction of athletic fields. VDHR staff confirmed his observations on the disturbed area during a site visit.

17 August 1998

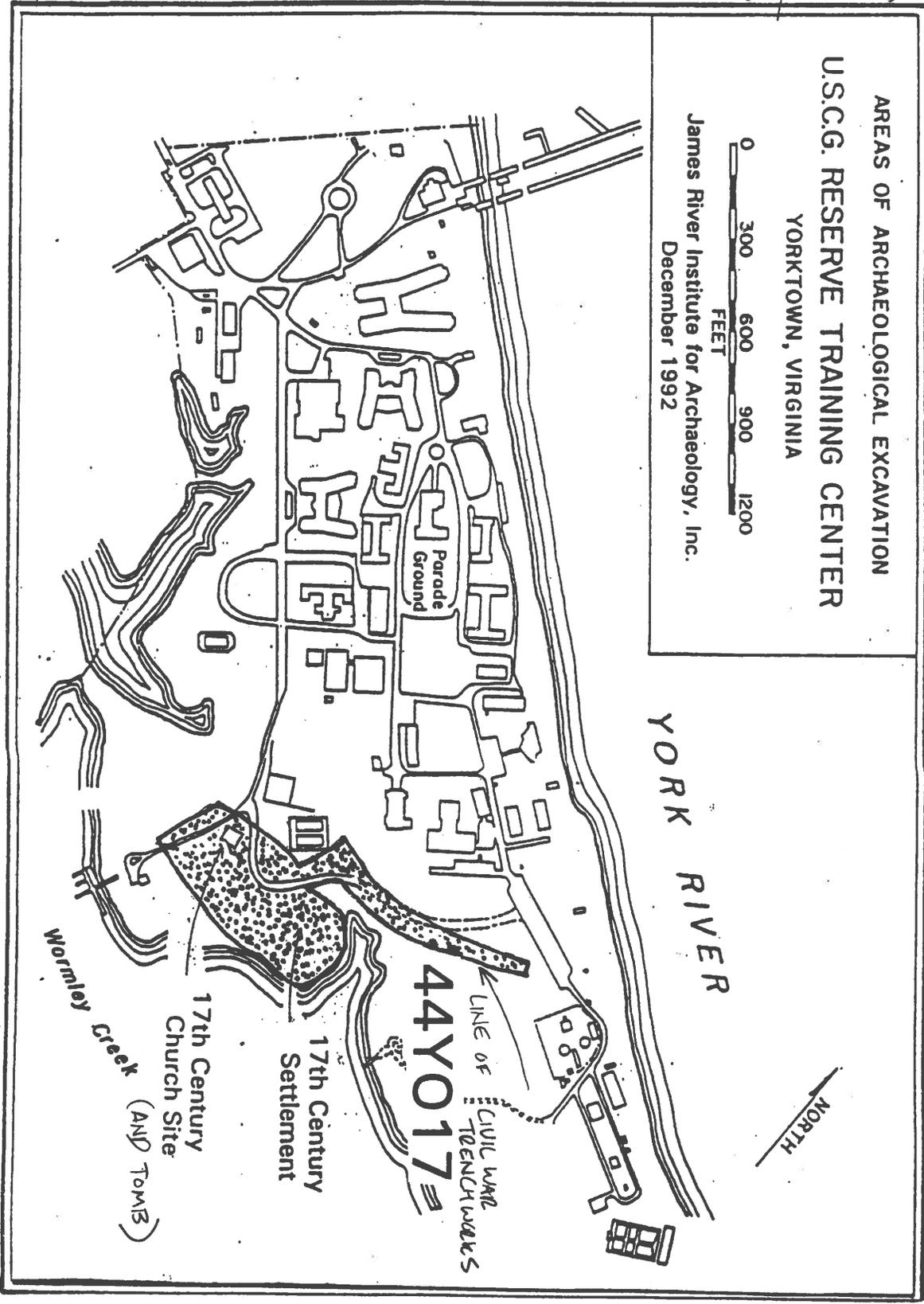
VDHR Staff,

Ten positive shovel test holes were located east of the main site area, but situated outside the 44YO17 site boundaries. The artifacts recovered from each of these ten positive shovel test holes consisted of single prehistoric lithic flakes or prehistoric pottery sherds from disturbed contexts, 20th-century debris, or non-diagnostic brick crumbs. None of these artifacts was related to the 17th-century or Civil War components of 44YO17.

The area immediately south of the easternmost Civil War earthworks was badly deflated by heavy machinery and was not tested due to standing water at the time of the survey.

Shovel test holes were not excavated to the south and west of the site area because that area had been thoroughly surveyed in 1992. At that time no historic or prehistoric artifacts were recovered from 49 shovel test holes excavated at a 20 ft. interval. The report entitled "Archaeological Testing of a Proposed Office Building Complex at the United States Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia" written by Garrett Fesler and Nicholas Lucchetti is on file at the James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc.

BOUNDARY DECREASE
 W.M. GOOCH TOMB & YORK VILLAGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, YORKTOWN, VA



MAP 2 - THIS MAP SHOWS TEST AREA - BOUNDARIES ARE ACCURATELY SHOWN ON MAP 1

Gooch Tombs And
 York Village
 Archaeological Site
 York County
 DAR File # 99-60
 URM Reference Point
 E: 368740
 N: 4119600
 (ZONE 18)

