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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Virginia | |
| COUNTY: Surry | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |

1. NAME

COMMON
BACON'S CASTLE

AND/OR HISTORIC:
ARTHUR ALLEN HOUSE

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bacon's Castle

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Surry CODE: 181

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Walker P. Warren

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 103

CITY OR TOWN:
Smithfield

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
23430

51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Surry

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
11

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On both historical and architectural grounds, Bacon's Castle is one of the important buildings of the 17th century colonial period.

About mid-September, 1676, a number of the rebel followers of Nathaniel Bacon seized the brick house of Major Arthur Allen and fortified it. From that use the house received its present name of Bacon's Castle. The garrison, commanded at various times by William Rookings, Arthur Long, Joseph Rogers and John Clements, retained control of the house for over three months while their cause declined. The death of Bacon in October left his forces under the leadership of Joseph Ingram, who proved to be unsuited to the command. Ingram dispersed his army in small garrisons, and as the demoralized troops began to plunder indiscriminately, the condition of the colony was soon deplorable.

Berkeley began to conquer the isolated posts one by one, some by force and some by persuasion. On December 29, a loyal force aboard the vessel Young Prince, captured an unidentified "fort" which many historians have identified as Bacon's Castle. After withstanding a brief siege early in January, 1677, the loyalists used the "fort" as a base of operations for the last engagements of the rebellion, which ended before the month was out.

The house built by Arthur Allen about 1655, is the earliest extent example of the cross plan. It is a two-story brick structure laid in English bond, with a ten-foot-square two-story porch in front and a larger stair tower behind. The main floor originally had a great hall and smaller parlor, and the stair tower afforded access to a large cellar containing several rooms and an eight-foot-wide fireplace, as well as two large bedrooms on the second floor and three more in the garret.

Exterior features of note are the Flemish gables at each end of the house, with large triple chimneys standing just free of the gables. The chimneys set diagonally and joined only at the caps, rose from a straight stack ten feet wide and four feet deep. It is a unique example of Jacobean architecture.

b. BOUNDARIES: (It is recognized that Bacon's Castle farm, including the Bacon's Castle home, consists of 1141 acres. This acreage is bounded on the south by Routes 10 and 617; on the west and north by Chippokes Creek; and on the east by Castle Mill Run).

Notwithstanding the above, and recognizing that national landmark status has been given Bacon's Castle on the basis of the merits of the home, the following boundaries are deemed sufficient and appropriate for the protection of that home:

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7 b. CONT'D.

Beginning at a dirt road located on the north side of Route 617, about 1200 feet east of the junction of Routes 10 and 617, proceed north in the center of said dirt road for about 1700 feet to where another dirt road leads off in an easterly direction; thence proceed east in the center of the latter mentioned dirt road for about 3800 feet to Castle Mill Run; thence south along center line of Castle Mill Run to Route 617; thence west along Route 617 for about 3800 feet to point of beginning.

Entrance to the farm home is reached from the north side of Route 617, about .5 mile east of the junction of Routes 10 and 617. A white (wooden) fence surrounds the home and the land between the home and Route 617.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The earliest of the Virginia cross-plan houses and one of the most remarkable architectural monuments of the colonial period, it was built by Arthur Allen about 1655 and figured prominently in Bacon's Rebellion of 1676.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Thomas J. Wertenbaker, Virginia under the Stuarts, 1607-1688 (Princeton, 1914); Hugh Morrison, Early American Architecture (New York, 1952); Fiske Kimball, Domestic Architecture of the American Colonies and of the Early Republic (New York, 1922); Henry C. Foreman, The Architecture of the Old South; The Medieval Style, 1585-1850 (Cambridge, 1948); Thomas J. Wertenbaker, Bacon's Rebellion, 1676 (Jamestown 350th Anniversary Booklet, Number 8)(Williamsburg, 1957).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|----------|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | | LONGITUDE | | |
| | Degrees | Minutes Seconds | Degrees | Minutes Seconds | |
| NW | 37° | 6' 38" | 76° | 43' 41" | |
| NE | 37° | 6' 41" | 76° | 42' 42" | |
| SE | 37° | 6' 22" | 76° | 42' 41" | |
| SW | 37° | 6' 20" | 76° | 43' 38" | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **156**

