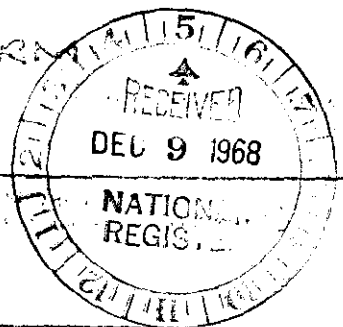


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM



1. NAME  
 Point of Fork                      Point of Fork

2. LOCATION  
 Virginia                                      Columbia

The site of Point of Fork arsenal is located on the west bank of the Rivanna River, .3 mi. N of southeastern end of Rt. 624, 1.3 mi. SE of intersection of Rt. 624 and Rt. 656

3. PRESENT STATUS  
 Mr. J.W. Siegfried, Jr., Fork Union, Virginia  
 Archaeological site

Permission to visit the site may be obtained from the owner.

4. LEGAL RECORD  
 Fluvanna County Court House, Palmyra, Virginia                      225 acres

5. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report (1968) #22-26  
 Room 1106, Ninth Street State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia

6. CLASSIFICATION

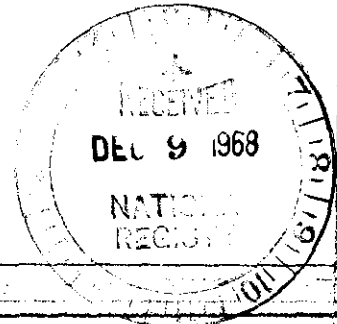
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# 1. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Point of Fork arsenal site, as rebuilt after the Revolution, consisted of three or four large buildings of frame, brick, and stone plus several houses, barns, quarters for the troops, and other buildings necessary to the community.

The ruins of two buildings may be seen today. The smaller ruin is twenty-four feet square and was once vaulted into two rooms, clearly marking it as the stone magazine of 1788. The other ruin is rectangular and is probably one of the "longhouse" arsenals frequently mentioned in the records.

Also known to have existed are a one-story (40' x 15½') stone magazine, a mill built circa 1786, an arsenal of 1788 (40' x 20'), and an office erected in 1791. The site is on an open hilltop pasture on a private farm.



# 8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is not known precisely when an arsenal was established at Point of Fork but the earliest existing documents date from 1781. The arsenal was raided on June 5, 1781 by Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe, Commander of the Queen's Rangers, in a move coinciding with Tarleton's raid on the legislature at Charlottesville. Buildings were burned and supplies destroyed.

After the war, new buildings were erected on or near the sites of the original structures, and Point of Fork was operated as a state arsenal from 1783 until 1801 when it was abandoned in favor of a better-situated arms manufactory at Richmond.

During its brief history, the arsenal was used for the manufacture and repair of arms and equipment, and as a stockpile of weapons for fighting the Indians on the frontier. In 1794 the arsenal supplied arms to the federal army, to the Virginia militia to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion in Pennsylvania, and to the Fallen Timbers campaign in Ohio.

Future archaeological exploration, in conjunction with written records, may provide a more complete picture of Virginia's only eighteenth century post-Revolutionary arsenal. (See attached sheet for Bibliography)

# 9. CERTIFICATION

Mary Claire Shenkir,  
Katherine T. Read  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

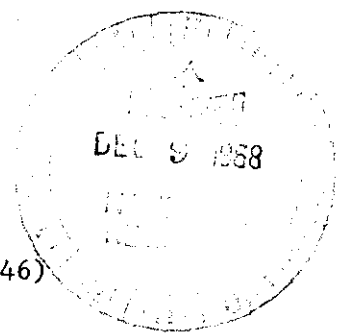
STATE LANDS OFFICE (CERTIFICATE)

AS THE DESIGNATED STATE LANDS OFFICE FOR THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966 (PUBLIC LAW 89-663) 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.

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Military Journal (John Graves Simcoe)

Bulletin of the Fluvanna County Historical Society #4, March, 1967. (Crouch)

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APPROXIMATE MEAN  
DECLINATION, 1960

Point of Fork

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SCALE 1

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