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**United States Department of the Interior  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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 any 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 Tanglewood DHR # 037-5010

other names/site number Tanglewood Ordinary, Tanglewood Tavern, Tanglewood Inn

2. Location

street & number 2200-2210 River Road West  
city or town Maidens vicinity X  
state Virginia code VA county Goochland code 075 zip code 23102-2705

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

 5/28/02  
Signature of certifying official Date

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Keeper    Date  
   of Action

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	buildings
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	structures
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	objects
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	Total

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register    0

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

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Restaurant (roadhouse)  
Domestic Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Restaurant  
Domestic Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other-Log cabin & related construction

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Concrete  
Roof Asphalt  
Walls Logs (& related)  
  
other Wood, glass, brick

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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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.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

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

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
 Entertainment/Recreation

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Period of Significance 1929-1950

Significant Dates 1929, 1935, 1942-43, ca. 1950.

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Syme and Morris Barret

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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

Acreage of Property 3.77

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing
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2	_____	_____	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 James G Hardwick, President & Anne L. Hardwick, Sec./Treasurer with additional contextual history provided by Marc C. Wagner, Architectural Historian, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

organization James River Ordinaries, Inc date April 23, 2001

street & number 2210 River Road West telephone 804-556-3284

city or town Maidens state VA zip code 23102-2705

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)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

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**Tanglewood  
Goochland, VA**

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*Summary Paragraph*

Tanglewood is an evolved early 20<sup>th</sup> century log building that ranks as one of the best examples of Rustic style vernacular architecture still surviving in Virginia. The earliest section, the front one-story projection, was built as a gas station in 1929. A large 2-and-a-half story rustic log section was added in 1935 behind the earlier section to complete the present form. The rear addition was built as a restaurant/dance hall on the first floor and living quarters on the upper floors. While log building was common in Central and Western Virginia in the Antebellum era, this log construction has its roots in the rustic movements of architecture that developed in the last quarter in the Adirondack Mountains region of New York. The rustic movement, especially that which displayed a charismatic use of logs and large branches appeared early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in the west, especially in park areas. The rounded log look later became a standard approach to a great deal of Civilian Conservation Corps park architecture. Tanglewood was clearly part of this national architectural movement.

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**Detailed Description**

Tanglewood Ordinary, in Goochland County, Virginia, is a two-and-a half story log structure with attic and full and partial basements. The original two-room log section was constructed in 1929 of full-size hand-stripped logs with plaster between the logs. It was originally a service station and later served as a porte-cochere. A brick- floored covered porch on the east side of the building now constitutes the main entrance.

A two-story addition made in 1935 has a basement below a large dance hall on the first floor and living quarters on the second floor. This addition was constructed with a log slab construction for the "log cabin" look. The dance hall has a diagonally laid oak floor and large stripped and painted tree trunks as primary support posts and cross beams.

The third addition was made in the 1940's and added a concrete-floored basement with additional open space and kitchen above. The foundation for this section combines concrete and cinderblock construction.

There are large gable dormer windows with wide overhangs on the roof which is covered with asphalt shingles. The interior and exterior walls have exposed logs. The windows of varying sizes contain small-paned sash. The property has an appearance of comfortable rusticity. Tanglewood has been well cared for over the years and is in very good condition. It is located on Route 6 on 3.75 acres of land. There are a number of very large old trees around the property.

A two-story "owners" house was built into a hillside behind Tanglewood in about 1950. It is of pargeted cinderblock construction, with metal casement windows. The first floor houses the kitchen, dining room, two smaller rooms and a half bath and is surrounded by an enclosed porch on the two sides that are at ground level. The second floor, which is at ground level from the street side, contains the living room, two bedrooms, and a full bath.

The property is located on Virginia State Route 6, near Goochland (courthouse village) and three historic state corrections facilities, the largest of which has been historically referred to as the "State Prison Farm."

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## Significance Summary:

Tanglewood Ordinary is nominated under Criterion C for its architectural significance. It is one of the finest examples of 20<sup>th</sup> century log-built rustic architecture in Virginia. It is especially important in the context of architecture that relates to roadside commerce. Throughout the years, Tanglewood has maintained its original character, one that only a building made of hand stripped logs and built with little or no plans in hand can have. It is unique in Goochland County and rare in Virginia. Having long served as the community place to hold service club meetings and other gatherings important to the life of the county, Tanglewood reflects nine decades of the history of Goochland County and America in the 20th century.

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**Architectural Context**

Log construction dates back to the origins of Native American and European habitation in Virginia. In 18<sup>th</sup> century Virginia, most of the finer log construction was found in the western areas, especially the Shenandoah Valley, where Germans had come south from Pennsylvania. The German log architecture was found in all manner of sophistication, but one of the most common characteristics of this early log building was the amount of finish work evident on the logs. The German Valley of Virginia houses usually exhibit squared log finish work. The outer walls do not display rounded log appearance. These early log houses were typically clad over with weatherboard.

