NRHP- 11/12/69 VLR- 5/13/69 Form 10-300 (Dec. 1968) Virginia ADDITIONAL COUNTY NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES **DOCUMENTATION** Henrico INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY (MAPS) ENTRY NUMBER **APPROVED** (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 6/5/2017 Malvern Hill AND/OR HISTORIC: Malvern Hill 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: .2 mi. N of Turkey Island Creek, .1 mi. N of Rt. 5, 1 mi. E of intersection of Rt. 5 and Rt. 156, 14.5 mi. E of Richmond CITY OR TOWN: STATE COUNTY: CODE CODE Virginia 087 Henrico 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP STATUS TO THE PUBLIC (Check One) Z Yes: District Building Public Public Acquisition: Occupied Restricted Private x In Process Unoccupied XStructure Site Being Considered Unrestricted [ Both Preservation work Object in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Government Transportation Comments Agricultural [X]Other (Specify)  $\alpha$ Commercial Industrial Private Residence Ruins Educational į. Military Religious Scientific Museum Entertainment OWNER OF PROPERTY Z OWNERS NAME: CODE CITY OR TOWN: Virginia 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS. ETC: Henrico County Court House parat STREET AND NUMBER: 22nd and Main Streets CODE CITY OR TOWN: Henrico Richmond Virginia APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey ENTRY NUMBER DATE OF SURVEY: 1941 Local 📋 Federal 🔯 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Malvern Hill is situated on a high bluff overlooking the James River. All that remains of the house are the foundations and the east gable end wall which incorporates one of the massive end chimneys, ornamented with lozenge or diamond-shaped patterns of glazed bricks known as diaper work. This end chimney probably belonged to an earlier structure as it is not bonded with the end wall, and the brickwork of the chimney and end wall is of different workmanship as well. Architectural investigation of the ruins has shown that the chimneys of the house may have belonged to a wooden structure built perhaps as early as 1662. The wooden house was probably destroyed by fire and the chimneys were incorporated into the brick structure. The date of the rebuilding is uncertain but scholars generally agree that it was done circa 1690-1700.

Fortunately the appearance of the house before the fire, circa 1905, can be determined from a number of photographs. It was a one-and-a-half story structure with a cruciform plan, covered by a steep gable roof with a rake at the modillion cornice. On the river front there was an open porch chamber with side round arches on the front and sides. The arm of the cross on the rear contained not a stair tower as would be expected, but a twelve foot square parlor. On both the river front and rear, the walls are laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers both above and below the high water table with rubbed brick employed in the flat arches of the windows.

According to a former occupant of Malvern Hill, the interior of the house featured "a staircase in the corner of the great hall /which/ rose to a landing about four feet above the floor, then turned and led to a dark upstairs passage and four bedrooms. Off the great hall was the 'East Room', used as the dining room, and entered from a basement kitchen by a small winding staircase tucked away beside a towering chimney". Unfortunately little attempt has been made to stabilize the remaining wall and end chimney, and the brick is badly deteriorated on the interior.

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Malvern Hill was built by Thomas Cocke (1639-1697), high sheriff of Henrico and a member of the Houses of Burgesses, who was the son of Richard Cocke (1600?-1655), progenitor of the Cocke family in Virginia. The Cocke family owned the property until the late-eighteenth century when James Powell Cocke sold it to Robert Nelson. The house derives its name from the Malvern Hills in England.

Unfortunately the house was destroyed by fire, circa 1905, and only one end wall remains standing. Although it is in ruins, Malvern Hill is significant architecturally as being one of the few known cruciformplan houses in Virginia. In addition, on the one surviving chimney is perhaps the finest example of seventeenth century diaper brickwork in the state.

Historically, Malvern Hill has been the scene of war on at least three occasions. Lafayette encamped on the property in July and August of 1781, and the Virginia Militia made camp there during the War of 1812. However, Malvern Hill will always be associated with the fierce battle between Lee and McClellan on July 1, 1862, which centered around the bluff on which the house is located.

