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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

The Meadow; Huntingdon (Preferred)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

Approximately .7 mile NE of Boyce; .7 mile S of intersection of State Routes 620 and 652; approximately 800' S of Page Run.

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Boyce

VICINITY OF

Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Clarke

CODE

043

**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

C. H. Schutte, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

Huntingdon

CITY, TOWN

Boyce

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 22620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clarke County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Berryville

STATE

Virginia 22611

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1977, 1978

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Huntingdon is a T-shaped farmhouse set atop a knoll in the open farmlands adjoining Boyce in Clarke County. Built of rubble limestone, the original five-bay house was built ca. 1830. To it, a single pile, rubble-limestone ell was added ca. 1850. During the 20th century, a one-story porch at the east side of this ell was enclosed in several stages, creating a two-story service wing.

The main block is lit with 9/9 sash on the first floor and 6/9 sash on the second. The windows are flanked by early louvred blinds and wrought-iron shutter stays and have stone jack arches over them. The fine stonework is further distinguished by handsome quoins at the corners of the building. A gable roof, trimmed with a simple box cornice, covers the house and is crowned by brick interior end chimney stacks. The entrance treatment is distinctive. The narrow front door is surmounted by a fanlight with wooden muntins and is sheltered by an original pedimented porch supported on coupled Roman Doric columns and single fluted Roman Doric pilaster responds. The base of the porch has been rebuilt and enlarged in this century.

The three-bay ell is treated in a manner similar to the main block, but it is covered with a roof which is hipped at both ends and thus is unconnected to the main house roof. A box cornice, brick chimney stack, and 9/9 and 6/9 sash are used, as on the main block. Along the east side of this ell, a porch of uncertain age, but visible in early 20th-century photographs, has been enclosed to provide kitchen and bathroom facilities.

The plan of Huntingdon is a simple one. The main block is a two-story, single-pile "I-house" with a central passage flanked by one room on either side. There is a single room in the ell which is separated from the main block by a cross passage.

The most elaborate decoration is found in the large west parlor of the original section. A large mantel is its focal point. Coupled Roman Doric colonnettes similar to the portico columns support paneled entablature blocks surmounted by a shelf broken out over the blocks. The symmetrically molded (double cyma) frieze is embellished with a paneled tablet. The surround and hearth are made of black marble. Turned corner blocks and a sharply molded chair rail complete the trim.

Aside from the open-string stair with its slender turned newel; round, ramped-and-eased banister; pierced sawn brackets; and two rectangular balusters to a tread, the passage is notable for the surviving pegboard on the west wall. This pegboard retains all but one of its original pegs.

The east parlor has a mantel similar to, but much plainer than, that in the west parlor. The frieze here is undecorated. Original closets flank the chimney breast, and a pedestal chair rail is carried around the room.

The open-string stair in the ell passage has an elliptical banister, two rectangular balusters to a tread, and a heavy turned newel. In the rear (dining) room is a plain Greek Revival mantel consisting of pilasters supporting an unadorned frieze and single-element shelf.

Worthy of special mention is the profusion of original hardware in the house. All of the locks except the one on the front door survive. These include large brass box locks on the east and west parlor doors, "elbow" locks on the cellar and rear doors of the

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# **B 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1830 (Original portion)      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At the end of the 18th century, there occurred an exodus of members of Tidewater Virginia's leading families to lands held in Northern Virginia. This removal resulted partly from an economic decline caused by the depletion of soil through continuous tobacco planting. In addition, gifts of land away from Tidewater were a means of providing self-sufficiency to children of large families without breaking up old, established plantations. The fertile and scenically beautiful countryside of Frederick and Loudoun counties thus received representatives of virtually every prominent Colonial family including Lees, Randolphs, Carters, Burwells, Byrds, Harrisons, and Washingtons. The families maintained their traditional good taste in architecture and commissioned fine dwellings to grace their estates. These efforts gave Northern Virginia a collection of handsome Federal country houses comparable in quality to the older Georgian homes in the eastern counties.

