



**VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name **Buckland Hall** Common name **Buckland Farm; A.K.A. "Tranquillity"**
County/Town/City **Prince William County**
Street address or route number **8230 Buckland Mill Rd., Gainesville, Va.**

USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period mid-to-late 18th C., with later additions
Original owner Samuel Love	Architect/builder/craftsmen William Buckland (?)
Original use Residence	Source of name Traditionally named after William Buckland, architect.
Present owner Thomas Mellon Evans	Source of date Architectural style, published accounts.
Present owner address 8230 Buckland Mill Rd., Gainesville, Va.	Stories 2 stories on a high basement.
Present use Residence	Foundation and wall const'n Roughly shaped and coursed red sandstone.
Acreage 500 acres	Roof type Slate-covered gable.

State condition of structure and environs **House and surrounding area in very good condition.**

State potential threats to structure **None.**
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes no

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

In 1941, according to the W.P.A. book on Prince William, Buckland Hall was whitewashed over the stone. A double-decked veranda-like portico stretched across the front of so-called T-shaped building. This porch probably added in late 19th century.

In the 1960s, the present owner, Thomas Mellon Evans, restored Buckland Hall, reserving all the salvageable material, including the elaborate hand-carved woodwork over the doorway, windows, mantels, odd-shaped doors, wide pine flooring and both stairways. Much of the original plaster and the hand-blown glass window panes, it is said, also retained. This work was done under the direction of architect Irving Fleming.

Outbuildings: One source notes that all of the former dependencies were removed during the restoration. There is, however, a small low stone spring house (?) close to the front of the building (see photograph).

Room arrangement: Kitchen and dining room are in basement, which was remodeled in the 1940s. Large fireplaces in both rooms. Fireplace in dining room is 8 feet wide with an opening 3½' wide and c18" deep. Hall, 2d floor used as a study/office.

The grave of Samuel Love is located in the enclosed family cemetery east of the house in a field. The tombstone reads that Samuel Love died in 1787 at the age of 60.

Interior inspected? **Yes.**

Historical significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

According to one source, in 1743, Captain Samuel Love had a mansion erected on a large piece of property (c800 acres) he owned in Prince William County south of the south branch of Broad Run. This was 55 years before the establishment of the town of Buckland. Popular lore has it that William Buckland designed the house, and that Mr. Love was so pleased with the result that he named the house after the architect.

Samuel Love died in 1787 and left Buckland Hall and 500 acres to his son John. John died in 1822 and the house then passed to Temple Washington. In 1853 it passed to Major Richard Bland Lee, a nephew of Light Horse Harry Lee. In 1875 Buckland Hall passed to another Richard Bland Lee. It became the property of Philip H. Lee, who sold it to Mitchell Harrison. Harrison lived at a house on Vint Hill and raised thoroughbred horses, shorthorn cattle, and Hampshire sheep. Harrison died in 1928 and left the property to Mrs. Nathalie Harrison Roberts. Mrs. Roberts also owned the "Moss House" and the Dr. Brown House in Buckland. She sold Buckland Hall to a Mr. Post, who sold it to Jack Solomon, owner of Gallagher's Steak House in New York City. In 1956 Solomon, who bred Angus cattle, sold the property to Mr. Mellon who in 1964 began breeding thoroughbred horses.

The family names Hite and Ball are also associated with the property. The Hites, who donated land for Buckland Church in the late 1800's, are buried in the Church yard.

Sources and bibliography
 Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.) (See attached list)

