

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Gloucester	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-10-45-0029	DATE 10/1/69



<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Rosewell			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Rosewell			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: .1 mi. W of Carter Creek, .5 mi. SE of Rt. 644, .3 mi. S of intersection of Rt. 644 and Rt. 632.			
CITY OR TOWN: Gloucester vicinity			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Gloucester	CODE 073
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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 type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME: Miss Nellie Deans Greaves; Col. Fielding Lewis Greaves			
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 3033			
CITY OR TOWN: Alexandria	STATE: Virginia	CODE 45	STATE: Virginia COUNTY: Gloucester
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Gloucester County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER:			COUNTY: Gloucester
CITY OR TOWN: Gloucester			
STATE: Virginia			
CODE 45			STATE: Virginia COUNTY: Gloucester
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941 Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			ENTRY NUMBER DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington			FOR NPS USE ONLY
STATE: District of Columbia			
CODE 08			

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# 7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond with random glazed headers, Rosewell stood three stories tall above a high basement. The deck-on-hip roof was originally topped by two cupolas and four T-shaped chimneys with deep Portland stone caps. Belt courses above the first and second stories gave horizontal accents to the high walls. All of the windows were accentuated with gauged brick "bibs", and were topped by shallow rubbed brick segmental arches with finely carved Portland stone keystones. The brick architectural decoration surrounding the two main entrances is among the finest and most elaborate of the period.

The house was originally flanked by two dependencies which were intended to be connected to the house by curved passageways. The dependencies no longer stand. The plan of the house was in the shape of a cross with the stair wells contained in the projecting side pavilions. The main floor contained an off-center hall with three principal rooms. Early documents describe the main rooms as being full and elaborately paneled with walnut and mahogany. Old photographs of the main staircase show it to be the finest and richest foundation in any Virginia colonial mansion, being decorated with elaborately carved scrolls of flowers and a magnificently carved fascia board.

The house was significantly altered in 1838 when it passed out of the hands of the Page family. All of the interior decoration except for the stairs was removed, and the original roof and cupolas were removed to be replaced by a gable roof. The house finally burned in 1916 and only sections of the walls remain.

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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory  
1959 Federal  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #36-41  
1968 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Code: 45



# 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)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Philosophy ☐

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

Philosophy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☒

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Humanitarian ☐

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Italian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

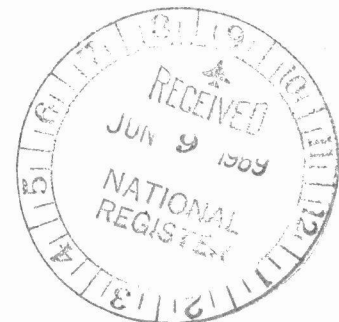
Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Begun circa 1725 and completed by 1744, Rosewell has been called the largest and finest of the colonial mansions. Its greatest architectural distinction was its superb brickwork including the brick doorways which Thomas T. Waterman called "the finest and most elaborate of the period, with the possible exception of those of Christ Church" (Lancaster County). Waterman also proclaimed the stair at Rosewell to be "unrivalled as the finest of all American examples", and called its carved fascia "a fine example of the high craftsmanship of the period".

Until recently the cemetery at Rosewell was noted for its well preserved table tombs.

Rosewell was the seat of the Page family of Virginia and perhaps most notably the home of John Page (1744-1808), a member of Congress from 1789 to 1797, and Governor of Virginia from 1802 to 1805.



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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howells, John Mead, Lost Examples of Colonial Architecture, New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1963.  
Hime, Ivor Noel, Excavations at Rosewell in Gloucester County, Virginia, 1957-1959, United States National Museum Bulletin 225, Smithsonian Institute.  
Lancaster, Robert A., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott, 1915.  
Waterman, Thomas Tileston, The Mansions of Virginia, 1706-1776, New York: Bonanza Books, 1945.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
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NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

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:  
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE  
April 25, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:  
Richmond

STATE  
Virginia

CODE  
45

# 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 Dr. P. Alexander  
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman  
Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date June 2, 1969

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date OCT 1 1969

ATTEST:  
William J. Mustang  
Keeper of The National Register

Date SEP 29 1969

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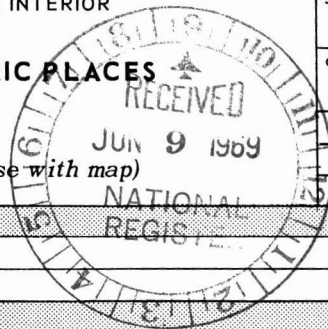
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S.