Frederick County, particularly that portion of it divided in 1836 to form Clarke County, was especially favored for resettlement. Today its rolling hills are dotted by gracious houses surrounded by well-tended farms. Notable among them are Carter Hall, Long Branch, Annefield, and Clifton. As the families proliferated, many of the second generation erected houses of their own, usually less ambitious than their parents' homes. Huntingdon well illustrates this phenomenon. This commodious, well-proportioned, but architecturally unassertive stone farmhouse was erected in 1830 by John Evelyn Page (1796-1881), third son of John Page and Maria Horsemanden Byrd who moved to the area in 1784 from Broadneck, Hanover County. The earlier Page family seat was Rosewell in Gloucester County, Colonial Virginia's largest house.

John Evelyn Page was born in 1796 at Pagebrook, his parents' Clarke County (then Frederick County) home, a large brick house two miles north of Boyce. Page entered the legal profession and was chosen clerk protem in 1836 for the newly formed Clarke County. When Page died, he was circuit judge of Clarke and Warren counties. Following Page's death, Huntingdon was occupied by his nephew Henry Harrison, who was the son of Page's sister Mary and Benjamin Harrison. Benjamin Harrison was the last of his family to own Berkeley in Charles City County. Henry Harrison (1821-1887) was married to Frances Burwell who died at Huntingdon in 1897.

Architecturally, Huntingdon, with its single-pile, center-hall plan, is a typical I-house, the farmhouse type most popular throughout Virginia in the early 19th century. The house is an important example of its form because of its virtually untouched condition; it retains its early woodwork, hardware, and sash. The house's visual appeal stems mainly from its good stonework. Its walls are of the silvery gray native limestone laid in uncoursed rubble with jack arches and large irregular quoins.

When John E. Page built the house, the property was known as The Meadow. His father refers to the tract by this name in an 1830 codicil to his will where he mentions that his son "... intends building a House at the Meadow". We learn that the house was completed the

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7. DESCRIPTION

main passage, iron locks on the cellar and dining room doors in the ell (which bear traces of early graining) and a No. 60 Improved Lock on the dining room closet door.

Two noteworthy outbuildings survive. Forty feet west of the house is a pyramidal-roofed mid-19th-century smokehouse with a box cornice and a rubble limestone underpinning. Eighty feet northeast of the house is a stone-lined ice pit with a late 19th-century, square-notched log icehouse over it. This icehouse has a gable roof and a later shed attached to its west end. A modern garage stands east of the house on the reputed site of the kitchen.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundaries conform to the present property lines of Huntingdon. The house is sited on a rise in the middle of the farm and virtually all the land is visible from the house. These fields, lined with stone walls, form a necessary rural setting for the house, as it is a farm dwelling. The farm enhances the house economically, visually, and historically.

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next year, for in a codicil dated 1831, Page Sr. left his son 300 acres outright and gave him the liberty of adjusting the boundaries so as "to include his new House, the Barn, etc...." The property was renamed Huntingdon prior to 1937, when it was called that by John B. Wayland in Historic Homes of Northern Virginia. The farm today remains little changed from its 19th-century appearance. Its pastures lined with stone walls are still grazed, and no encroachment has been made on the pastoral quality of the area.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frederick County Will Book A 1826.

Virginia Magazine of History & Biography. Vol. 37, P. 385.

Wayland, John B. Historic Homes of Northern Virginia. Staunton, 1937.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 297 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Boyce

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point 200' beyond private drive, 1750' S of State Route 620 and approximately 1.1 miles N of the intersection of State Route 723 and U.S. Route 340; thence extending 1300' ESE; thence extending 2800' SSE; thence extending 3300' SW to another private drive; thence extending 2200' WNW from said drive; thence extending N 2500'; thence extending NNE 1900' to point of origin.

