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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: Botetourt
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Santillane

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
.2 miles west of Route 220

CITY OR TOWN:  
Fincastle vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Sixth (M. Caldwell Butler)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Botetourt CODE: 023

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"/> Public <input checked="" 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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<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:  
R. D. Stoner

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Santillane

CITY OR TOWN:  
Fincastle

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Botetourt County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Fincastle

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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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 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

I. General Statement:

A. Architectural character:  
 Santillane is an important example of the large, architecturally conservative Greek Revival farmhouses erected in southwest Virginia in the mid nineteenth century. Like most such dwellings, they were not architect designed, but were erected by local builders working with architectural handbooks.

B. Condition of the Fabric: Good.

II. Description of the Exterior:

A. Over-all dimensions: Santillane is two stories high, three bays long, four bays wide, and measures 52 feet by 44 feet. A kitchen wing to the northwest is three bays long, one story high, and measures 29 feet by 18 feet.

B. Foundations: Brick.

C. Wall construction: The brick facade walls are laid in Flemish bond on both the main section and the wing above the water table; the joints have been lined on the main section. Below the water table is five-course American bond. The sides and rear of the main section and the wing are laid in five course American bond.

D. Porches: The present tetra-style two-storied portico with slender Tuscan columns, Chinese lattice balustrade, and rectangular balusters at the floor level dates from the twentieth century and replaces an earlier one-story porch. A smaller one-story porch with two columns and similar features is on the southwest side.

E. Chimneys: The brick stacks of the four interior-end chimneys project from the shallow hipped roof. An exterior chimney with stepped shoulders is at the end of the wing.

F. Openings:

1. Doorways and doors: The main doorway is inspired by plate 31, "A Design for a Window," in Asher Benjamin's The Practical House Carpenter. The elements of design are similar, but the proportions differ. The transom of this three part doorway, which also features consoles and slender pilasters, is based on plate 27 in the same work. The other doorways have architrave and simple lintels.

2. Windows: The window framing of the facade consists of architrave trim, square sills, and lintels with corner blocks and bullseyes. The lintels elsewhere have plain corner blocks. The double-hung six-over-six sash has smaller lights in the wing than in the main section.

G. Roof: The main section is covered by a shallow hipped roof, and the wing by a low-pitched gable roof. Both employ sheet metal covering.

III. Description of Interior:

A. Floor plan: Santillane features a spacious center hall with pairs of rooms on either side. The two southeast rooms are separated by a narrow transverse hall.

B. Stairway: A two-run, open-string stair with molded handrail and rectangular balusters ascends in the southwest corner of the main hall. The handrail ends in a volute with a central newel. The secondary stair in the transverse hall is a simple open-string, two-run arrangement.

C. Wall and ceiling finish: The plaster walls and ceilings are

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either painted or covered with modern wallpaper.

D. Doorways and doors: On the lower floor the doorways feature symmetrically molded trim with simple corner blocks. A large doorway with sliding double doors is between the two northwest rooms. Architrave trim is employed on the upper floor. Two-paneled doors are throughout the house.

E. Trim: The windows employ the same trim as the doorways. On the first floor a rectangular panel is set under each window. A wooden simple molding occurs on the ceiling near the wall, and another rather simple molding serves as the cornice. An elliptical arch of architrave trim with plain soffit and a wooden keystone motif springs from piers on tall bases to span the mid-point of the lower hall.

F. Heating: Although central heating is now employed, the original fireplaces and mantels remain. On the first floor, the shelves and friezes of the mantels are supported by stout Doric or Ionic columns. The upper floor mantels have paneled friezes and paneled pilasters. The large kitchen fireplace retains its massive lintel carved from one log.

IV. Site:

A. General setting and orientation: Santillane is set on the flattened crest of a hill immediately southwest of Fincastle. It is surrounded by spacious grounds filled with large trees, and its rural visual quality is enhanced by Virginia post and rail fences. Just below the house is a stone spring house and pond. Santillane is approached by a meandering lane ascending from Route 220.

B. Outbuildings: Several brick gable roofed outbuildings are southwest of the house. One of these has diaper patterns worked in bricks and open spaces.

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**8. 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 type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               |  | <u>local history</u>                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Santillane is one of the most distinguished homesteads in Botetourt County. Although it is in the fashionable style of the period, the Greek Revival house is architecturally conservative, and has little decorative trim. The house probably was built by Henry Winston Bowyer sometime in the 1830's, and has been occupied by influential Botetourt families since that time. It occupies a commanding site on a hill overlooking the historic courthouse community of Fincastle.

