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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTEX OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE:  
Virginia

COUNTY:  
King and Queen

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ENTRY DATE:

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Holly Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 600.  
.2 miles Southwest of Route 360, 1.6 miles Northeast of intersection with

CITY OR TOWN: Aylett vicinity CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First; Thomas N. Downing

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: King and Queen CODE: 097

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 Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
General & Mrs. Edwin Cox

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Holly Hill

CITY OR TOWN: Aylett STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
King and Queen County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: King and Queen Court House STATE: Virginia CODE: 5

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

I. General Statement:

A. Architectural character: Holly Hill is an architecturally conservative early nineteenth century country house in the Virginia Georgian style.

B. Condition of the fabric: House is in good state of preservation with few later alterations.

II. Description of the Exterior:

A. Overall dimensions: The five-bay structure is two-bays deep and has a four-bay ell on the rear. The house is two stories high.

B. Foundations: Brick.

C. Wall construction: The brick walls are laid in Flemish bond on the north facade, east end, west side and south end of the ell. The south side of the main block and the east side of the ell are laid partially in three-course American bond and in five-course American bond on the second story. A single course belt course occurs where the water table might be expected. Below this course, the brick is laid in three-course American bond. Another single course belt course is employed between the first and second floor on the north and west sides. Queen closers are used irregularly at the salient corners and openings.

D. Porches: The north entrance is approached by a flight of stone steps with an iron balustrade. The west entrance is sheltered by a one-bay gable-roof porch supported by turned posts and with a wooden balustrade, a brick foundation, and wooden steps. A similar porch has been screened at the south end of the ell. A two-bay screened porch is at the south entrance of the main block.

E. Chimneys: Two interior-end chimneys with corbeled caps are at each end of the facade, and an interior chimney serves the wing.

F. Openings:

1. Doorways and doors: The north entrance employs a plastered flat arch over the doorway. Simple molded trim surrounds the three-panel double doors and ten-light transom. The south doorway is similar. The remaining doorways have smaller transoms, similar architrave trim and six-panel doors.

2. Windows: The windows have a simple architrave trim with a plain sill. At one time they were hung with shutters, the pintles for which remain. The lower windows have nine-over-nine sash, the upper - - six-over-nine.

G. Roof: The hip roof is surrounded by a modillion cornice.

III. Description of the Interior:

A. Floor plan: Holly Hill has a traditional center hall single pile plan with an ell on the rear. The ell is also single pile with a side hall next to the main block and two rooms.

B. Stairway: The two-run, open string stair in the main hall has a paneled spandrel, ornamental brackets with a quarter-fan motif, rectangular balusters, and a simple square newel. The two-run stair in the side hall of the ell is simple decoratively and has a similar balustrade to the premier stair.

C. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster walls are either painted or papered.

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D. Doorways and doors: Architrave trim surrounds raised six-paneled doors. Cross bars secure the two sets of double exterior hall doors.

E. Trim: The architrave trim surrounding the windows matches that of the doors. The windows have deep fluted reveals-- an unusual feature. Much of the interior trim was originally marbelized, but this, for the most part, has been removed. The molded cornice in the west room of the main block is a later addition. Most of the rooms have a molded chair rail.

F. Heating: Although central heating is presently employed, warmth originally was provided by a fireplace in every room. The mantels in these rooms have wide shelves with molding, and frieze and pilasters employing vertical, horizontal and/or diagonal reeding.

IV. Site:

A. General Setting: Holly Hill is located high on a hill above the Mattaponi River just across the river from Aylett. The house faces east and is approached by a lane across the fields. Surrounding the house are naturalistic grounds made up of pecan, holly and numerous other varieties of trees and shrubbery.

B. Outbuildings: The present outbuildings are largely farm buildings located east of the house.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <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

Holly Hill is a dignified Georgian style Tidewater country house erected in the early nineteenth century. The handsomely proportioned structure symbolizes the architectural conservatism of eastern Virginia, a phenomenon resulting from a tradition-oriented way of life. With its fine brickwork, hipped roof, modillion cornice, and belt course Holly Hill could easily be mistaken for a plantation house built several decades earlier. The house is in a fine state of preservation, and has been little changed since erected. Some of its interior woodwork deserves particular attention including the reeded mantels, stair brackets with fan carving, and the unusual fluted window jambs and soffits.

The tract on which Holly Hill is located was patented by Captain George Morris and John Pigge about 1662. In 1680-81 it came into the possession of Joseph Ring, Clerk of the York County Court, whose two daughters later inherited the land. In 1726 Robert "King" Carter purchased the tract, then called Ring's Neck, from Joseph Ring's heirs. One of Ring's daughters was married to Benjamin Robinson, and one of his granddaughters, Elizabeth Wormeley, was subsequently married to Robert "King" Carter's son, Landon Carter.

Moore Fauntleroy in 1784 bought Ring's Neck and in 1794 left it to his son, Samuel Griffin Fauntleroy. The present house was built by the younger Fauntleroy probably in the second decade of the nineteenth century and certainly before the tax re-appraisal of 1822. By 1815 the name of the property had been changed to Holly Hill.

Holly Hill remained in the Fauntleroy family, surviving the vicissitudes of the War Between the States, which included a skirmish with Dahlgren's men near the house, until the middle of the twentieth century. In 1946 General Edwin Cox purchased the house and surrounding land from the heirs of Mary Peachy (Fauntleroy) Fauntleroy (i.e., Mrs. Virginus Fauntleroy) who had died in 1910. General Cox now maintains Holly Hill as his residence and as a working farm.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Edwin Cox, A True Relation of King & Queen County in Virginia to the Year 1790 (King & Queen County Committee, 1957).

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission files.

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	37°	47'	50"	77°	05'	13"							
NE	37°	47'	50"	77°	04'	28"							
SE	37°	47'	14"	77°	04'	28"							
SW	37°	47'	14"	77°	05'	13"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 170 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Room 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

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: Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Title:

Date:

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date:

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date:

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)  
Aylett, Va. 1968

**HOLLY HILL**

latitude  
NW37°47'50"  
NE37°47'50"  
SE37°47'14"  
SW37°47'14"

longitude  
77°05'13"  
77°04'28"  
77°04'28"  
77°05'13"