7½', quadrangle

Clay Bank, Va.

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1965

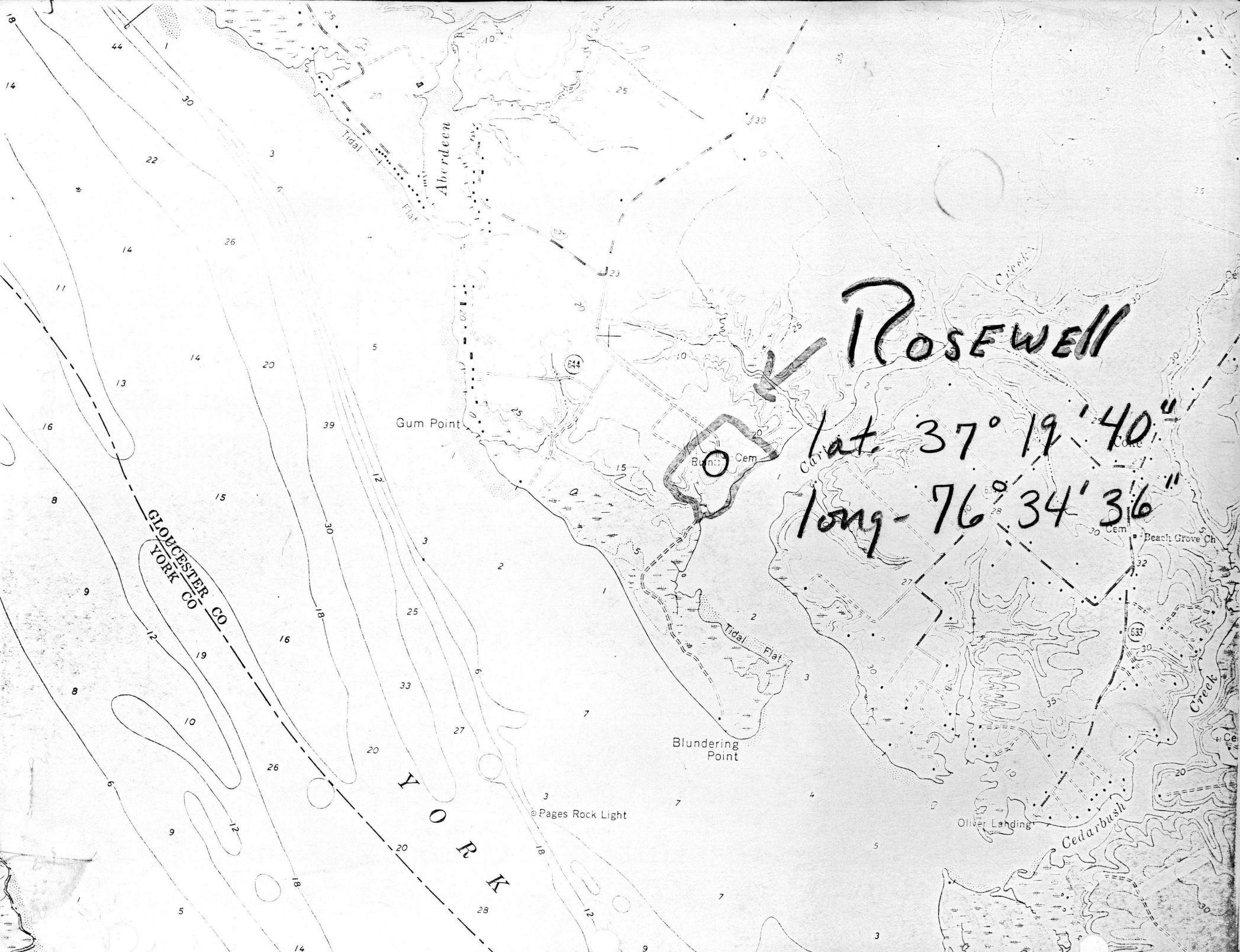
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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ROSEWELL

lat 37° 19' 40"  
long - 76° 34' 36"