

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: York
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center

CITY OR TOWN:
Yorktown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE:
Virginia 23490

CODE: 51

COUNTY:
York

CODE: 199

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
United States Coast Guard Reserve Training Center

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o A. Hancock, Captain *Capt. Charles L. Blaha*

CITY OR TOWN:
Yorktown

STATE:
Virginia 23490

CODE:
51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
NA

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NA

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input 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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It's finely carved armorial decoration probably indicates English workmanship. The tomb is protected by a concrete and iron cage, and is shielded from the weather by a wooden roof structure. Simple linear earthworks dating from the War Between the States are visible east of the grave.

[REDACTED]

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Grave 1655; trenches 1862

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input checked="" 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

The grave of Major William Gooch is marked by the first documented decorated tombstone in the English colonies and the second oldest legible stone in Virginia. [REDACTED]

William Gooch, who was a Burgess from York County, was appointed to the Council in March, 1655, the year he died at the age of 29. He is believed to be the William Gooch listed in Burkes' Peerage who died in 1655 and was the uncle of Sir William Gooch, acting governor of Virginia 1727-49.

York Village was the forerunner of Yorktown, which was established two miles to the west in 1691. This area of land was first patented by Governor John Harvey in 1631, when he acquired 750 acres called York Plantation, adjoining Wormley Creek. Harvey's land passed through various ownerships until 1768 when it was purchased by Augustine Moore, whose house was the scene of the drafting of the Articles of Capitulation of the British Army in 1781.

On the land around the Gooch tomb was established the first settlement on the York River, variously called "York," "Old York," and "York Village." Court was held here as early as 1635, and in 1658 Captain Robert Daldrey's residence was rented as a courthouse. In 1662 a dunking stool was built near the place "where it is supposed the town for York River will be built." A prison, stock, and pillory were built in the same location. York Village had a minister in 1638, and in 1667 was built a new church whose walls, like the one that preceded it, surrounded Gooch's tomb.

[REDACTED] Bishop Meade wrote in 1834 that the walls were still standing to a height of several feet. It is believed that Henry Howe was describing then visable remains of York Village when he wrote in 1846 "about a mile and half below Yorktown, on what is called the Temple Farm, are many old chimneys, indicating the site of an early settlement."

In 1861, Confederate General John B. Magruder was given the responsibility of defending the Lower Peninsula against an invasion toward Richmond. Magruder constructed a defensive line of earthworks across the Peninsula, making use of some existing Revolutionary War embankments at Yorktown. The trenches east of the Gooch tomb were a part of the 1862 fortifications.

Archaeological excavation could determine the extent of the remains of the Colonial settlement, and perhaps provide further information about life in Virginia in the seventeenth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 McIlwaine, H. R., ed. Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, Richmond, 1924.
 Tyler, Lyon G., "History of York County in the Seventeenth Century", Tylers Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, vol. I, April, 1930.

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	██████████	██████████				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 20

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
G. W. Giard, Chief, Design & Construction Branch

ORGANIZATION: Engineering Division DATE: April 24, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Training Center

CITY OR TOWN: Yorktown STATE: Virginia 23490 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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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site		
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Virginia	York	Yorktown
STREET AND NUMBER		
[REDACTED]		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	1973	Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission; Richmond, Va.
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

Detail of Gooch Tomb.

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View of earthworks from the west

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site (Boundary Decrease)

other names/site number 99-60

2. Location

street & number [REDACTED] not for publication

city or town Yorktown vicinity

state Virginia code VA county York code 199 zip code 23690

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 12/8/98
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other. (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological
Name of Property Site (Boundary Decrease)

York County, Virginia
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structure:
_____	_____	objects
N/A	_____	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

3

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____
walls _____

roof _____
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (38 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Four Acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title E. Randolph Turner, III Archaeologist/Director, Portsmouth Regional Office

organization Virginia Department of Historic Resources date January 30, 1998

street & number [redacted] telephone 757-396-6709

city or town Portsmouth state Virginia zip code 23704

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

[redacted]
[redacted]

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Archaeological Site (Boundary Decrease)
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7. The original William Gooch Tomb and York Village Archaeological Site nomination prepared in 1973 encompassed 20 acres. Within the nominated area are three contributing resources - the 1655 limestone slab tomb of Major William Gooch, the seventeenth-century settlement of York Village, and Civil War trenches dating to 1862. Archaeological testing in 1993 (see section 8) documented that these three resources are restricted to four acres, thereby reducing by 16 acres the National Register boundaries for this nomination.

