

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
RECEIVED  
DATE ENTERED NOV 17 1978

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Farmville

AND/OR COMMON

Fox Hill Plantation (Preferred)

2 LOCATION

2.3 miles SW of Lively; 400' W of Old State Route 201; .3 mile S of Blakemore Pond.

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lively

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Eighth (Herbert E. Harris)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Lancaster

CODE

103

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Marjorie S. Eastwick

(Estate) dec 12/88

STREET & NUMBER

Fox Hill Plantation, Box 25

CITY, TOWN

Lively

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 22507

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lancaster County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster County

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1958

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Fox Hill Plantation, an open level tract of farmland on the Northern Neck of Virginia, is the site of an L-shaped, two-story house built there during the first quarter of the 19th century. Although popularly believed to have been built in three sections, the uninterrupted Flemish-bond brickwork shows the entire house was built at one time. The facade is five bays long with 9/9 sash. Jack arches are used over the first-floor openings, and rowlock lintels are used over the second-floor windows as well as the basement openings, which are set below a beveled water table. The low-hipped roof is decorated with a molded brick cornice (an unusual feature in eastern Virginia) and surmounted by tall interior end chimneys with corbelled caps. The other long sides of the building follow the same general morphology, and putlog holes encircle the building at second-story level.

The plan of Fox Hill is a variation of the "I-house" plan sometimes found among large early 19th-century houses in Tidewater Virginia. The front section has a familiar central-passage, single-pile plan, with one room on either side of the stair passage, while the southwestern arm of the ell repeats the plan by appending another stair passage and room to the front section, producing a room-passage-room-passage-room arrangement. At the west end of the ell is an original brick lean-to closet (now a kitchen) half the size of the adjacent room.

The decoration in the house is restrained, but well-crafted. The north parlor is the principal room. It has recessed-panel wainscoting with a pedestal chair rail and a mantel consisting of reeded pilasters supporting an unembellished architrave with entablature blocks and a central tablet. The whole is surmounted by a shelf emphasized by profuse, exaggerated moldings. Flanking the chimney breast are round-arched niches with attenuated pilasters similar to those on the mantel and with molded keystones whose soffits extend the depth of the recessed-panel intrados.

The passage also has a pedestal chair rail, capping plain wainscoting. The open-string stair has a light turned newel; a round, ramped-and-eased banister; two rectangular balusters to a tread; and sawn scrolled brackets.

The southeast parlor, probably originally a dining room, is decorated similarly to the north parlor, except that the mantel has a reeded central tablet. The niches to either side of the fireplace serve as cupboards and are fitted with glazed doors retaining much of their original glass. The brickwork of the original jack arch over the fireplace, which was never plastered, is of a notably high quality.

The rear passage decoration is like that in the front passage except that the stair brackets are somewhat plainer. The ell room, which now serves as a dining room but which was probably a chamber originally, has wainscoting and a chair rail similar to the other first-floor rooms. The mantel lacks the central tablet and is generally somewhat more attenuated in its proportions than those in the parlor. The adjacent lean-to room has been converted to a kitchen. It probably served originally as a closet and consequently was undecorated.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

Fox Hill Plantation, an open stretch of farmland near the Rappahannock River in Lancaster County, is named for its 17th-century owner, David Fox, rich and powerful planter who called the tract Hill Plantation. Known in later years as Farmville, the property is notable as well for its L-shaped early 19th-century house. The latter is distinguished by its outstanding brickwork, handsome interiors, well-maintained but little-altered condition, and striking outbuildings. As a group, the buildings are representative of the unacademic but architecturally sophisticated plantation groups of many prosperous Virginians in the national period.

The Hill Plantation was one of several owned by David Fox I, who served on the first Lancaster County Court in 1652. An exceptionally wealthy man for his time and place, Fox bestowed large amounts of silver and fine clothing upon his children before his death. Although no test excavations have been made, the site of Fox's house may be within the boundaries of the property under nomination, and this could be of archaeological interest. The Hill Plantation descended in Fox's family into the 18th century. It was acquired sometime in the first half of the 18th century by John Chinn, whose descendant Elizabeth Chinn married Richard Selden II (d.1823) in 1774. Selden, who acquired the plantation in 1793, apparently named it Farmville and built the present house near the end of his life.