In Antebellum Virginia, there were examples of logs used in their round form. Most of these surviving examples are secondary buildings or some of the large multiple pen barns that survived Union General Sheridan's attacks in the Valley's agricultural network during the Civil War. Round, unfinished, log buildings were also found in use for temporary housing, slave quarters, and later in the post bellum period, in the construction of tobacco curing barns.

The use of logs as fanciful architectural elements had an early brief appearance when Union soldiers built unusually elaborately-styled log houses during the Siege of Petersburg in 1865. Rustic architectural works were executed in the Adirondacks region of New York state with some very notable uses of round logs and branches in western works like Old Faithful Inn at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming in 1902-1903.

As the use of round, unstripped, logs for building construction became more associated with recreational activities, more modest commercial buildings began to appear along the developing network of early 20<sup>th</sup> century auto-traveled roads. Early automobile travel provided a new recreation for Americans in the 1910s and 1920s. While the road systems were still primitive, many car owners explored and camped in the countryside. Some log buildings were built in association with auto travel simply because this was the quickest and cheapest way to make a tourist cabin court or roadhouse restaurant, the buildings also symbolized a pioneer spirit and a nature-related aesthetic pleasing to the adventure seeking suburban or urban traveler. A log building along the road appeared to be a primitive lodge appropriate to the seemingly wilder and untamed countryside.

Tanglewood's gas station section predates the Civilian Conservation Corps log buildings that still survive in larger Virginia parks, but the 1935 addition was built while Depression period federal government park programs were developing in places like the Skyline Drive.

The rustic log building style became a popular site along Virginia's roadside from the 1920s through the 1950s. Tanglewood ranks as one of the premium examples of this design aesthetic. There are still a few other examples along Virginia roads. The log Wigwam Restaurant survives on US Route 1 south of Ashland, Virginia, in Hanover County is a smaller example. The Coffee Pot Restaurant, in Roanoke, a large simple log building with a coffee pot structure attached, was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. Both of these examples date to the 1930s.

The Tanglewood survives in excellent condition. A surprising element, rarely seen in Virginia in a private commercial building of this style are the large log columns that punctuate the large dance floor/restaurant space.

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**General History**

The origins of the land that eventually became the Tanglewood site date back to what was once a much larger tract. In 1858, after belonging to several other owners, this larger property, then known as Kameschatka, was purchased by Richard G. Morriss. Morriss renamed it Mount Bernard. Morriss' daughter, Ann, married Maj. William Nelson Barret. Their son, Morriss Barret, was graduated from the College of William and Mary and the Medical College of Virginia. He practiced medicine in Richmond in 1884 and 1885, but returned to Goochland to practice and made his home at Mount Bernard. In 1890, Dr. Barret married Princess Helen Barbara Nestorowitch, daughter of Prince Alexis Constantine Nestorowitch and the Baroness Adele Appony (spelling of these names vary with sources) from Hungary. In 1908, the Barret's sold the original home site on the property. Dr. Barret retained some of the land and built another house on the south side of present-day Route 6 (known as State Route 19 prior to its being paved), across from what is now Tanglewood Ordinary. This is where he and his wife, "The Princess", as she was known by family members, lived.

Tanglewood was built on family land on the north side of Route 6 by their son, Syme Barret, for his sister, Helene Barret Quick. Tanglewood served as a filling station and doubled as a sandwich shop. The original two-room log section was built for about \$80. Ike Mayo, a local Goochlander who once worked for the Barret's, helped cut down the pine trees to build it. Mayo said in a 1989 interview that he hauled the logs from the woods from behind the Barret home by horse and wagon. On July 19, 1932, Dr. Barret sold the land on which Tanglewood stood to his daughter, Helene.

About 1935, the large two-story addition (3 stories are apparent from the banked rear elevation) was added behind the first at Tanglewood providing a basement, dance hall, and living quarters. Another two-story addition was built in 1942-43 adding additional space beyond the dance hall. During these years Tanglewood served as a popular spot for "locals" and travelers between Richmond and Charlottesville. Even Virginia's Governor, William Tuck, was a frequent visitor to Tanglewood during the late 1940s and early 1950s. Helen Dodge, daughter of Tanglewood's first owner, recalls: "Mr. Tuck said that Tanglewood had the best cheese sandwich that he had ever had. He would get his chauffeur to drive him up and he would sit on a low rail around the front part of Tanglewood and eat his sandwich and drink his beer." Dodge said that, as a child, she would often visit with the governor while he ate.

The Saturday dances at Tanglewood began with the major addition built about 1935. Dances were held there on a weekly basis and also the senior prom for Goochland High School for many years. It became quite the spot for many Goochlanders, and a draw for many from outside the county. Once Tanglewood got its ABC license in the early 1940s beer was added to the menu, according to J. Clopton Knibb, who was then Goochland's Commonwealth Attorney. The walls reverberated with music from a live band or jukebox. The loud din of laughter and conversation mingled with smoke. Beer flowed freely and it is said that fights occasionally broke out. The living quarters above the dance hall are said to have housed military staff assigned to the old armory during the Second World War. There were few in Goochland during the 1940s and '50s who missed a chance to go to Tanglewood, although some folks will tell you that they were forbidden to go there.

