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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

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: Hopewell (in cit.)	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Appomattox Manor

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Charles City

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: at the confluence of the James and Appomattox Rivers,
on southbank.

CITY OR TOWN:
Hopewell

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 670

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Richard Eppes, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
319 Westchester Avenue, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Huntsville STATE: Alabama CODE: 35801

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Prince George County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Prince George STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1959 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Appomattox Manor house stands on the site of an earlier house; it may have been built in 1751 by William Eppes (Richard Eppes diary, Alderman Library), or 1768, by Richard Eppes, nephew of William. Richard Eppes, grandson of the aforementioned Richard, added to the house several times during the second half of the nineteenth century. It is a frame house, typical center hall plan, which contains very little interior trim from the eighteenth century. The kitchen in the yard was apparently a dependency to an earlier house. Flagstones between the house and the kitchen are supposedly from the Rolfe House at Bermuda Hundred; by Dr. Richard Eppes in 1858 (unpublished archaeological report). Remains of seventeenth century structures exist along the riverbank. Captain Eppes' patent line followed almost exactly the line of the 1618 palisaded town (Patent Book 1, p. 439). This property remained in the hands of the Eppes family until 1916 when most of it was sold and the city of Hopewell built on the farm. The point where the house now stands was once fortified and cannons were placed here; no remains of the earliest fortifications remain. However, there are Civil War fortifications adjacent to the Cutchin property which are said to have been built over the site of the earlier forts; no archaeological or documentary proof of this supposition has been seen.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	History	<hr/>
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeology	<hr/>
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Conservation	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

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

When the autonomy of the cities was abolished in 1634, Charles City was claimed by Francis Eppes of Shirley Hundred Island. His holdings included Eppes (Shirley Hundred) Island which has been occupied by him and by his descendants from 1624 until the present day. Eppes Island was part of the same plantation although it was across the river. The present owners of Eppes Island are brothers to the owner of Appomattox Manor. Part of the site's significance lies in the fact that the title derives in an unbroken chain of lineal descent from a patent awarded Captain Francis Eppes in 1635 up until the present day. General Grant had his headquarters in the house from June, 1864 until April, 1865. Abraham Lincoln visited the area and used the north drawing room as his office on several occasions between 1864 and 1865.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lutz, Francis Earle, The Prince George - Hopewell Story. Richmond: The William Byrd Press, Inc., 1957.
 "Appomattox Manor," pamphlet

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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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

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: Edward P. Alexander, Jr.

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

Date: June 2, 1969 11/5/68

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: Oct 8 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Ventresca, Jr.
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Oct 8 1969 10/1/69

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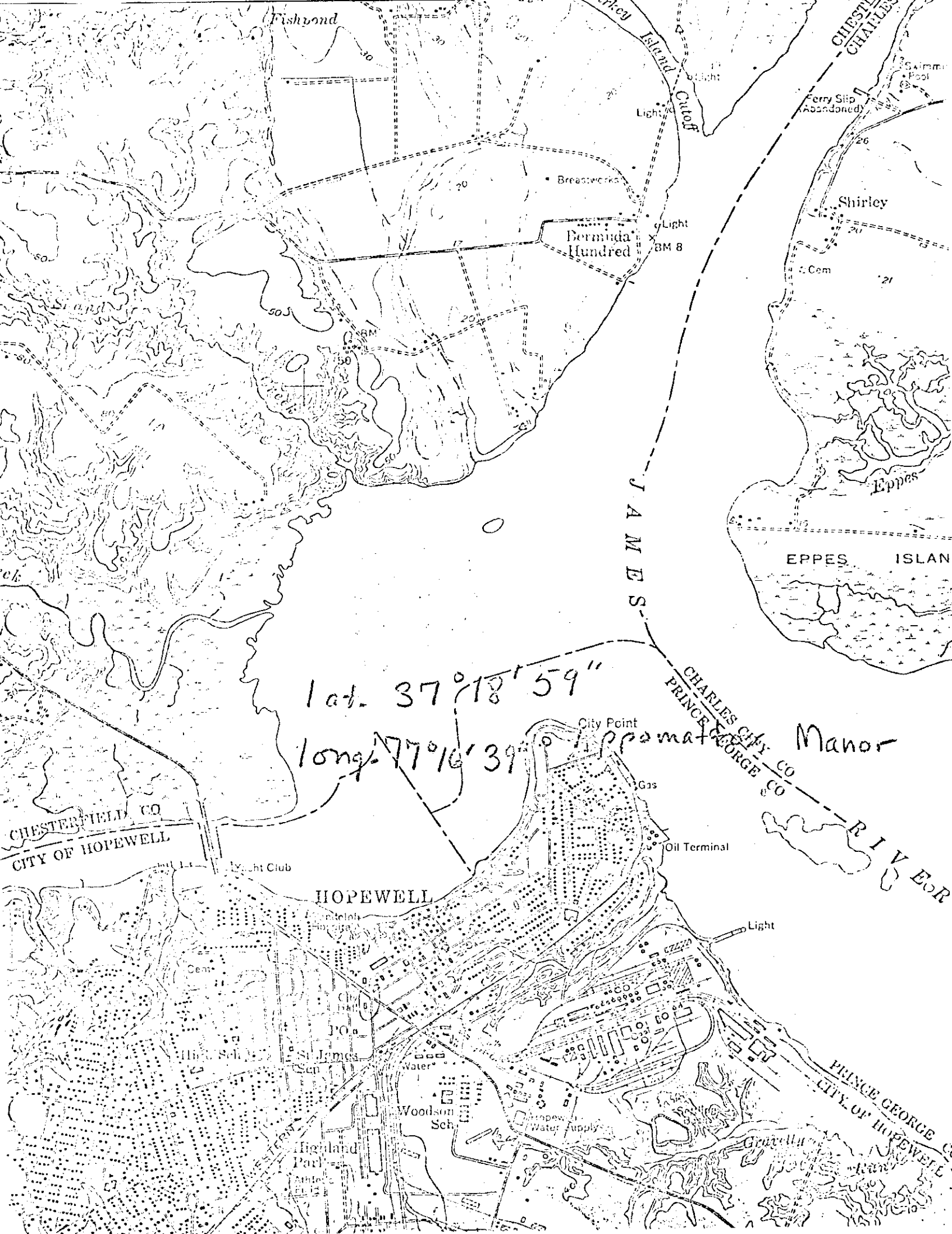
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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #116-1
1968 State
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Fishpond

Light
Light
Light

CHESTERFIELD CO

Ferry Slip Abandoned

Salt Pond

Shirley

Bermuda Hundred

Light
BM 8

Cem

Eppe

EPPE ISLAND

JAMES

lat. 37° 18' 59"

long. 77° 16' 39"

CHARLES CITY CO
PRINCE GEORGE CO

Manor

RIVER

CHESTERFIELD CO
CITY OF HOPEWELL

Yacht Club

HOPEWELL

City Point

Gas

Oil Terminal

Light

Cent

City Hall

P.O.

High Sch

St James Sch

Water

Woodson Sch

Water Supply

Highland Park

PRINCE GEORGE CO
CITY OF HOPEWELL