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

August 1978

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

# 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE SEP 19 1978

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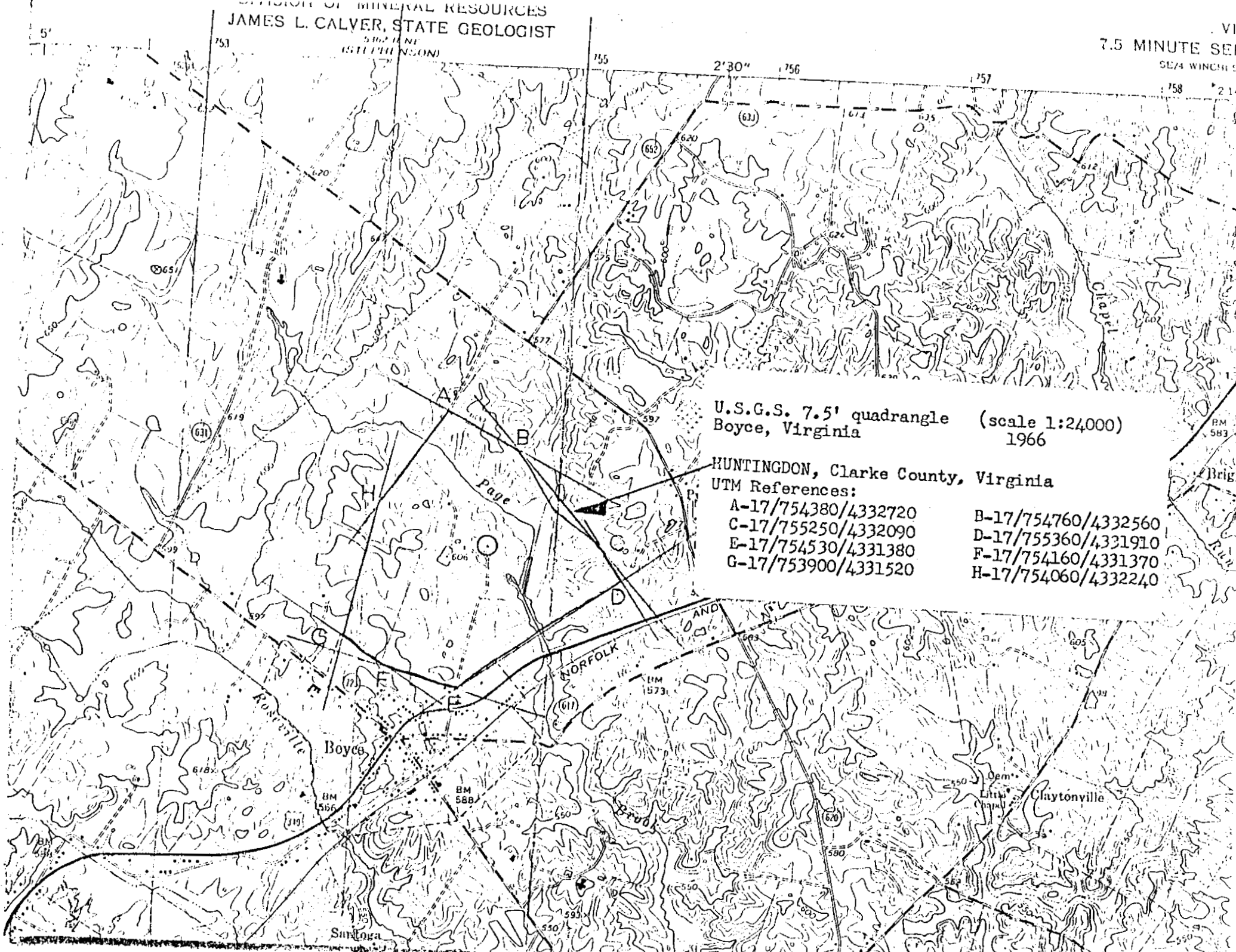
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE May 25 1979

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle (scale 1:24000)  
Boyce, Virginia 1966

HUNTINGDON, Clarke County, Virginia

- UTM References:
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