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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: | Virginia |
| COUNTY: | Virginia Beach (in city) |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY DATE | |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Keeling House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3157 Adam Keeling Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Virginia Beach (G. William Whitehurst Second District Congressman)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: (in city) CODE: 810

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Pork | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Edward L. Breeden, Jr. 12/11/80
Leon J. Manees, R. Adm. Ret. 451 3026

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3157 Adam Keeling Road

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Virginia Beach

CITY OR TOWN: Virginia Beach STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934, 1936-1938 Federal Ststs County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Keeling House is a five-bay, 1 1/2-story rectangular (48'3" X 20'2 1/2") brick structure covered by a gable roof with interior-end chimneys. The unusually fine brickwork is laid in Flemish Bond with glazed headers above the beveled water table and English bond below. There is a belt course at the base of each gable. The brickwork in the gables is laid in glazed-header chevron patterns, having nine chevrons in each gable. Two small square windows (original) interrupt the chevroning in each gable. The sash and frames throughout the house are old but not original. The splayed brick jack arches over the windows are intact, however. The modillion cornice on the west front is original, but that on the east front is modern. The fenestration on the west front is irregular: two windows are on the north side of the door, and only one on the south side. A discreet modern wing has been added to the south side.

The first floor of the house has two uneven-size rooms on either side of a narrow stairhall. The north or principle room has an unusually handsome paneled end wall with chimney closets and fluted pilasters. The stair features richly turned walnut balusters, molded handrail, and a closed stringer with pulvinated frieze. The newels are square with molded caps. A paneled door under the landing opens into a closet. Most of the original trim in the remaining first floor room has been lost, but some simple mantel shelves and paneled doors survive in the second floor rooms.

Although the house has lost nearly all of its original lands, it is screened from surrounding development by effective planting. Indeed, much of the house itself, is obscured by an unusually heavy growth of shrubbery. The house and grounds are maintained in excellent condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century; 18th Century; 20th Century
 15th Century; 17th Century; 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Keeling House stands as one of Virginia's best-preserved small, pre-Georgian brick manor houses. Located at the head of a cove off the Lynnhaven River, the compact dwelling is noted for the fine quality of both its brickwork and interior woodwork. Of particular significance are the glazed-header chevron patterns in the gables. Less than a half-dozen structures employing this distinctive late-seventeenth century decorative device remain in the state. The building's more notable interior features include the handsome paneled end wall in the present parlor, and the closed-string stair with pulvinated frieze in the stairhall.

The Keeling House probably was erected between 1695 and 1714 for Thomas Keeling on a tract known as "Dudlies", which he inherited in 1683 from his father, Adam Keeling. Thomas Keeling came of age in 1695, and it is known from his 1714 will, leaving the property to his son, that he was living at "Dudlies" at that date.

The house and some three hundred acres remained in the Keeling family until 1881 when the heirs of Solomon S. Keeling, Sr. sold it to John W. Avery. The property passed through several owners until 1952 when the house and a small amount of surrounding land was acquired by the present owner, Leon J. Manees.

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9. MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kellum, Sadie Scott, and V. Hope, Old Houses in Princess Anne Virginia, Portsmouth: Printcraft Press, Inc., 1931.

Will and Deed books for Lower Norfolk County (now City of Chesapeake).

Will and Deed books for Princess Anne County (now City of Virginia Beach).

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 | |
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| SW | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten acres

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commissions Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: February, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

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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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1958 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 11

