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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Windsor Shades (Preferred); Ruffin's Ferry

AND/OR COMMON Waterville

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Approximately .7 mile SW of Sweet Hall; approximately 1000 feet N of Parnunkey River; 1.7 miles SW of intersection of state routes 30 and 634.

CITY TOWN Sweet Hall VICINITY OF First (Thomas N. Downing)

STATE Virginia CODE 51 COUNTY King William CODE 101

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. Samuel Krewatch

STREET & NUMBER Route 1, Box 154 E1

CITY TOWN West Point VICINITY OF STATE Virginia 23181

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. King William County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
CITY TOWN King William STATE Virginia 23086

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (3) (see continuation sheet #1)**

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE (n.d.)  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress

CITY TOWN Washington STATE D.C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Windsor Shades, also known as Waterville, is situated on the Pamunkey River about ten miles above West Point in King William County. The house sits in a small open area between the river and a pond and is shielded from the public road by a stand of evergreen trees.

The dwelling house at Windsor Shades, the only surviving early building, is a story-and-a-half, five-bay, gambrel-roofed structure built of frame covered with beaded weatherboards and set on a low, English-bond brick basement. All of the first-floor windows have nine-over-nine sash and modern raised-panel shutters, while nine-over-six sash are used in the file of five hipped dormers on the lower roof plane at each side of the house. The present Greek Revival door frames each have four-light transoms over them.

The striking features for which the house is renowned are the massive Flemish-bond brick chimney stacks at either end. The east chimneys consist of double stacks with three sets of tiled weatherings on each and with a two-story pent between them. The basement is entered at the center of this pent, and a segmental arch is used over the first-floor closet window. The north stack was apparently rebuilt in the early nineteenth century. An English-bond brick end rises to first-floor height at either side of the chimney mass. The west chimneys have two stacks with two sets of asymmetrical tiled weatherings on each and with a one-story pent between them. The present door in the pent is not original, and the south stack was rebuilt in the early nineteenth century. Traces of early nineteenth-century scored stucco survive on both stacks and on the underpinning.

Windsor Shades has a central-passage, double-pile plan with the rear (south) rooms shallower than the front ones. A closed-string, L-plan stair is located in the northwest corner of the passage. This stair has a molded banister and newel caps, square newels, and elegantly turned vase-and-column balusters.

The southeast room has an early nineteenth-century mantel with fluted pilasters supporting a frieze decorated with an elliptical patera, entablature blocks with gouged lozenges, and a reeded band beneath the shelf. A symmetrical chair rail and a wooden cornice are carried around the room. The window frames here, as in all of the first-floor rooms, were replaced in the mid-nineteenth century by Greek Revival-style frames with symmetrically molded trim and bull's-eye paterae, but the sash and glass appear to be original.

In the southwest room the chimney treatment again dates from the early nineteenth century. It consists of an architrave surround with crossettes supporting consoles treated as entablature blocks and a central reeded table, above which are a band of Wall-of-Troy-fret molding and a thick molded shelf broken out over the consoles and tablet. The whole is surmounted by a plain overmantel with an applied-mold panel. Eighteenth-century raised-panel wainscoting and an early nineteenth-century dentil cornice are also present.

The passage is decorated with raised-panel wainscoting and with a modern wood cornice.

The northeast room apparently retains its original decoration in its entirety.  
(see continuation sheet #2)

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The narrow room end is fully paneled, with a bolection mold surrounding the segmental-arched fireplace. A symmetrical chair rail is carried around the other three sides of the room. No early trim, except a chair board which formerly had a chair rail like that in the other rooms, survives in the northwest room.

In the basement is preserved an unusually large cooking fireplace topped by a segmental arch. The fireplace is served by the south flue of the east chimneys.