The present owner, Miss Marjorie Eastwick, acquired the property in the 1940s and renamed it Fox('s) Hill Plantation, in commemoration of the original owners.

DU/MTP

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lancaster County Bicentennial Guide (compiled by Lancaster County Woman's Club, 1975).  
 Lancaster County Land Books, 1782-1822.  
 Lee, Ida J. Abstracts of Lancaster County Wills, 1653-1860. Richmond, 1959.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14 acres

### UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	3	6,4	0,6,0	4,1	7,9	5,9,0					
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		B	1,8	3	6,4	2,5,0	4,1	7,9	5,0,0
						ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C	1,8	3	6,4	1,3,0	4,1	7,9	3,3,0					
					D	1,8	3	6,3	8,4,0	4,1	7,9	4,1,0
						ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The acreage comprising Fox Hill Plantation begins at a point at edge of tree line .2 mile W of State Route 201 and approximately .8 mile E of State Route 354; thence extending 700' SE to W side of old State Route 201; thence extending 700' SW along the W side of said route to private drive; thence extending W 1000' along N side of said drive; thence extending 900' NE to point of origin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

April 1978

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

*Judith Hill*  
 TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE APR 18 1978

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE NOV 17 1978

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

Fox Hill Plantation, Lancaster County, Virginia

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

ITEM NUMBER 6, 7 PAGE 1

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1970, 1978 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

7. DESCRIPTION

Two original outbuildings survive. Aligned with the house and directly south of it is a two-story, three-bay brick kitchen built of brick laid in Flemish bond. The brickwork is of a slightly different character from that of the house. The mortar joints are scored, while those of the main house are struck, and remnants of glazing survive on the headers. The interior bonding is English, while that on the main house is three-course American bond. Finally, a molded wood cornice is used on the kitchen. In spite of these differences, the two buildings appear to be close contemporaries. One traditional date for the house, 1803, seems to be a little too early for the present structure. However, the old-fashioned brickwork of the kitchen suggests that an 1803 house to which that outbuilding belonged may have been destroyed not long after its construction and replaced with the present house.

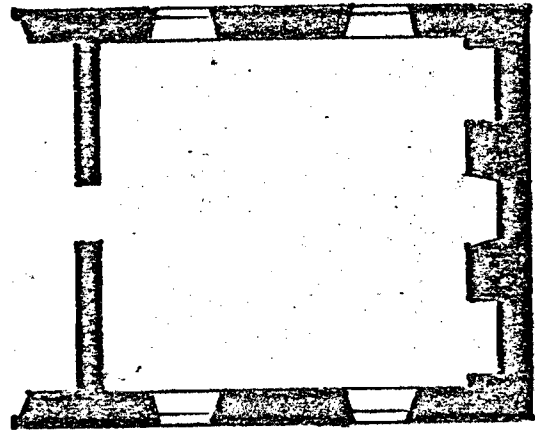
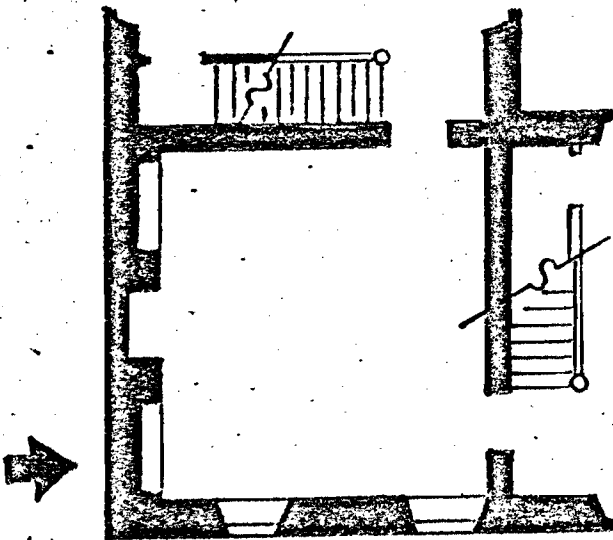
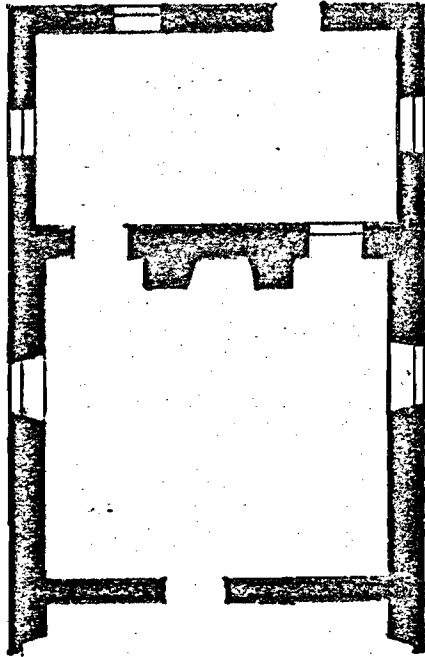
Other notable features of the kitchen include 6/6 sash with 18th-century muntin profiles, stuccoed first-floor jack arches, and putlog holes. The plan is that of a single room with exposed beaded joists on the first floor; two rooms and a stair hall, divided by horizontal board partitions with hand-headed cut nails, occupy the second floor. The interior brickwork has been crudely repointed with Portland cement. There is a full cellar under the building.