The tract on which Santillane stands was purchased by Colonel George Hancock in 1795. Although tradition states that Colonel Hancock built a house on this property before 1800, architectural evidence indicates the present house is not the house built by Hancock. The present Greek Revival dwelling dates from the 1830's, but the kitchen wing may date from the time of the earlier house. Colonel Hancock was a delegate to the Virginia General Assembly in 1784-87, and 1792. He also served in the United States Congress at Philadelphia from 1793 to 1797. A letter written by Mrs. Hancock in 1805 records the name of the property as Santillane. Lewis and Clark visited here prior to their famous expedition, and were in Fincastle again in 1807. In 1808 William Clark married Hancock's daughter Judith.

The Santillane estate passed to Colonel Henry Bowyer, an officer in Washington's Army, and clerk of the Court for 43 years, early in the nineteenth century. His son Henry Winston Bowyer inherited the property in 1831, and the Bowyer family retained the house until 1876. Today, Santillane is owned by R. D. Stoner, Clerk of the Court for twenty-one years and author of A Seed-bed of the Republic, an authoritative history of South-west Virginia and Botetourt County.

G.P.H.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Barnes, Raymond P., "George Hancock," Virginia Calvacade, V. XX, N. 2, Autumn, 1970, pp.34-39.  
 Niederer, Frances J., The Town of Fincastle, Virginia, Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1965.  
 Stoner, Robert Douthat, A Seed-bed of the Republic, Kingsport, Tenn.: Kingsport Press, Inc., 1962.

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission files.

**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	37 ° 29 ' 44 "	79 ° 53 ' 07 "				
NE	37 ° 29 ' 44 "	79 ° 52 ' 40 "				
SE	37 ° 29 ' 30 "	79 ° 52 ' 40 "				
SW	37 ° 29 ' 30 "	79 ° 53 ' 07 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 35 acres.

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

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

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission      DATE: December, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 221 Governor Street

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:

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 Keeper of The National Register

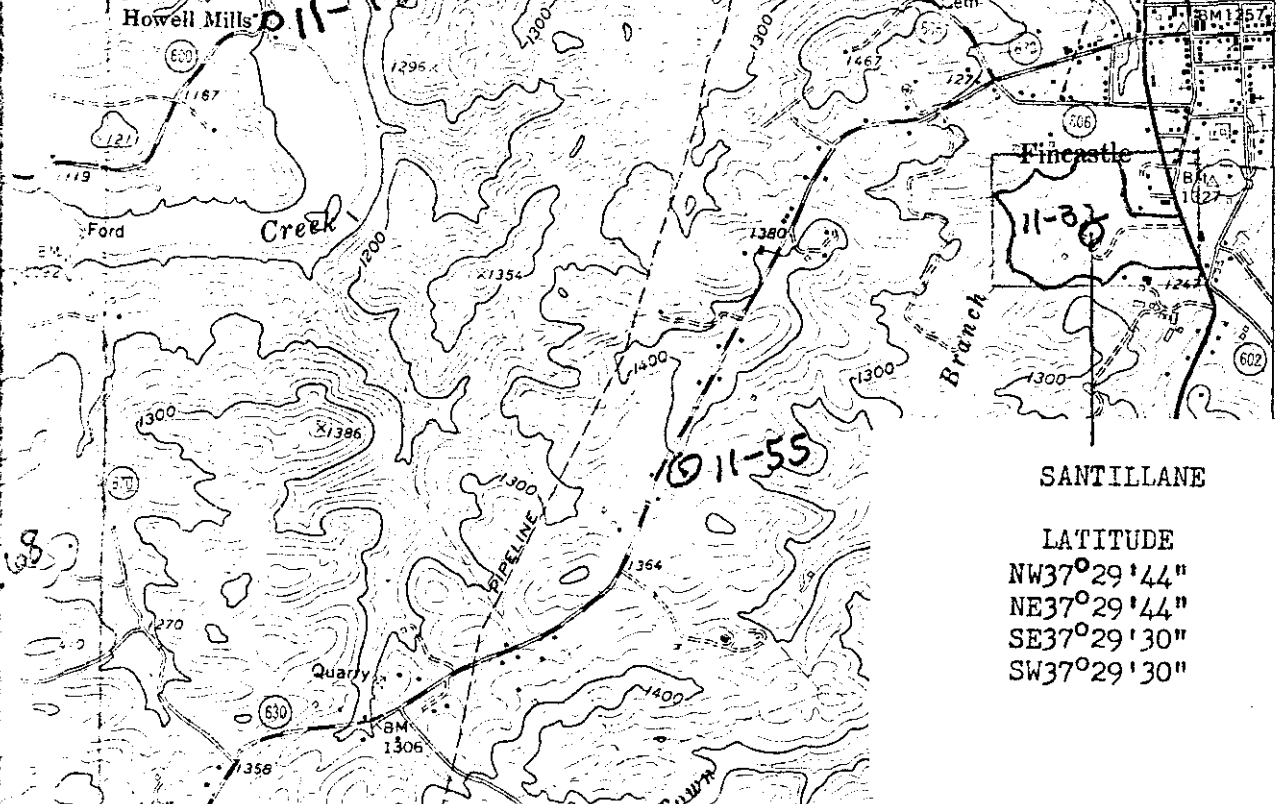
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DALLVILLE QUADRANGLE  
 VIRGINIA  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5099 III ST  
 (SALISBURY)