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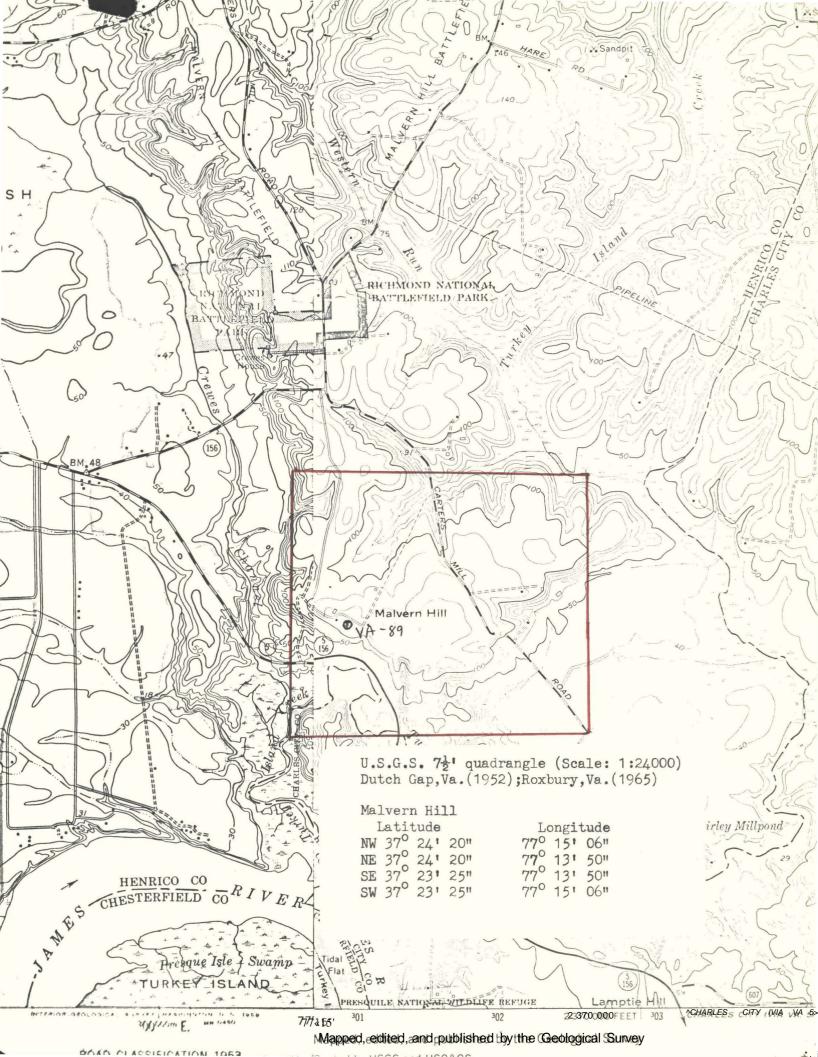
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#### **LOCATION MAP**

Malvern Hill

Henrico County

DHR No. 043-0008

### **Location Coordinates:**

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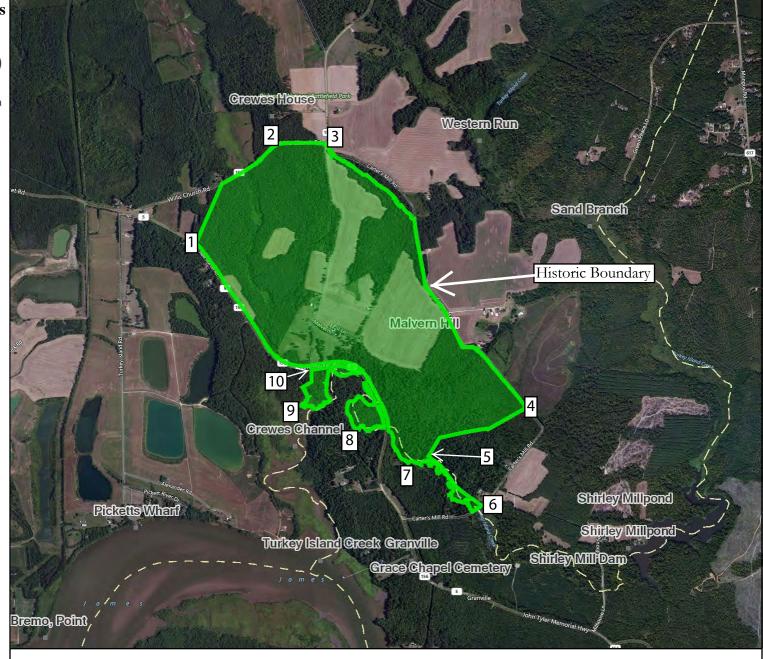
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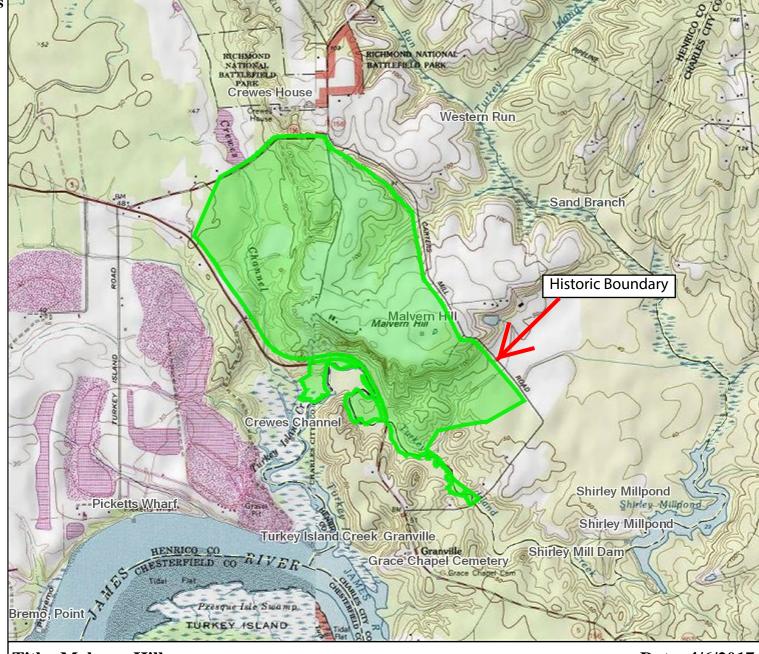
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