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Windsor Shades is set in a wooded patch near the center of fourteen acres bordering water on the north and south. The acreage being nominated represents the last remaining intact portion of the original fifty-eight-acre tract acquired by Edward Pye Chamberlayne in 1786.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Windsor Shades, sometimes known as Waterville, situated on the Pamunkey River in King William County, is a strikingly handsome, little-altered Tidewater planter's house. Architectural interest is derived from its high-quality eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century interiors and especially from its well-known massive Flemish-bond brick chimneys. The east chimneys, with their two stories of pent closets, are a famous example of colonial masonry. Windsor Shades was connected with the Chamberlayne family, prominent in eighteenth-century King William and New Kent counties. By virtue of its location on the river at a point close to New Kent Court House, it was the site for most of the eighteenth century of a heavily traveled ferry, several of the ferry's proprietors living at Windsor Shades.

The land title is not clear, owing to the destruction of many of the King William County records, but the house was built around the middle of the eighteenth century, possibly by Thomas Chamberlayne, who married Wilhelmina Byrd of Westover plantation. At any rate, it is fact that their son Edward Pye Chamberlayne (1758-1806) did own the Windsor Shades tract, either by inheritance from his parents or possibly through his purchase in 1786 of the 58 acres known as Ruffin's Ferry from William Ruffin of Essex County. Chamberlayne's account book for the ferry's operation in the 1780s survives in the Virginia Historical Society. A figure of local prominence, Chamberlayne was a man of moderate wealth and owned 12 slaves in the 1780s. He served as a lieutenant in the American navy during the Revolution and was a county justice in 1793. One of his children, Lewis Webb Chamberlayne, was a founder of the Medical College of Virginia; another son, Byrd Chamberlayne, married into the family of Thomas Sully, the painter.

Again, the King William records are not adequate to trace the land title after Edward Pye Chamberlayne's death, but it appears that by 1826 William B. Browne was the owner of Windsor Shades, having purchased it either from the Chamberlaynes or from the Ruffin family, who had owned neighboring Sweet Hall in the eighteenth century and who intermarried with the Chamberlaynes. In 1842, Windsor Shades became the property of Henry Corr (b. 1813), who was still living there in 1897. The present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Krewatch, who acquired it about 20 years ago.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Abstracts of King William County Records, Book 1 (ms. at Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va).  
 Clarke, Peyton Neale. Old King William County Homes and Families.  
 Louisville, Ky., 1897.  
 King William County Land Books.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14 acres E. 18 331120/4159830  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	33,129,0	415,982,0	B	1,8	33,162,0	415,957,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,8	33,161,0	415,950,0	D	1,8	33,107,0	415,964,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The Windsor Shades property is bounded by a line beginning at a point (A) on southeast side of western extension of State Route 634, approximately 3200' SW of intersection of State Route 634 with Southern Railroad; thence extending approximately 100' southward to western edge of pond; thence extending approximately 1600' ESE, following along southern edge of pond; thence extending approximately 200'S to northern shore of Pamunkey River (point C); thence extending approximately 2000' WNW, following along said shore to a point (D); thence extending approximately 600' NNE to a point (E) on east side of western extension of State Route 634, at intersection with private road; thence extending approximately 500' E, along southeast side of said route to point E. LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES OF ORIGIN.

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION	Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	DATE	December 1976
STREET & NUMBER	221 Governor Street	TELEPHONE	804-786-3144
CITY OR TOWN	Richmond	STATE	Virginia 23219

