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Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1966)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Shenandoah	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON  
Fort Bowman

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Fort Bowman or Harmony Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .8 mi. SE of Route 11, .4 mi. NE of intersection of Route 11 and Route 660.

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Shenandoah CODE: 171

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE. (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
Mrs. Irvan O'Connell

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Old Braddock Road, Route 5

CITY OR TOWN:  
Winchester

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Shenandoah County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Woodstock

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 126 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

- A T B F SURVEY: 1938 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
District of Columbia

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"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Bowman is a two-story rectangular structure built of limestone, and topped by a gable roof. The arches over the opening are dressed to size, and none of the mortar joints exceeds one inch in thickness. The original interior woodwork is intact. The undersides of the floorboards are dressed and form the ceiling finish of the story below. The original paneling between the center hall and the rooms consists of vertical planks dressed on both sides, and beaded at the joints. The interior beams and joists are smoothed to a high polish but do not appear to have been painted or varnished. A later kitchen wing and a handsome iron and wood portico are the only apparent alterations.

Behind the house are several early structures, including a well cover, and a dairy or smoke house.

An Indian site in the lowgrounds below the house has been tested by the Archaeological Society of Virginia and the Virginia State Library.

George M. ...

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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) 1753

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>History</u>	
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

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

Architecturally, Fort Bowman is an important example of the Pennsylvania German influence in the Shenandoah Valley. It was built about 1753 by George Bowman who migrated with his wife, Mary, from Pennsylvania to the Shenandoah Valley in 1731-32. Mary Bowman was the daughter of Jost Hite, another prominent settler in the Valley.

The sons of George Bowman played important roles in the colonial and Revolutionary history of America. Abraham was a colonel of the 8th Virginia Regiment (following Muhlenberg in the Revolution), and Captain Isaac Bowman, with his brother, Joseph, aided George Rogers Clark in the conquest of the Northwest in 1778-79.

Among those buried in the Bowman graveyard behind the house are Captain Isaac Bowman and his wives, and Samuel Kercheval, historian of the Valley, and three of his daughters.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wayland, John W., Historic Homes of Northern Virginia and the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. Staunton, Va.: The McClure Company, Inc., 1937.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			C 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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: May 2, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Edw. P. Alexander  
 Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman  
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date June 2, 1969

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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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory  
1958 Federal  
Library of Congress  
Washington, District of Columbia Code: 08

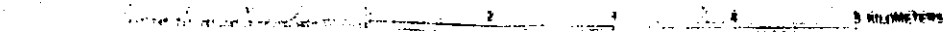
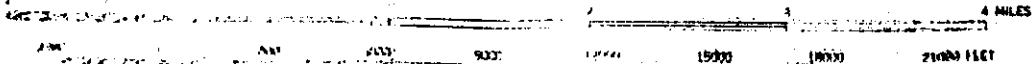
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #85-4  
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