Directly west of the kitchen is an original pyramidal-roofed smokehouse built of brick laid in Flemish bond of similar workmanship to the main house.

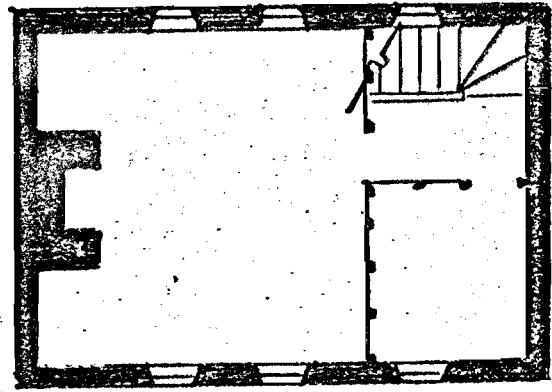
No other outbuildings of note survive. Reputedly, the main house and kitchen were once part of a line of five domestic buildings. One of these, a two-story pyramidal-roofed brick dairy built in Flemish bond with glazed headers, is shown by an old photograph to have stood between the house and the kitchen. No evidence of the others survives.

Because Fox Hill Plantation is a flat, open, essentially undifferentiated tract of land, the register bounds have been drawn to encompass a portion of the surrounding fields large enough to include the probable sites of any vanished domestic and farm structures.

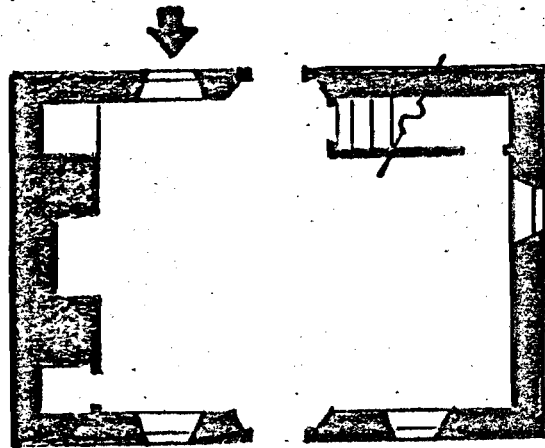
Fox Hill Plantation  
Landaster County, Virginia  
Floor Plan - Scale: 1"=10'  
Credit: Va. Historic Landmarks  
Commission, 1978



Fox Hill Plantation  
Lancaster County, Virginia  
Kitchen Floor Plan  
Scale: 1"=10'  
Credit: Va. Historic Landmarks  
Commission, 1978