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Executive Director  
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE DEC 21 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE May 22 1978
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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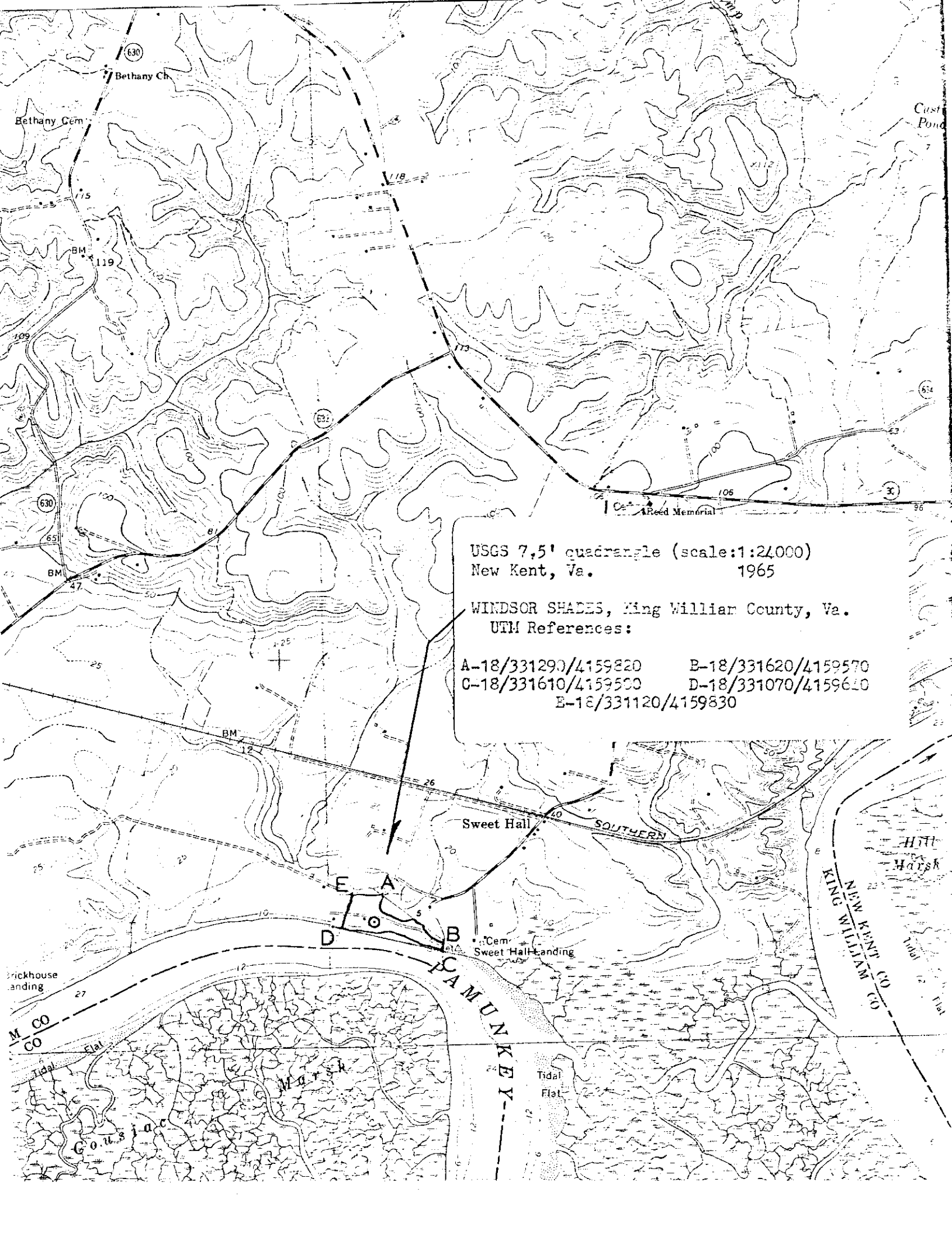
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory  
1958 Federal  
Library of Congress  
Washington, DC
  
- (3) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1968, 1976 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Richmond, Virginia 23219



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USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)  
New Kent, Va. 1965

WINDSOR SHADES, King William County, Va.

UTM References:

- A-18/331290/4159820      E-18/331620/4159570
- C-18/331610/4159500      D-18/331070/4159610
- E-18/331120/4159830

Sweet Hall

SOUTHERN

E A  
D O

Cem Sweet Hall Landing

PAMUNKEY

KING WILLIAM CO  
NEW KENT CO

Brickhouse landing

Tidal Flat  
Goussiac  
Marsh

Tidal Flat

Hill Marsh

Tidal Flat