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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Essex	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Blandfield

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Blandfield

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: N bank of western tributary of Sluice Creek, 1.8 mi, N of Rt. 624, .7 mi. E of intersection of Rt. 624 and Rt. 17.

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Essex CODE: 057

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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 (Specify) <u>a</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Mrs. ^{Wm} William Nash Beverley

STREET AND NUMBER:
Blandfield

CITY OR TOWN:
Caret

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Tappahannock

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3500

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D. C. CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Blandfield is the largest of a group of mid-Georgian plantation mansions along the lower Rappahannock River. Built of brick finely laid in Flemish bond, Blandfield consists of a two-story central block with flanking two-story dependencies connected to the center section by straight one-story hyphens. The dependencies are placed at right angles to the central block forming a forecourt on the land front. The central block features a three-bay pedimented central pavilion on both the land and river fronts. It is thought that the pavilions were at one time fronted by two-story porches but the present one-story porches are of Greek Revival design. The building is surrounded by a modillion cornice and is topped by a hip-on-hip roof with four interior chimneys. The gauged brick jack arches over all the windows are said to have the widest splay of any in Virginia.

None of the interior decoration survives at Blandfield; the present severely plain woodwork was installed in 1844 after the original was removed. The center hall of the house may have been originally divided into two rooms as it presently is with stair halls on either side of the center hall separating the first floor rooms. These stairs ascend to a large cross hall on the second floor. The original kitchen in one of the dependencies is largely intact.

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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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The exact date of the construction of Blandfield is unknown, but it was probably built circa 1750 for William Beverley (1696-1756), son of Virginia's first native-born historian, Robert Beverley (circa 1673-1722). The estate was named after William Beverley's wife, Elizabeth Bland. Blandfield was sacked by Federal troops during the Civil War, but the house was not damaged.

Architecturally, Blandfield belongs to an important group of mid-Georgian Tidewater mansions which echo the monumental style of Palladio as interpreted in English architectural design books. This group includes Mount Airy, Menokin, Elmwood, and the Carlyle House in Alexandria. Blandfield lost all of its interior woodwork as a result of an 1844 remodeling; it was again altered in 1848 by Van Ness, the contractor who restored the interior of Mount Airy after its fire in 1844.

The plan of Blandfield, with its twin stair halls and spaciouly proportioned rooms, is most ample and unusual. The house remains one of the largest colonial plantation mansions in Virginia and is still owned by the Beverley family.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McGill, John, The Beverley Family of Virginia, Columbia, South Carolina: R. L. Bryan Company, 1956.

Troubetzkoy, Ulrich, "Blandfield Plantation", Virginia Cavalcade, Vol. II, No. 4, Spring, 1962.

Waterman, Thomas Tileston, The Mansions of Virginia, 1706-1776, New York: Bonanza Books, 1945.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38° 00' 07"	76° 56' 48"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
9th Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia

DATE:
45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:	7.5' quadrangle,	Mount Landing, Virginia	
U.S.G.S.	7.5', quadrangle	Champlain, Virginia	
SCALE:	1:2400		
DATE:	1944, 1943		
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

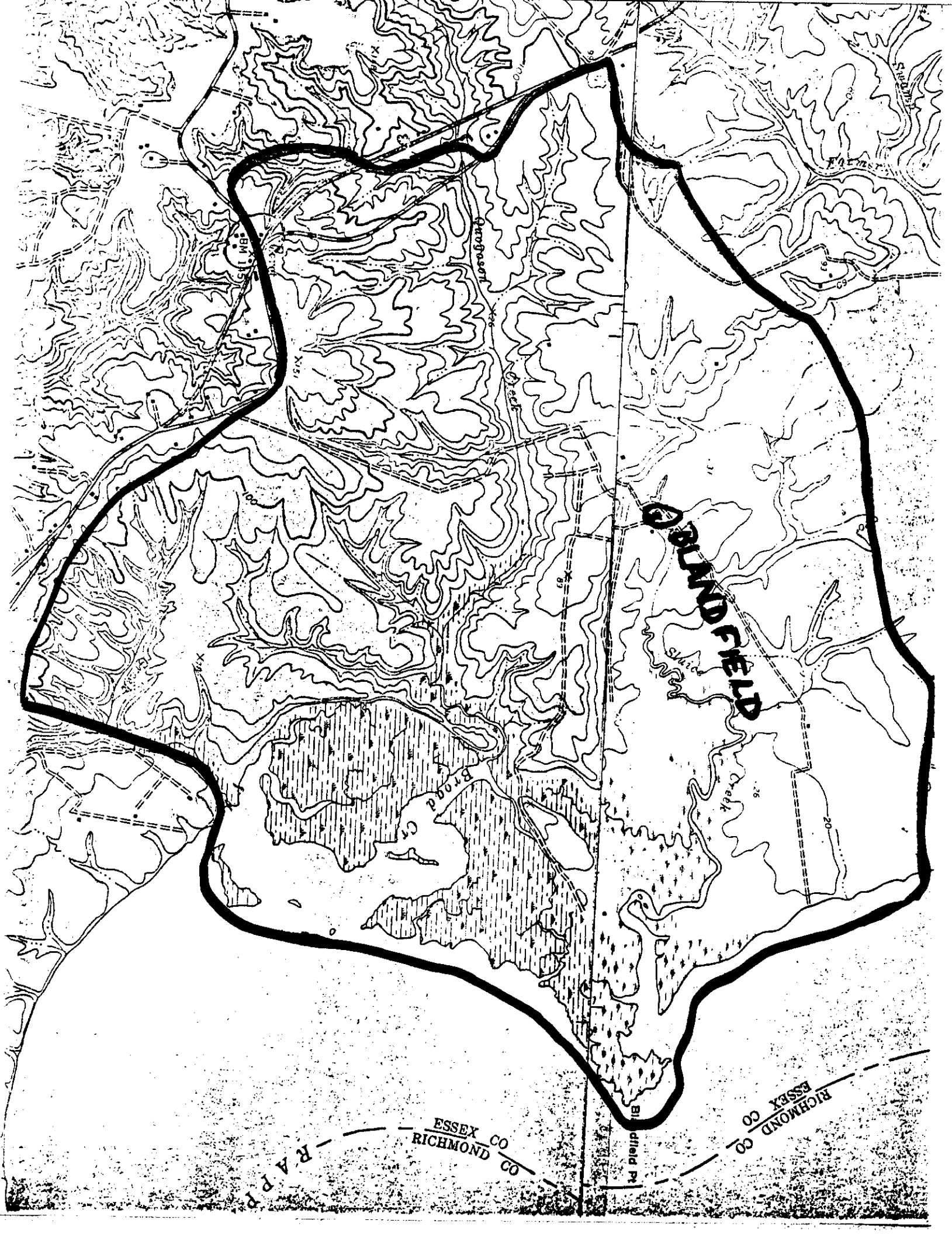
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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #28-5
1968
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia Code: ~~700~~ 45



FARMER

Grandfield Brook

GRANDFIELD

Grandfield Pond

Grandfield Brook

Billfield Pt

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