

NATIONAL REGISTER

INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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1. NAME

Matthew Jones House "Bourbon" "Brick House Farm"

2. LOCATION

Virginia Fort Eustis

Intersection of MacAuliffe Avenue and James River Road, on Fort Eustis Military Reservation

3. PRESENT STATUS

United States Army

Vacant

REMARKS: Exterior only

4. LEGAL RECORD

Clerk's Office; City of Newport News, Virginia

5. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

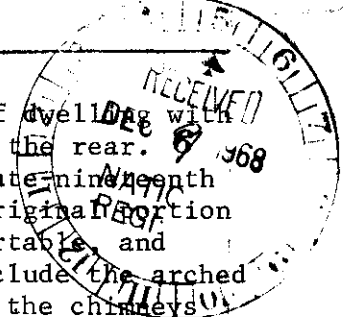
NAME AND DATE OF SURVEY (FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, ETC.)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION RETAINING SURVEY RECORDS
Historic American Buildings Survey	A. Library of Congress Washington, D. C.
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory, 1959	B. Library of Congress Washington, D. C.
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report # 121-6	C. Room 1106, Ninth Street State Office Building, Richmond, Va. 23219

6. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE IN	LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
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7. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

As originally built, the Matthew Jones House was a one-story, gable roof dwelling with a central two-story enclosed porch, and a one-story lean-to attached to the rear. The main part of the house however, was raised to two stories in the late nineteenth century, using bricks from an outbuilding. The fine brickwork of the original portion of the house is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers above the water table, and with English bond below. Noteworthy exterior architectural features include the arched front door and the massive exterior end chimneys. The upper portion of the chimneys are composed of unattached square twin stacks joined at the caps.



The floor plan of the house consists of the porch chamber, a central stair hall and two chambers on either side of the hall. Unfortunately, little, if any, of the original interior woodwork survives, the interior having been substantially altered when the second story was added. The rear lean-to gives every indication of being part of the original fabric.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Previously known as 'Bourbon' and 'Brick House Farm', the Matthew Jones House derives its name from an inscription over the doorway of the original kitchen which said 'Matthew Jones 1727'. When the kitchen was demolished in 1893 to provide brick for the remodelling of the main house this inscription was lost. At that time the current owners placed the same inscription on the house itself. Whether the original inscription did indeed indicate the date the building was erected, or whether it simply indicated the date of the kitchen, or even Matthew Jones' death (for that is the year that one Matthew Jones died) is conjecture.

It has been suggested by at least one expert that the chimneys of the Jones House are of late-seventeenth century origin and belonged to an earlier frame structure; the present brick being erected between the chimneys in the early-eighteenth century.

Despite its rather shadowy history, the Matthew Jones House is one of the finest of the handful of Medieval style Virginia houses extant. Its design reflects that of the small English manor house of a hundred years earlier. Even in its present altered form the Matthew Jones House is of high architectural significance and rarity.

9. CERTIFICATION

Dorothy E. Ellesin,
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Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

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

RECORD OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

STATE LANDMARKS OFFICER (BY SIGNATURE)

AS THE DESIGNATED STATE LANDMARK OFFICER FOR THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966 (PUBLIC LAW 89-663), 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.

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TITLE:

DATE:

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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1959
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Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #121-3
1968
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Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45

