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3. Flooring: The floors throughout the main house are heart pine and are in excellent condition.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: The walls are all plastered with

wainscoting throughout the house. The baseboards are distinctively marbleized. 5. Doorways and doors: All doors are'cross and bible' paneled and those on the first floor have distinctive Adamesque pilastered and modillioned

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6. Windows: The windows are treated in a similar fashion to the doorways with paneled reveals and carved pilasters and architraves.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The main house and the remaining outbuildings are oriented toward the south and the bend in the Meherrin River. The approximately 40 acres overlooking the lowlands of the river form but a small part of the original estate. There are remains of a large formal garden to the north of the house with a fine stand of English boxwood near the north entrance. Another garden and an extremely large box is located several hundred feet to the south of the structure and a cemetery lies to the west of the house. Two remaining wooden outbuildings lie to the east of the mansion while a fine eighteenth century style wooden dairy stands but a few yards from the house in the same direction.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bentfield was the home of the Joneses and the Flournoys, two prominent Southside Virginia families. The plantation's impressive brick mansion illustrates how the Federal style was adapted for the region by the local master masons and carpenters. Handsomely proportioned, the house exhibits exceptionally fine craftsmanship in its masonry and interior woodwork. Its complex of outbuildings is a rare survival and helps complete the picture of an early nineteenth century Virginia plantation.

A 1726 patent to Matthew Jones of Isle of Wight County was issued for 200 acres on the south side of the Meherrin River, south of Cattail Creek in Brunswick County. This possibly could have been in the same area where Bentfield stands today.

The first known and most famous owner of the Bentfield property was John Jones, often referred to as "Hellcat" Jones. He may have been a descendent of Matthew Jones who in 1726 patented 200 acres on the "southside of the Meherrin River, south of Cattail Creek," in the vicinity of the present house. John Jones was a Colonel during the Revolution, and a letter he wrote congratulating Governor Nelson in 1781 on the glorious victory at Yorktown is preserved in the official Virginia State Papers. John Jones served in the Virginia Senate, representing the area including Brunswick County from 1776 until 1789, and signed a petition urging the new government of Virginia to reestablish the Anglican Church in the state John Jones' son, John Jones, Jr., was born in 1764 and married Lucy Binns Cargill in 1787. It was for this son that "Hellcat" Jones built the present house on the plantation he called "Melrose", which was the first name of what later was known as "Bentfield."

Information on the Jones family in the nineteenth century is relatively scant, but Melrose remained in the possession of the Joneses until 1854 when Charles G. Jones, possibly a son of John Jones, Jr., sold the property and house referred to as the "plantation whereon I / Jones / now dwell" to George C. Rives. In this deed Jones mentions that he had inherited the property from his father, and a registery of students at the College of William and Mary shows a John N. Jones of Brunswick County registered there in 1835-36 whose guardian was a Mrs. Mary Jones. This might indicate that John Jones, Jr., was deceased by that time.

In 1859, George C. Rives, a wealthy landowner who lived at Sherwood, Albemarle County, who never actually resided at Melrose, sold this property of 720 acres for \$8,000 to Thomas Flournoy.

The property with its name changed from "Melrose" to "Bentfield" remained in the Flournoy family for 114 years. The Flournoy family dates back to Jean Jacques Flournoy, a French Hugenot who came to Virginia between 1717

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