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(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: Mecklenburg	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	Oct. 1, 1969

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Prestwould

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Prestwould

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .1 mi. N of Roanoke River, .6 mi. SW of intersection of Rt. 15 and Rt. 701, 1 mi. N of Clarksville city limits.

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Mecklenburg CODE: 117

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 type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Roanoke River Museum Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Prestwould House

CITY OR TOWN: Clarksville STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mecklenburg County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Boydton STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 45.95 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1939 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 type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <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

Prestwould occupies a commanding position on the high land overlooking the Roanoke River Valley. The mansion itself is a great rectangular stone ashlar structure, two-stories in height, crowned by a hipped roof. The principal facade is seven-bays wide and features a diminution of the window size from the first to the second floor. Both the entrance and garden fronts, as well as one side, feature nearly identical one-story porticoes supporting slender Tuscan columns.

The interiors of Prestwould are completely intact and remain virtually unaltered since they were installed. Both the first and second floors feature four nearly identical rooms at each corner with the stair hall and extra room between them.

To the west of the mansion is a grouping of outbuildings arranged on a broad street that descends the hill towards the river.

Although part of the plantation has been developed for housing, there is still enough land around the house to retain its original remote, rural atmosphere.

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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) **1795**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Aboriginal | Education | Political | Urban Planning |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Social History</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | _____ |
| 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.)

Prestwould is one of the most perfectly preserved eighteenth-century plantations in Virginia. Built by Sir Peyton Skipwith, one of Virginia's few baronets, the house took seven years to build, and was probably completed about 1795. The great stone mansion still retains much of the beautiful scenic wallpaper, and even some of the curtains installed by Lady Jean Skipwith. Its fine collection of furniture was also acquired by the Skipwiths. In addition to the plantation house, Prestwould possesses a complete set of plantation outbuildings, including a charming octagonal pavilion, said to be used for card games. Traces of the extensive gardens are still to be seen. Sir Peyton and his second wife, Lady Jean, are buried in the family cemetery in the garden.

Prestwould, in its almost untouched condition, provides an all too rare glimpse into the life and tastes of a prominent landed family of the eighteenth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anderson, Sterling P., Prestwould and Its Builders, Address, Sept. 28, 1963, APVA, Roanoke River Branch.
 Lancaster, Robert A., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1915.
 Langhorne, Elizabeth Coles, Jean Skipwith, A Virginia Bluestocking. Address, Sept. 26, 1966, Skipwith Family Reunion.
 O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia. Richmond: Virginia Museum, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O 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	
NW	36° 40' 00"	78° 35' 15"		36° 38' 59"	78° 33' 52"	
NE	36° 42' 00"	78° 33' 06"				
SE	36° 35' 44"	78° 33' 06"				
SW	36° 32' 41"	78° 35' 15"				

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

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April 28, 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 per form
 Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date June 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date Oct. 1, 1969

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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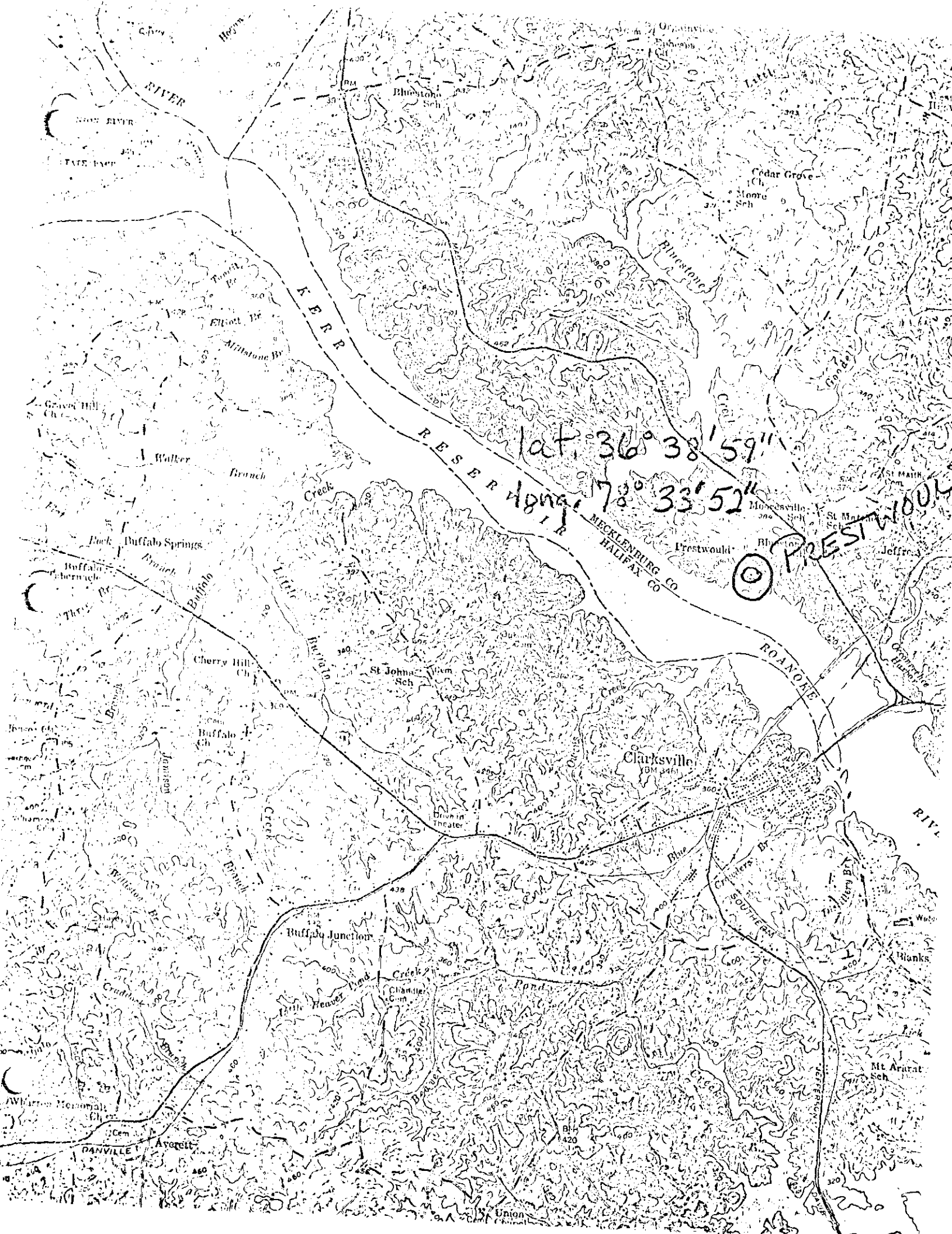
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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
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Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