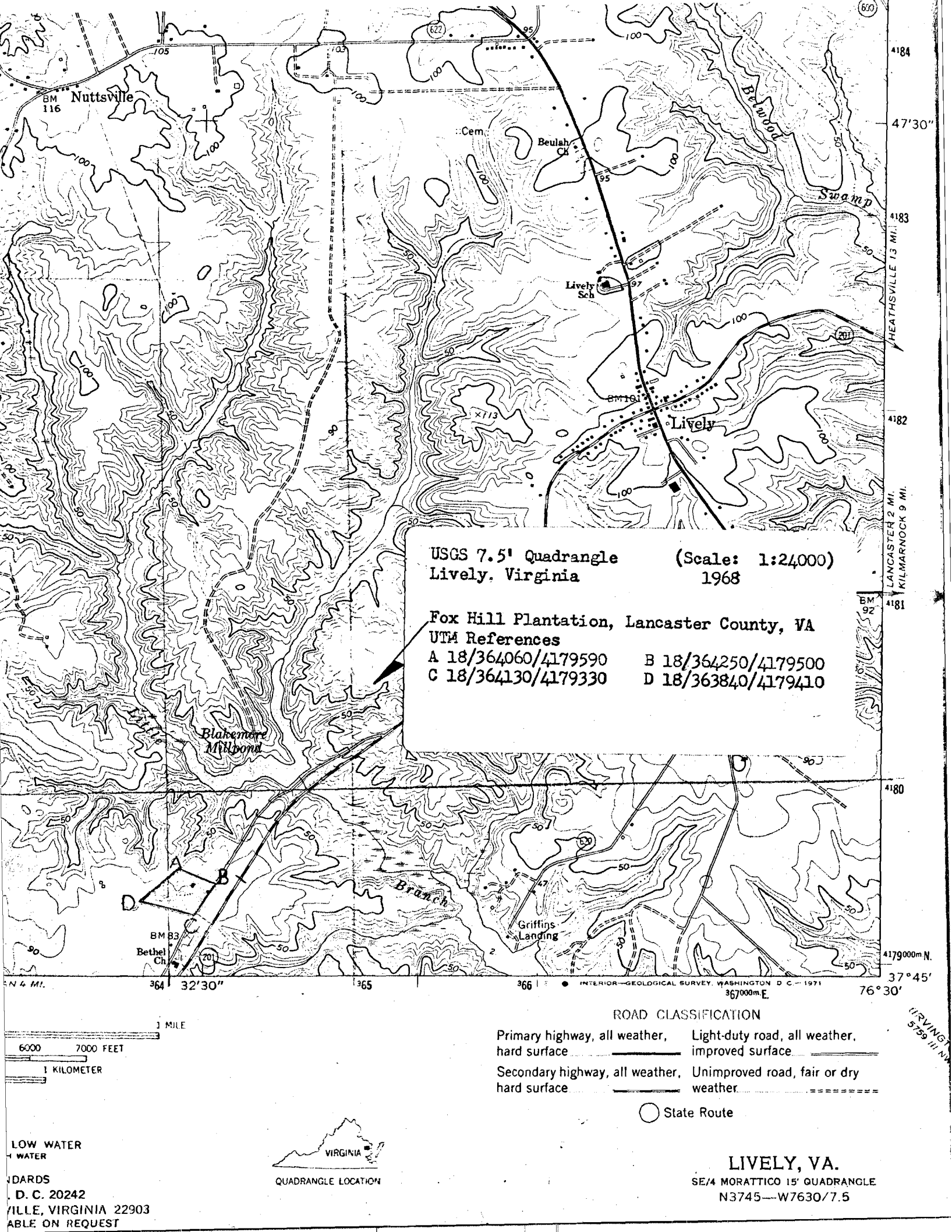


Second Floor



First Floor





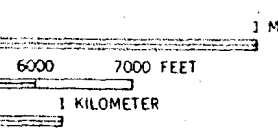
USGS 7.5' Quadrangle (Scale: 1:24,000)  
Lively, Virginia 1968

Fox Hill Plantation, Lancaster County, VA  
 UTM References  
 A 18/364060/4179590 B 18/364250/4179500  
 C 18/364130/4179330 D 18/363840/4179410

600  
4184  
47'30"  
4183  
4182  
4181  
LANCASTER 2 MI.  
KILMARNOCK 9 MI.

4180  
4179000m N  
37'45"  
76'30"

364 32'30" 365 366 367000m E

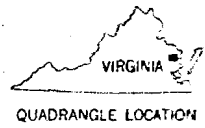


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
- Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
- Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
- Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

○ State Route

LOW WATER  
 WATER  
 STANDARDS  
 D. C. 20242  
 WILLE, VIRGINIA 22903  
 AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



LIVELY, VA.  
 SE/4 MORATTICO 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N3745—W7630/7.5

IRVING  
 5759 III. NW