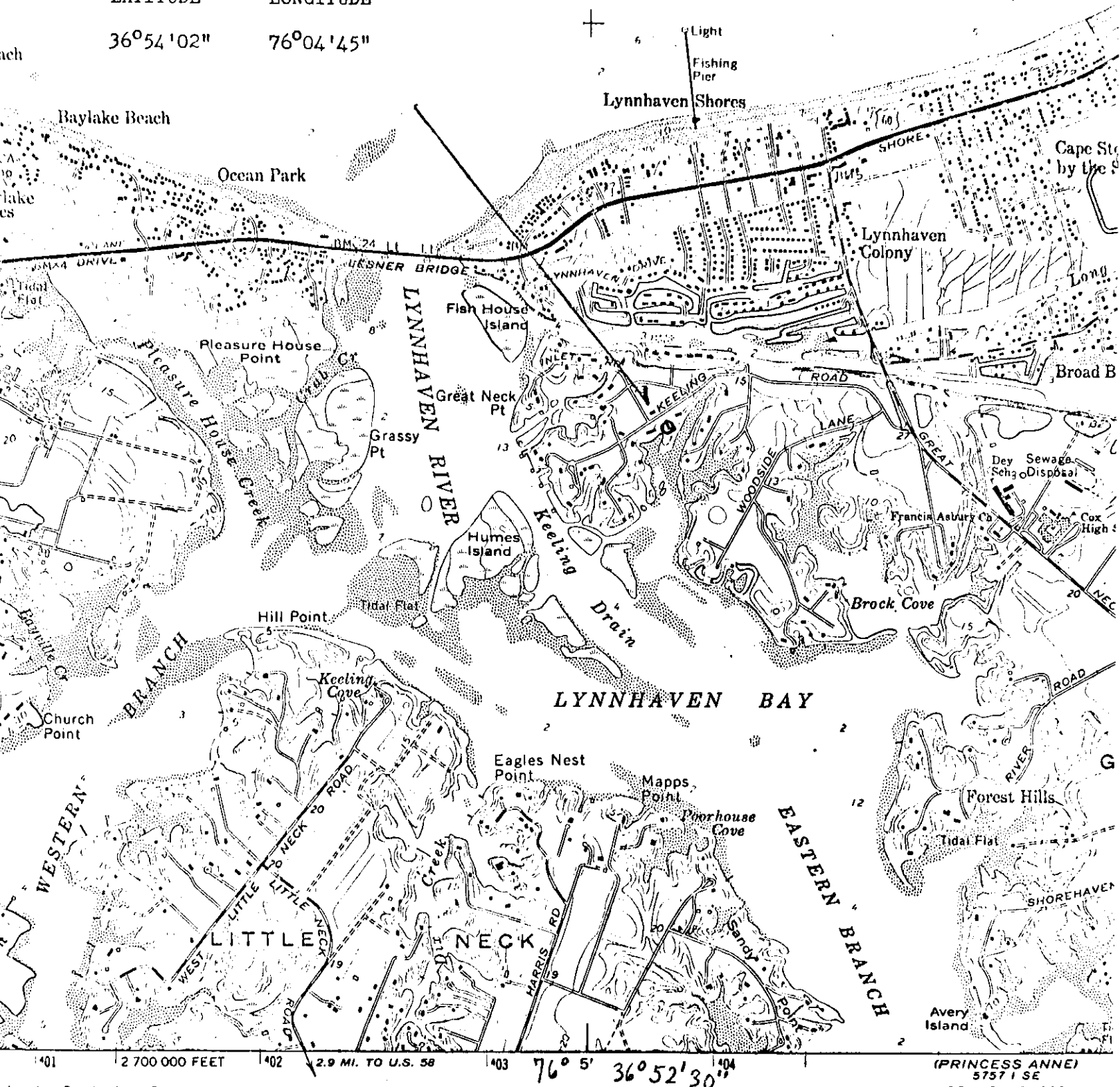
LYNNHAVEN

ROADS

U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Cape Henry, Va. 1964

KEELING HOUSE

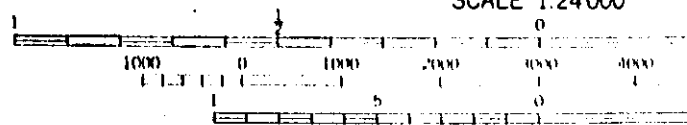
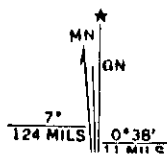
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| 36°54'02" | 76°04'45" |



by the Geological Survey

Methods from aerial
checked 1964
dated 1955

ed from USC&GS Charts 481 and 562 (1964)



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