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Tanglewood's early decades witnessed the Great Depression and World War II. It became an institution with a colorful reputation. Those who frequented Tanglewood in its heyday, back in the 1940s and 1950s -- and there are quite a few who remember that time -- will say that it was frequented by a clientele from far and wide.

In recent years, Tanglewood passed from the hands of the original family in 1983 to local Richmond contractor, Jimmy Gottwald, who spruced it up with care. Fresh paint, floor refinishing, new electrical, and plumbing were among the improvements. He operated a restaurant there after its refurbishment. He sold it to the current owners, Anne and Jim Hardwick, in 1986. The Hardwick's remodeled the kitchen before opening as a family-style restaurant in May 1986.

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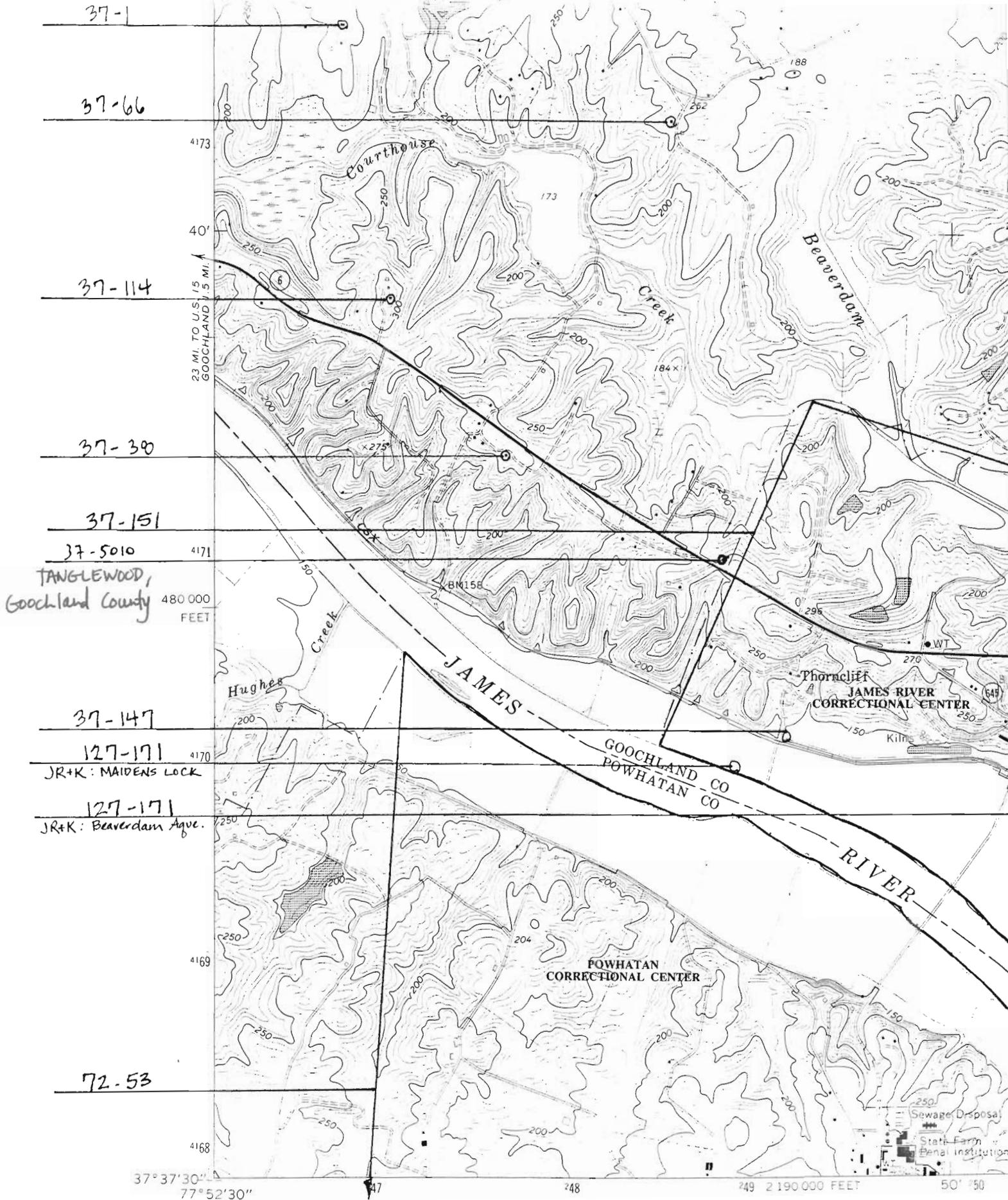
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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

Tanglewood is identified as parcel #54-1-5 on the tax parcel maps for Goochland County, Virginia.

**Verbal Boundary Justification:**

The nominated property includes the entire parcel currently associated with the property and two buildings: the main building currently known as Tanglewood Ordinary, and the "owner's house" which sits nearby on the same parcel.



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Goochland County  
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photographs taken 1962. Field checked 1968

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