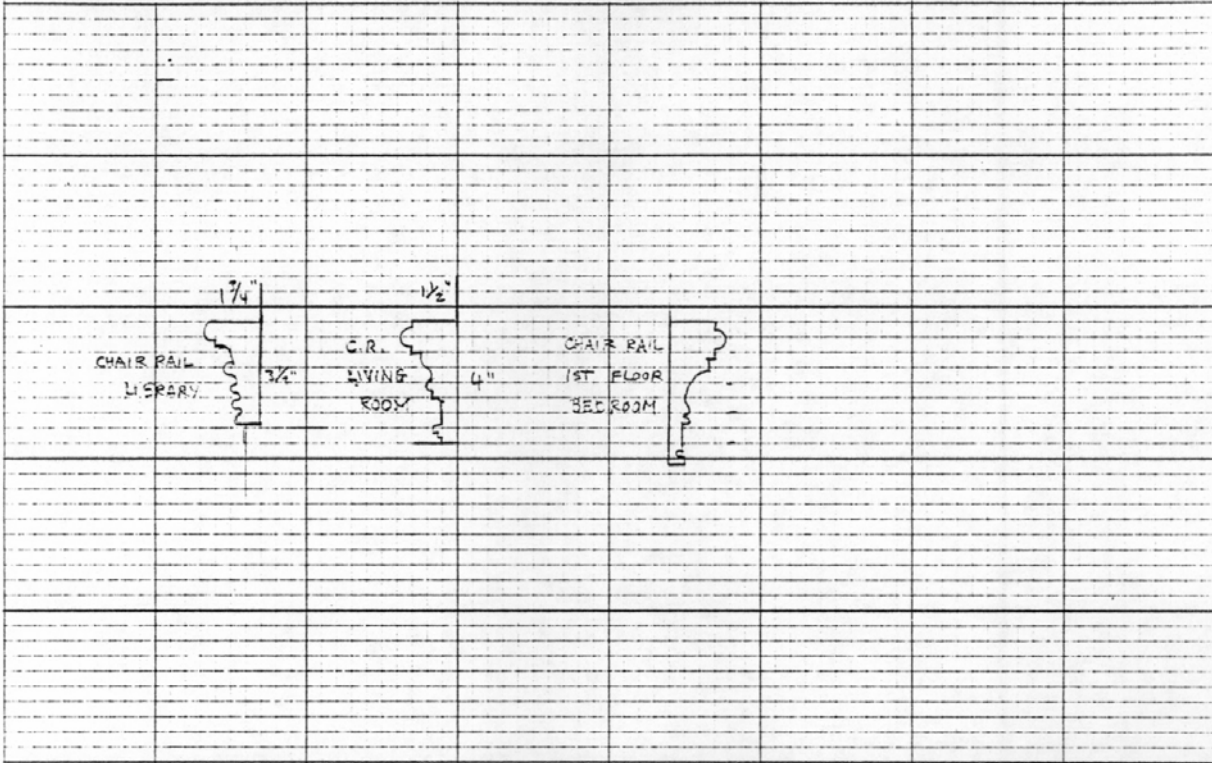
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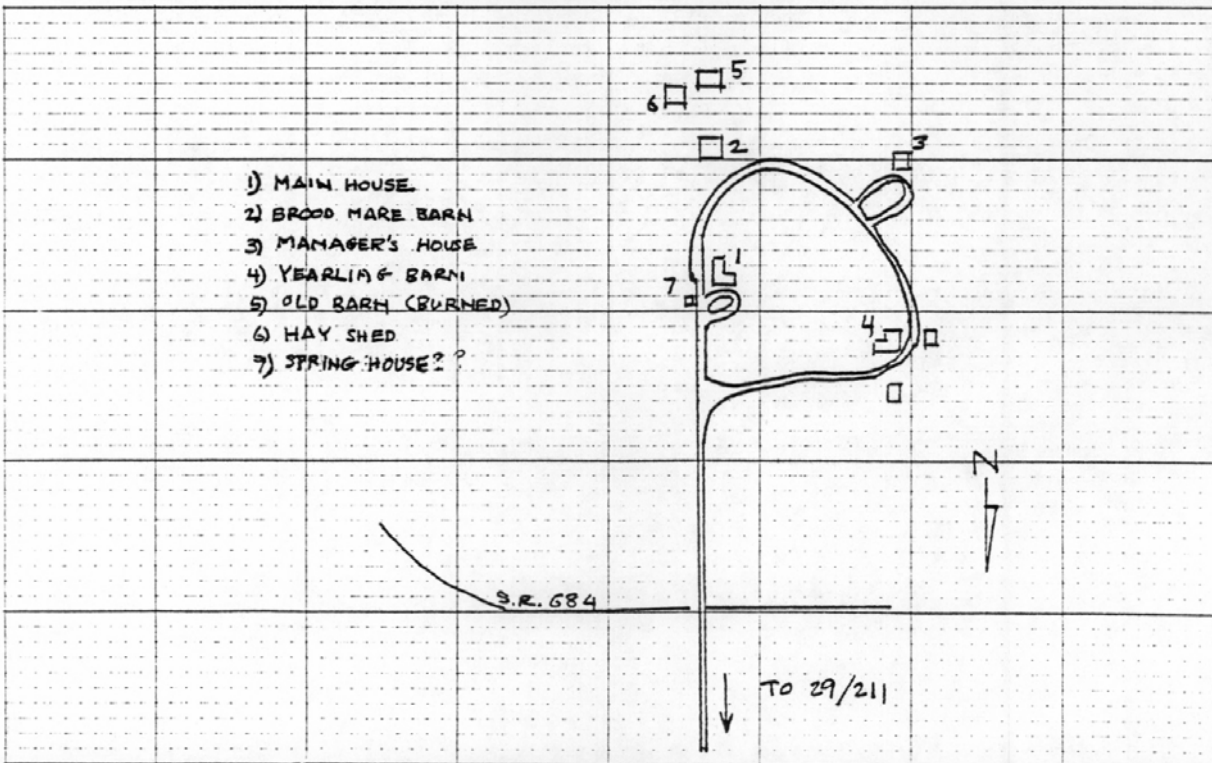
7 exterior photographs (VHLC).