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:
Frank S. Melvin

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia State Office, National Park Service** DATE: **6/30/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 10008

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia 23240** CODE: **51**

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 _____

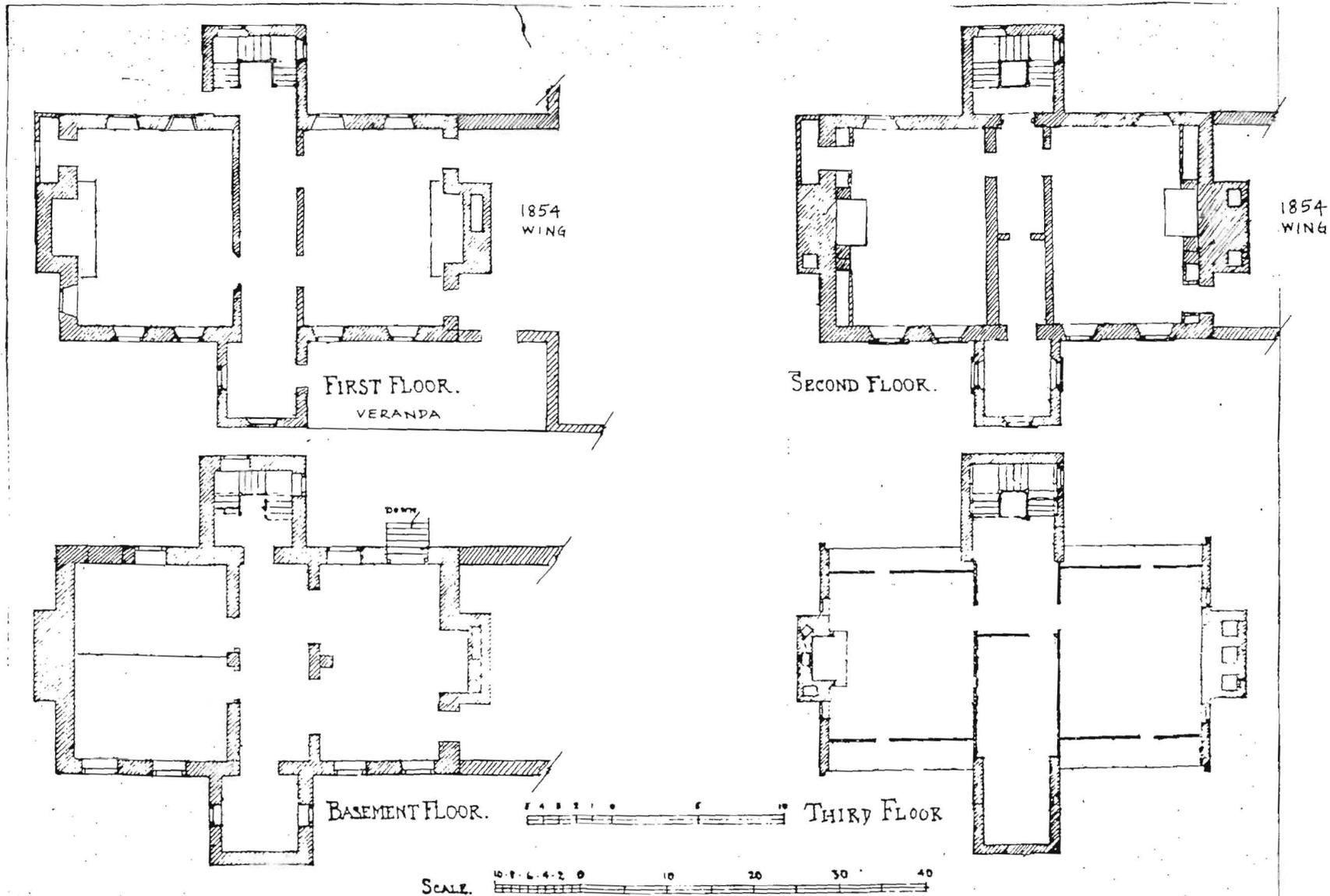