8. [REDACTED] All of these properties are contributing resources within the original nomination and are included within the proposed boundary reductions. Area eliminated from within the boundaries is restricted to locales shown to not contain archaeological deposits or surviving Civil War earthworks.

Archaeological testing of the York Village site (which includes the Gooch Tomb) was conducted in 1993 to determine the boundaries of the site (see McSherry and McCartney 1993). The testing consisted of excavating and screening shovel test holes at 50 ft. intervals throughout the site area as determined by previous survey and excavation (see Outlaw 1974 and Smith 1978). [REDACTED]

A Civil War fortification, part of the Union Army defensive works erected in 1862, is visible along the north edge of the main site area. No artifacts related to the Civil War were encountered during the 1993 archaeological testing (McSherry and McCartney 1993). No shovel test holes were placed into the trench itself, although shovel test holes were excavated on the south side of the trench (see McSherry and McCartney 1993:Figure 23). Areas to the north have undergone extensive modern disturbance. The visible and intact portions of the berm-and-trench begin at the northeast corner of the York Village site near the east corner of two tennis courts to the north for a length of approximately 60 ft. The trench is then interrupted by Perimeter Road and another tennis court. The intact berm-and-trench reappears on the south side of Perimeter Road. This portion of the fortification extends for approximately 400 ft. It ends near a "fitness station" and a disturbed area around a generator station. A walking path and fitness trail parallel the 400 ft. section of earthworks. The proposed boundary reduction includes all of the surviving berm-and-trench with an additional 20 ft. to both the north and south.

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9. McSherry, Perry, and Martha McCartney
1993

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Outlaw, Alain

1974

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Smith, James M.

1978

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

10. Verbal Boundary Description: [REDACTED]
York Village Archaeological Site encompasses four acres. This includes a 600 ft. by 375 ft. area for the tomb and archaeological site, with a 250 ft. by 10 ft. extension on the site's northern boundary which includes surviving Civil War earthworks.
([REDACTED])

Verbal Boundary Justification: Area encompassed within this boundary decrease is restricted to the three contributing resources within the original nomination - the 1665 line, the 1860 trench, and the 1860 trench. These boundaries were established through above-ground observations of surviving resources and archaeological subsurface testing. Area eliminated from within the boundaries is restricted to locales shown to not contain archaeological deposits or surviving Civil War earthworks.

11. Form Co-Authored By: Garrett Fesler
James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc.
[REDACTED]
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
757-229-9485

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Section Additional Documentation Page 3

Archaeological Field Work at the Site/Garrett Fessler, James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc.

As requested by the State Review Board, Garrett Fessler, James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc. (JRIA), prepared the attached map showing all positive and negative test units excavated by JRIA in 1992 at the Gooch Tomb/York Village National Register property in York County. Also enclosed are supplementary comments provided by Fessler. The proposed boundary reductions are consistent with the archaeological documentation.

[REDACTED]

17 August 1998

VDHR Staff,

[REDACTED]
The artifacts recovered from each of these ten positive shovel test holes consisted of single prehistoric lithic flakes or prehistoric pottery sherds from disturbed contexts, 20th-century debris, or non-diagnostic brick crumbs. None of these artifacts was related to the 17th-century or Civil War components of 44YO17.

The area immediately south of the easternmost Civil War earthworks was badly deflated by heavy machinery and was not tested due to standing water at the time of the survey.

Shovel test holes were not excavated to the south and west of the site area because that area had been thoroughly surveyed in 1992. At that time no historic or prehistoric artifacts were recovered from 49 shovel test holes excavated at a 20 ft. interval. The report entitled "Archaeological Testing of a Proposed Office Building Complex at the United States Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia" written by Garrett Fessler and Nicholas Lucchetti is on file at the James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc.