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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 Falkland  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

North side of State Route 632, east of State Route 633.

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Redd Shop

X VICINITY OF

Fifth (W.C. Daniel)

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Virginia

51

Prince Edward

147

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carr, III

STREET & NUMBER

Falkland, Route 2

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Meherrin

VICINITY OF

Virginia 23954

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Prince Edward County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Farmville

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1969

X FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Washington

D.C.

## 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

Falkland, a large, framed plantation house set in the wooded piedmont of southern Prince Edward County, is an asymmetrical three-part building consisting of a two-story, four-bay central block flanked by one-story, one-bay wings of unequal lengths. To this original section, erected ca. 1815, a two-story, two-bay framed ell with an original lean-to was added to the rear in the 1850s.

The original portion of Falkland is set on a Flemish-bond brick foundation with rodded joints and is clad with beaded weatherboards. The first-floor windows have 9/9 sash and those on the second floor have 6/9 sash. The house is heated by a pair of brick end chimneys flanking the main block; of these, the stack on the east has been rebuilt. A box cornice embellishes the eaves of the center section, but there is no cornice on the wings. All three original parts as well as the ell have gable roofs covered with standing-seam sheet metal. The present front stoop replaces a one-story tetrastyle Greek Revival porch apparently built when the ell was constructed. The latter is also covered with beaded weatherboards and has 6/6 sash on the first floor and later 2/2 sash on the second. A seven-course American bond-chimney at the far end serves the ell. Recent additions include the enclosure of a porch at the east end of the east wing and the construction of a one-story kitchen ell behind the latter wing.

Falkland's plan is a simple one, much favored for large houses south of the James in the early 19th century. The center block has a two-cell plan similar to a hall-parlor house, but the entrance is into the smaller of the two, rather than the larger which usually served as the hall. This small room, which contains the main stair, is too large to be considered a side passage, however, and it contains a closet and a fireplace. To the west of it in the main block is the large parlor, and beyond that a small chamber. The east wing probably served as the dining room and contains another stair. As the house was originally constructed, the hall stair led to a narrow passage which served the parlor chamber and the small loft room over the west wing, while the dining room stair served the hall chamber and the dining room chamber. There was no communication between the two. When the ell was erected, one doorway was cut between the second-floor passage and the hall chamber, and a second was cut between the hall chamber and the ell passage. The utility of the hall chamber as a bedroom was thus sacrificed in order to provide complete second-floor circulation. The ell addition provided an extra large room separated from the main house by a stair passage and served by a small heated room and a closet in the lean-to at its north end.

Much original decoration survives at Falkland. The hall is decorated with flush wainscoting and a wide pedestal chair rail. The closed-string, L-plan stair is set in the northwest corner of the room. It has a square capped newel, a molded rail, and rectangular balusters. The mantel consists of an architrave surround with two recessed panels in the frieze and a thin unsupported shelf. To the right of the fireplace is a closet lined with vertical beaded boards, finished with a beaded shelf, and enclosed with glazed doors. A beaded nailboard encircles the room, and the doors to the other rooms are six-panel wainscot doors. Access to the ell is by means of a doorway with a two-panel Greek Revival door.

The other rooms have the same wainscoting as in the hall. The parlor mantel consists of tall molded panels suggesting pilasters on either side of the firebox. A reeded central tablet is the only decoration in the tall frieze, and the whole is surmounted by a thin unmolded shelf. There is also a nailboard here.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

# 8 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 ca. 1810-1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Falkland, one of the earliest surviving houses in Prince Edward County, was built by the Watkins family, important figures in the early history of the county and of Hampden-Sydney College. The two-story, four-bay, hall-parlor dwelling is a striking and little-altered example of a vernacular house type found throughout the upper South from the Virginia Piedmont westward. Falkland is unusually large for the type, being flanked by one-story, one-bay wings of unequal lengths. It also possesses an interesting store of original interior woodwork.

The present house stands on land purchased by Francis Watkins, Sr., from Joseph Crenshaw in 1780 and 1781. A trustee of Hampden-Sydney College, clerk of the court for 42 years before his death in 1826, and a deputy sheriff, Watkins lived at Poplar Hill near the county courthouse. Falkland, so-named in a 1785 account book, was managed by overseer Daniel Green. In 1810 Watkins gave Falkland to his son Francis, Jr., who had been practicing law in Prince Edward County since 1796. The younger Watkins also served as a county magistrate, a captain in the militia, and a member of the Republican Committee of Correspondence in the county. It was he who built the present house sometime between his acquisition of the property and 1820, when the first building valuation on the property tax books assessed Falkland at \$2,200, a valuation which remained unchanged for over 30 years.

Francis Watkins, Jr., moved to Alabama in 1820, leaving Falkland in the hands of his brother-in-law James D. Wood who purchased the tract four years later. Wood, a Farmville tobacco dealer and manufacturer, also served as a trustee of Hampden-Sydney College. In 1830 he moved to the Poplar Hill tract but retained ownership of Falkland until his death. Seven hundred eighty acres of the holding were then purchased by a neighbor, Joseph Dupuy, who added the ell and the former front porch soon after he took over the property.

In recent years, Falkland was the family home of Richard B. Morton, the distinguished historian of colonial Virginia. In 1969 it was acquired by the present owners, who renovated it.

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1968, 1969, 1978 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

7. DESCRIPTION

The west wing mantel is also of the architrave type with heavy moldings surrounding the fireplaces and bordering the mantel, which has an unmolded shelf. Of interest here is the wainscot door between the wing and the parlor, which retains original paint. The entire door is colored red, but there is a black band bordering each of the raised panels.

