

Form 10-300  
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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: Prince George
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE: AUGUST 1, 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Flowerdew Hundred Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:  
(Garysville vicinity)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Fourth (Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Prince George CODE: 149

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. David A. Harrison, III

STREET AND NUMBER:  
R.F.D. #1

CITY OR TOWN:  
Hopewell

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Prince George County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Prince George

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2)

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
(1) Historic American Buildings Survey (See continuation sheet #1)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1940  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

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Flowerdew Hundred Farm, on which the archaeological remains of Flowerdew Hundred Plantation are located, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (see map). The western portion of

the property is mostly flat land, [REDACTED] and partially penetrated by several small creeks. A low-lying flat area, c. 10 ft. ASL, forms the eastern portion of the property. All seventeenth century archaeological sites found to date are located on the lowland, with 18th-century and 19th-century sites on the upland.

Archaeological remains are relatively undisturbed, as only minor damage to sites has occurred from plowing or building. Modern buildings, both private and farm, are few in number and are clustered in the northwest area of the property. River erosion is minimal. A Veeco power line follows the eastern edge of the property. No archaeological remains are visible above ground.

Very little is known about the original configuration or appearance of the Flowerdew settlement. Almost all information about Flowerdew will have to come from archaeological research. To date, archaeology has revealed a probable scattered settlement pattern of many individual structures, each possibly fortified, with a more substantial fortification surrounding all or a portion of the settlement.

Historical documents yield little information about Flowerdew. Settled in late 1618 or early 1619, Flowerdew Hundred was one of many particular plantations established along the James River. Flowerdew was apparently well-fortified and relatively secure, as it was one of only seven settlements to remain open after the Indian massacre of 1622. The Muster of 1625 lists 64 inhabitants at Flowerdew, as well as 10 dwelling houses, 3 store houses, 4 tobacco houses, and a windmill. A court order of 13 October 1626 indicates that many houses at Flowerdew were "paled and palizadoed in" and "ye whole necke /of land/ is well railed in." The same court order indicates the presence of at least "10 or 12 pieces of ordinance well mounted and planted for ye defense of ye place."

In 1630, the General Assembly and Charles City County established a town at Flowerdew for the purpose of carrying out trade and commerce. In 1691, the town was described as having several dwelling houses and warehouses.

Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, Flowerdew was owned by successive families, and many buildings were built during this time.

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(See continuation sheets 2-4 for individual site explanations.)

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 8000 B.C. - c. 1870 A.D.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>History</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>Archaeology</u>
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Flowerdeew Hundred Plantation is one of the best preserved and most significant archaeological localities in the United States. Thirty-five locations at Flowerdeew contain approximately seventy-five archaeological sites, Indian and/or colonial. Indian occupation, revealed through house and village patterns, projectile points, pottery, etc., dates from c. 8000 B.C. to c. 1644 A.D. A large number of the colonial sites at Flowerdeew date to the c. 1619-c. 1630 period. Two of these sites have been partially excavated: 1) a well-preserved stone house foundation, part of a large complex of buildings, measures 41 ft. by 24 ft., with a 12 ft. by 10 ft. offset room on one side. A large off-center H-shaped fireplace foundation is constructed of brick and stone. The house foundation is architecturally unique, as each corner is interrupted by gaps in which rectangular soil stains are present; 2) a rectangular enclosure or fortified area measures 236 ft. by c. 100 ft. Within the remains of a double-walled wooden palisade, with possible bastions at one or more corners, the remains of four or more structures, a well, and possible forge have been found. Thousands of late-16th-century and early-17th-century artifacts have been found within the enclosure, including armor, chain mail, helmet fragments, cannon balls, sword gear, cross-bow darts, early flint-locks, caltrops, a 1565 silver coin, a completely preserved leather tankard, etc.

The presence of numerous early sites and intact below-ground remains gives Flowerdeew a tremendous and unique archaeological potential. The archaeological evidence will provide a rare opportunity to study, in a comprehensive way, early settlement patterns, architecture, industry and crafts, trade, social customs, and other aspects of early colonial life.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Records of the Virginia Company of London, Susan M. Kingsbury, 1906.  
Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, 1622-1632,  
1670-1676.  
Adventurers of Purse and Person Virginia 1607-1625.

**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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

UTM References:  
(See Continuation Sheet #5)

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1,400 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY** Norman F. Barka (See continuation sheet #1)

NAME AND TITLE:  
and Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: May 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:  
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 29-665), 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 Junius H. Fishburne, Jr.  
Junius H. Fishburne, Jr., Exec. Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date MAY 20 1975

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

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 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/1/75

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 8/1/75

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

(2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1968 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia code: 51

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Norman F. Barka, Director of Research  
Southside Historical Sites Foundation  
Department of Anthropology  
College of William and Mary  
Williamsburg, Virginia code: 51

Flowerdew Hundred Site Localities

(In Accordance with the Included USGS 7½' Quadrangle Section)

1. Partially excavated house complex dating to c. 1619-c. 1630 period. Non-continuous stone house foundation, room additions, graves, all within fenced enclosure.
2. Partially excavated fortified area dating to c. 1619-c. 1630 period. c. 260 ft. by c. 100 ft. palisaded area, within which are remains of buildings, a well, etc.
3. Excavated mid-17th-century to mid-18th-century building site, possibly within the boundaries of "Flowerdew Town."
4. Unexcavated 17th century building site, approximately contemporary with 1. and 2.
5. Unexcavated 17th-century building site, approximately contemporary with 1. and 2.
6. Unexcavated late woodland Indian village site.
7. Unexcavated late woodland Indian village site.
8. Unexcavated late woodland Indian village site.
9. Excavated building site, 17th-century, designated PG 9.
10. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
11. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
12. Unexcavated 18th-century building site.
13. Unexcavated 18th-century building site.
14. Unexcavated early 18th-century building site.
15. Unexcavated early 18th-century building site.

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16. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
17. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
18. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
19. Unexcavated very early archaic, possibly paleo, Indian site.
20. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
21. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
22. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
23. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
24. Unexcavated 17th-century building site.
25. Includes approximately 18 to 20 unexcavated, overlapping, mid-17th-century to mid-18th-century sites, possibly a village complex.
26. Unexcavated middle and late woodland Indian villages.
27. Includes two or three unexcavated, overlapping, archaic Indian village sites.
28. Unexcavated 18th-century building site.
29. Unexcavated 18th-century building site,
30. Unexcavated 19th-century building site.
31. Unexcavated 19th-century building site.
32. Unexcavated 19th-century building site.
33. Includes approximately 18 unexcavated, overlapping, 18th-century and 19th-century building sites.
34. Partially excavated brick basemented foundation of frame house built about 1804 by John V. Wilcox.

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35. Unexcavated late 18th-century to mid-19th-century building site.

NOTE: There are probably additional archaeological sites, as yet undiscovered,  
within the boundaries of Flowerdew Hundred Plantation.



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**III GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			