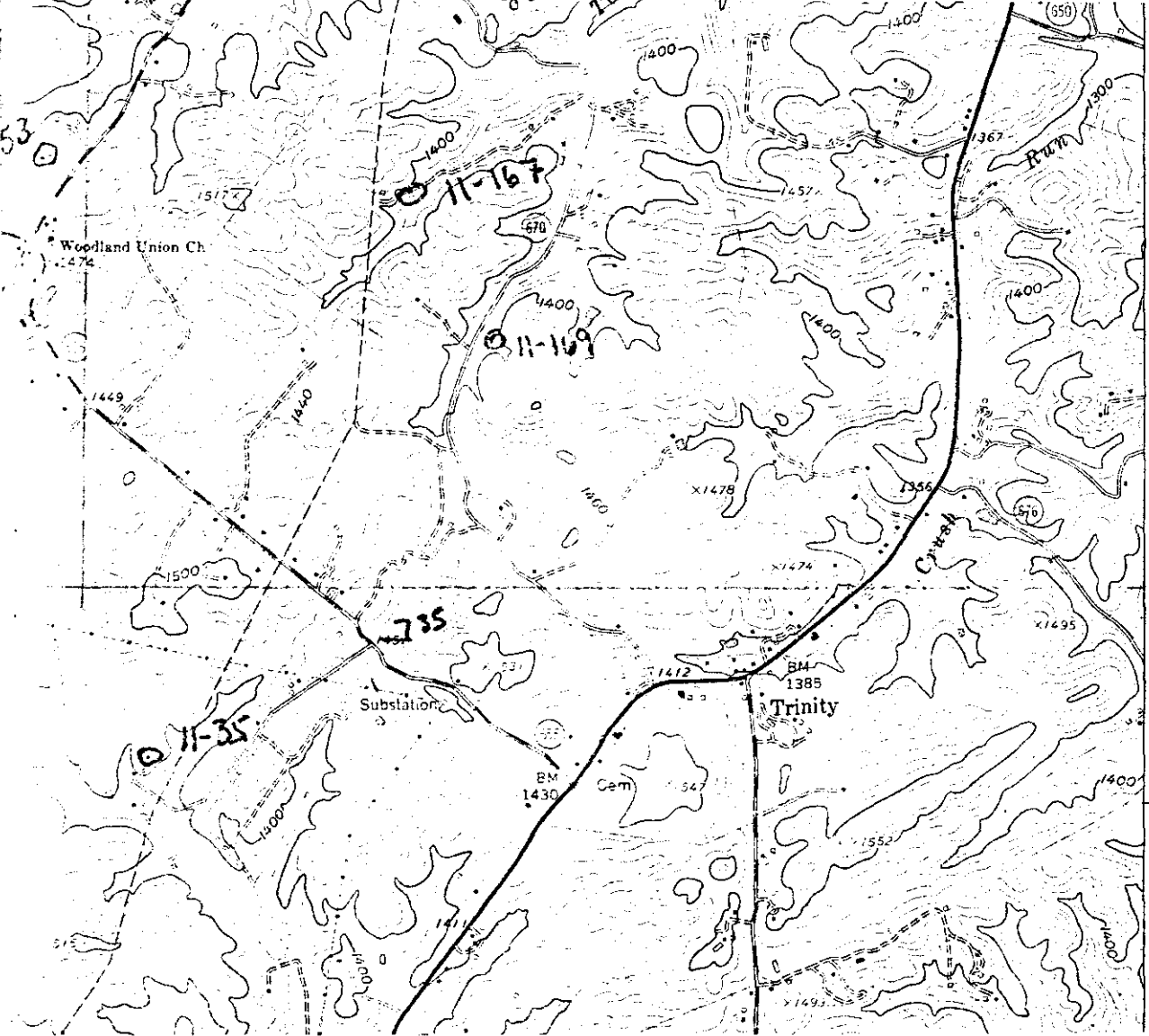
55' 11 590 000 FEET 597 598 CLIFTON FORGE 27 MI. EAGLE ROCK 12 MI. 230 79°52'30" 37°30'



Howell Mills  
 11-158  
 Santillane  
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LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
NW37°29'44"	79°53'07"
NE37°29'44"	79°52'40"
SE37°29'30"	79°52'40"
SW37°29'30"	79°53'07"



11-167  
 Rustic Lodge  
 11-53.  
 Bolton Log  
 House 11-169  
 27'30"  
 Rose Hill 11-170  
 Stoneled 11-35