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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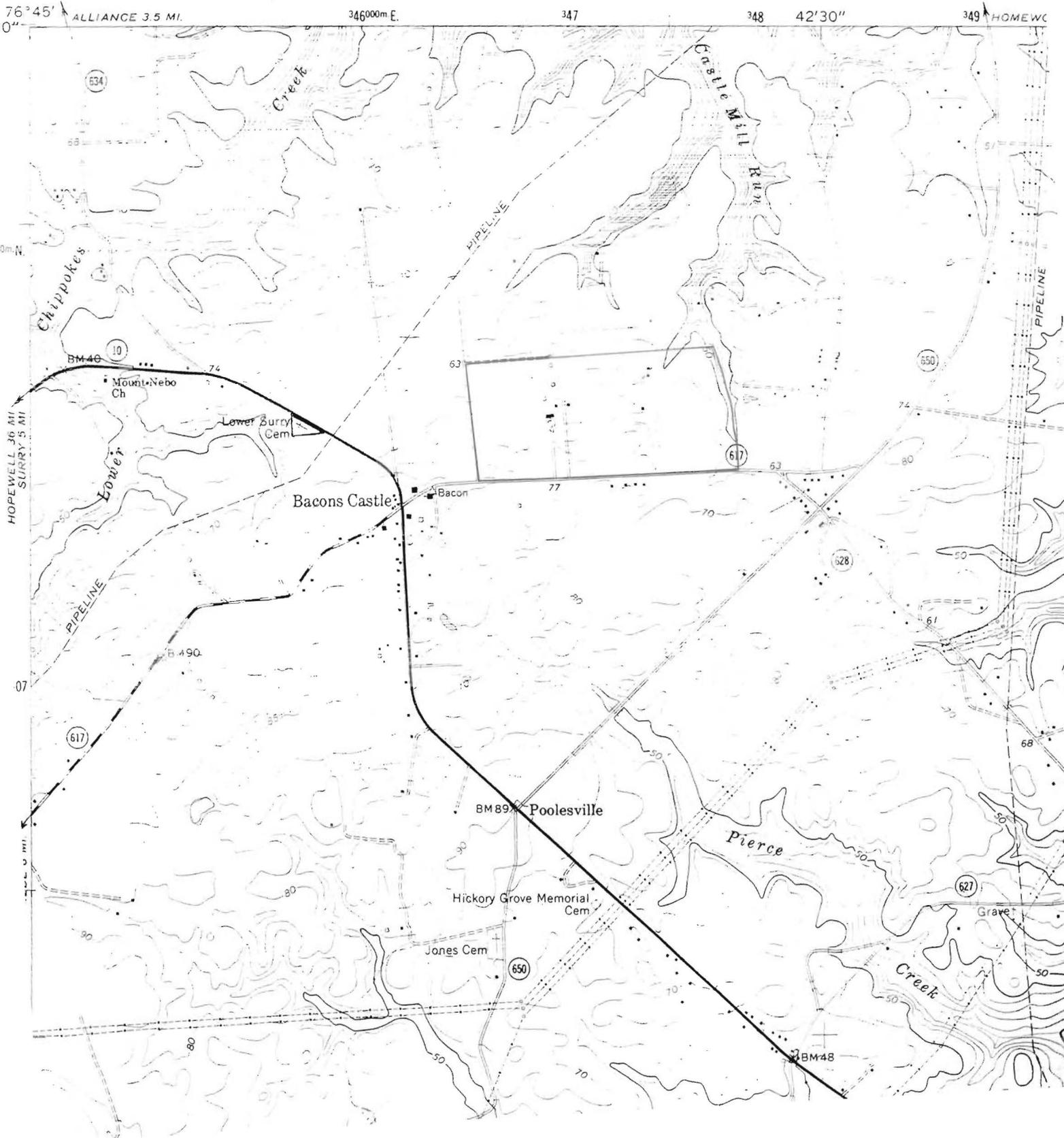


ALLEN'S "BRICK HOUSE" CALLED "BACON'S CASTLE," SURRY COUNTY, VA.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Bacon's Castle



76°45' 0" W
ALLIANCE 3.5 MI.

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42'30"

349 HOMEWC

9m N.

HOPEWELL 3.6 MI
SURRY 3.5 MI

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