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Don Robertson, Buckland Farm Manager

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)

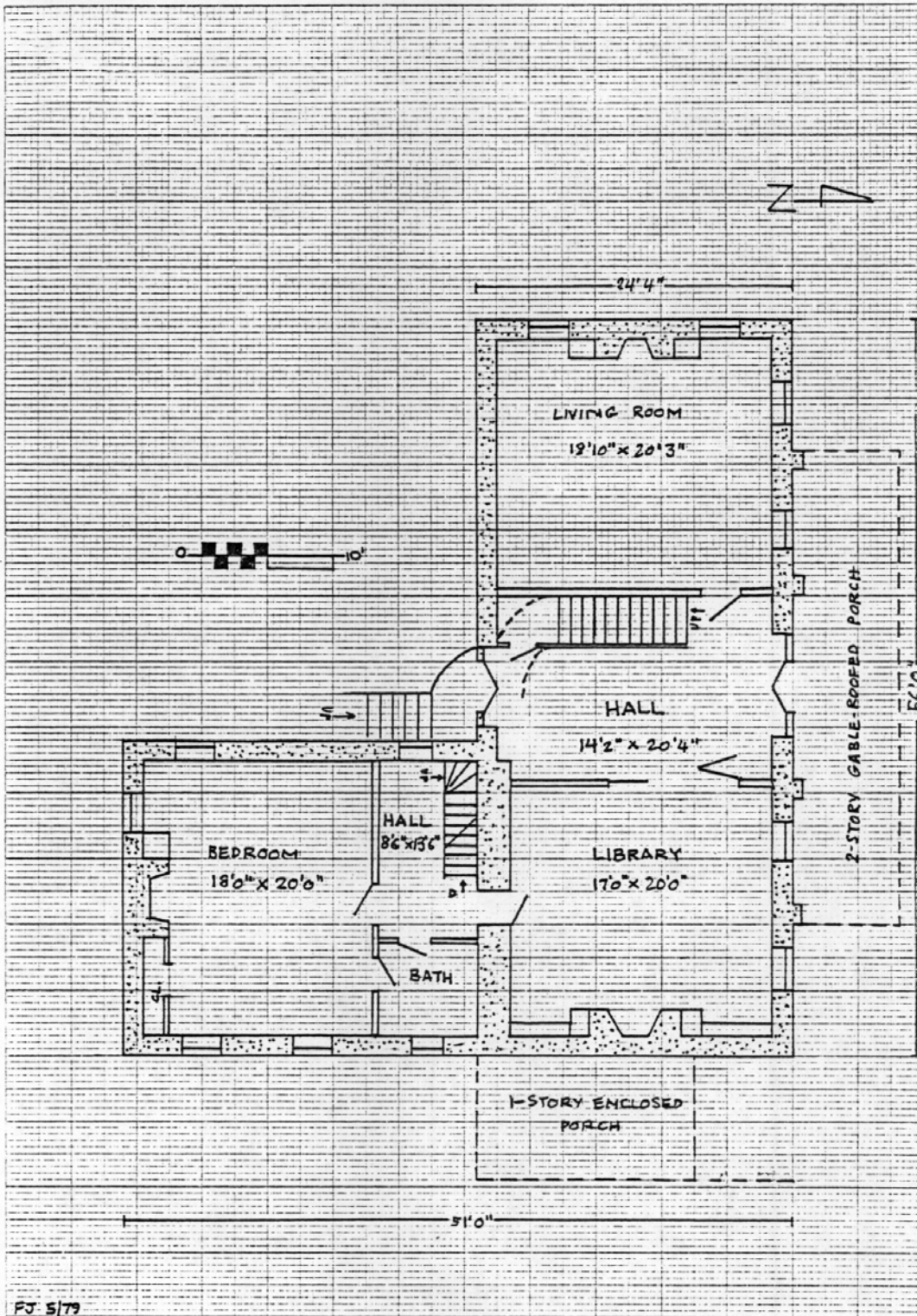


Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



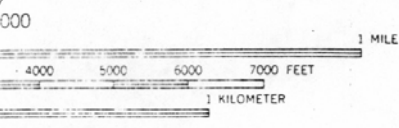
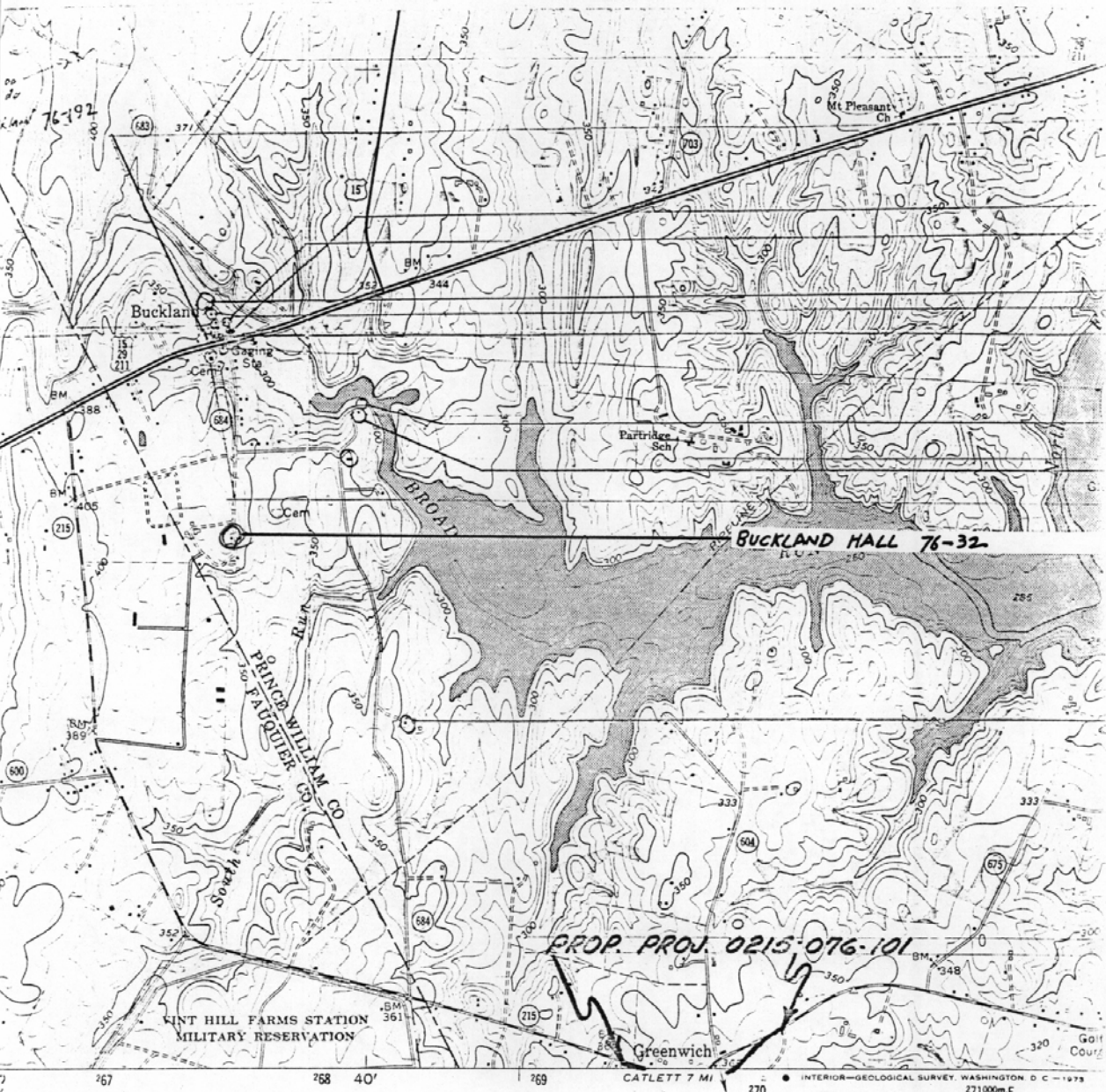


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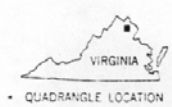


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 SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
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 ADDITIONAL SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or weather

□ U. S. Route ○ State Route

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