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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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The original Millenbeck house, home of Mrs. Hannah Ball, probably stood near the present Millenbeck landing, but her son's house apparently stood farther inland. On the attached map, three sites are identified: the fort at Millenbeck, mentioned in early narratives as the fort at Ball's Point; the general area of Madam Ball's house; and the known site of the second generation Ball house. The fort was in existence before 1680 and probably was built around the time of Bacon's Rebellion. Its site is known from early maps (Virginia State Library, circa 1790). The same maps show Madam Ball's house. The third site, the later Millenbeck house, is known from archaeological evidence. This house stood adjacent to the later (nineteenth century) house site, with which it is sometimes confused. Legends to the contrary not-withstanding, Millenbeck did not wash into the river. Queenstown, for over half a century the seat of Lancaster County, was laid out in 1692 on Madam, Ball's land, although it is not part of the tract today. The site has been archaeologically determined. Although perhaps three or four modern houses today intrude on the townsite, it should yield considerable archaeological evidence.

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The Ball family is well known in Virginia history; George Washington's mother was the granddaughter of Hannah Ball, the owner of this property. Millenbeck was known in the eighteenth century as one of the gracious mansions, a center of social activities. Archaeologically, the site is important because very little intrusion has occurred. The nineteenthcentury house was far enough from the second house site to have had little effect on it. The fort site is now occupied by houses, but it can be identified with some certainty. Madam Ball's house site may have been destroyed when the present hamlet of Millenbeck developed in the nineteenth century. However, this seventeenth-century home figured so prominently in the history of Lancaster County that it should be investigated, if the site ever becomes available for archaeology.

In 1692 the town of Queenstown was laid out on Madam Ball's land, although the site is not now on the Millenbeck property. This town was laid out pursuant to the Town Act of 1691.

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