The east wing has a stair like that in the hall, but it has a less elaborately molded rail and an open string. The mantel here is striking. A plain architrave is surmounted by an enormous unsupported molded shelf.

The ell passage is relatively plain. Its open-string stair has a square, capped newel, a round banister, and rectangular balusters. Recessed-panel wainscot and a nail-board complete the decoration.

The large ell room is decorated with a pedestal chair rail and a double-bead nail-board over the mantel, which has symmetrically molded pilasters supporting a plain frieze and an unmolded shelf.

A small log service building southeast of the house was constructed recently of old materials.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The register bounds have been drawn as a rectangle bounded on the south by Route 632 and with its northern corners marked by the intersection of the imaginary east and west lines with the woods.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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United States Census, Virginia, 1820  
Wood, John. Map of Prince Edward County, 1820.

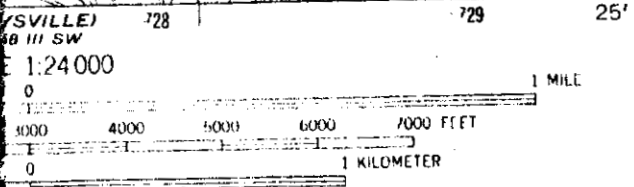
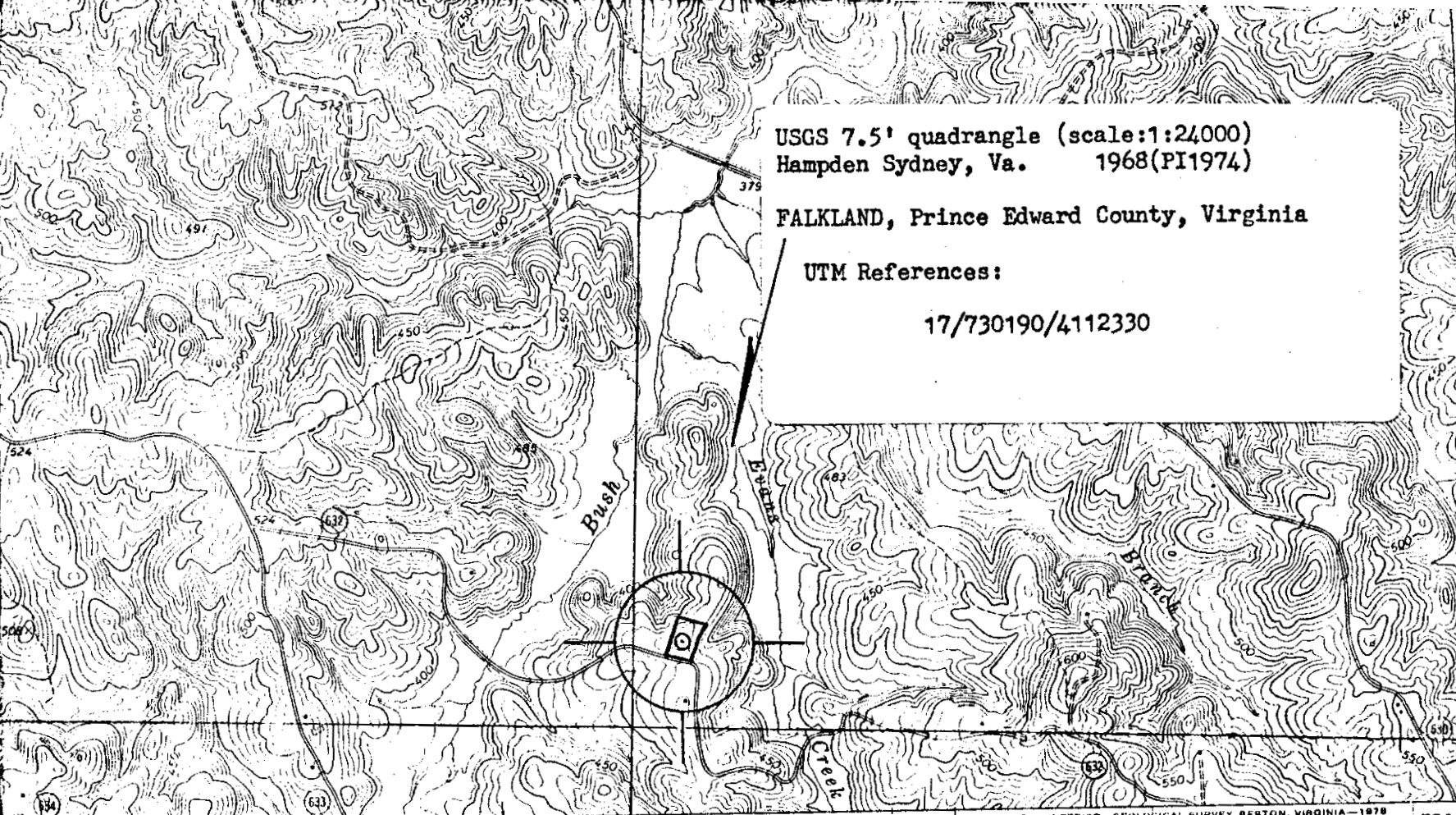


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Hampden Sydney, Va. 1968(PI1974)

FALKLAND, Prince Edward County, Virginia

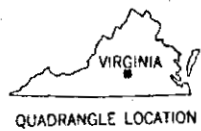
UTM References:

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VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
SOURCE: CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903  
MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

U. S. Route      State Route

HAMPDEN SYDNEY, VA.

NW/4 KEYSVILLE-15' QUADRANGLE  
N3707.5—W7822.5/7.5

1968  
PHOTOINSPECTED 1974  
AMS 5358 III NW—SERIES V834

MEHERRIN  
5358 III SE