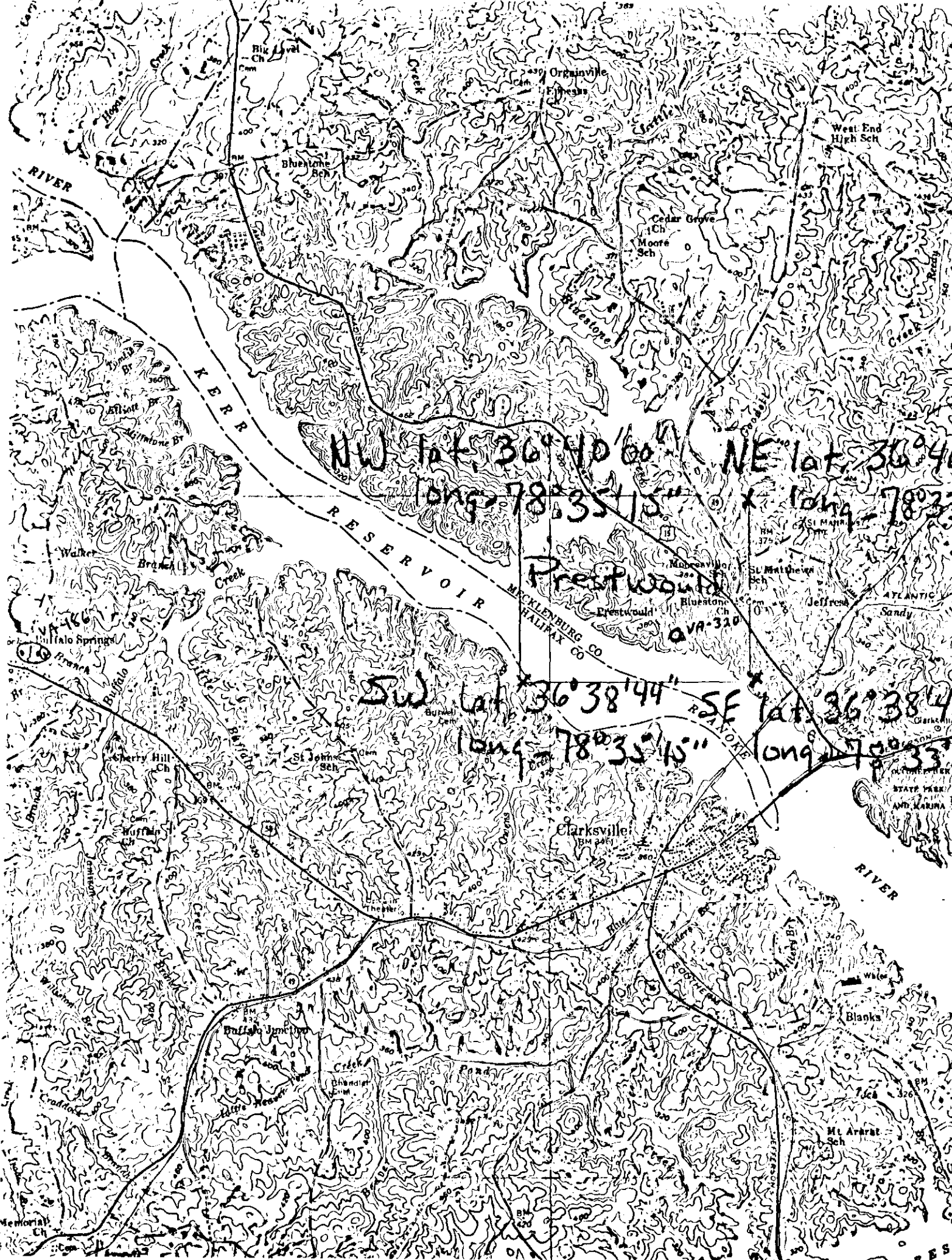
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #58-45
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West End
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NW lat: 36° 40' 00"

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long: 78° 35' 15"

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RESERVOIR

Prestwood

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SW lat: 36° 38' 44"

SE lat: 36° 38' 44"

long: 78° 35' 15"

long: 79° 33' 00"

Clarksville
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Buffalo Junction

Mt Ararat
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