



**VIRGINIA**  
**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

File no. 76-18  
Negative no(s).

**SURVEY FORM**

Historic name <u>PARK GATE</u> County/Town/City <u>PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY</u> Street address or route number	Common name
USGS Quad <u>Nokesville</u> Original owner <u>Brent family?</u> Original use <u>Residence</u> Present owner <u>Dean + Gail Niedernhofer</u> Present owner address <u>11508 Park Gate Drive</u> Present use <u>Residence</u> Acreage <u>c 40 acres.</u>	Date or period <u>1760-1780</u> Architect/builder/craftsmen Source of name <u>Unknown</u> Source of date <u>Dell Upton survey notes.</u> Stories <u>1 1/2</u> Foundation and wall const'n <u>Stone foundation, frame walls.</u> Roof type <u>metal-covered gable roof.</u>

State condition of structure and environs

State potential threats to structure

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.)

Interior inspected?

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

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

W.P.A., *Writer's Project, Prince William, the Story of Its People and Its Places* (c1941), pp.154-55;

R.J. Ratcliffe, *This Was Prince William* (c1976), p. 76.

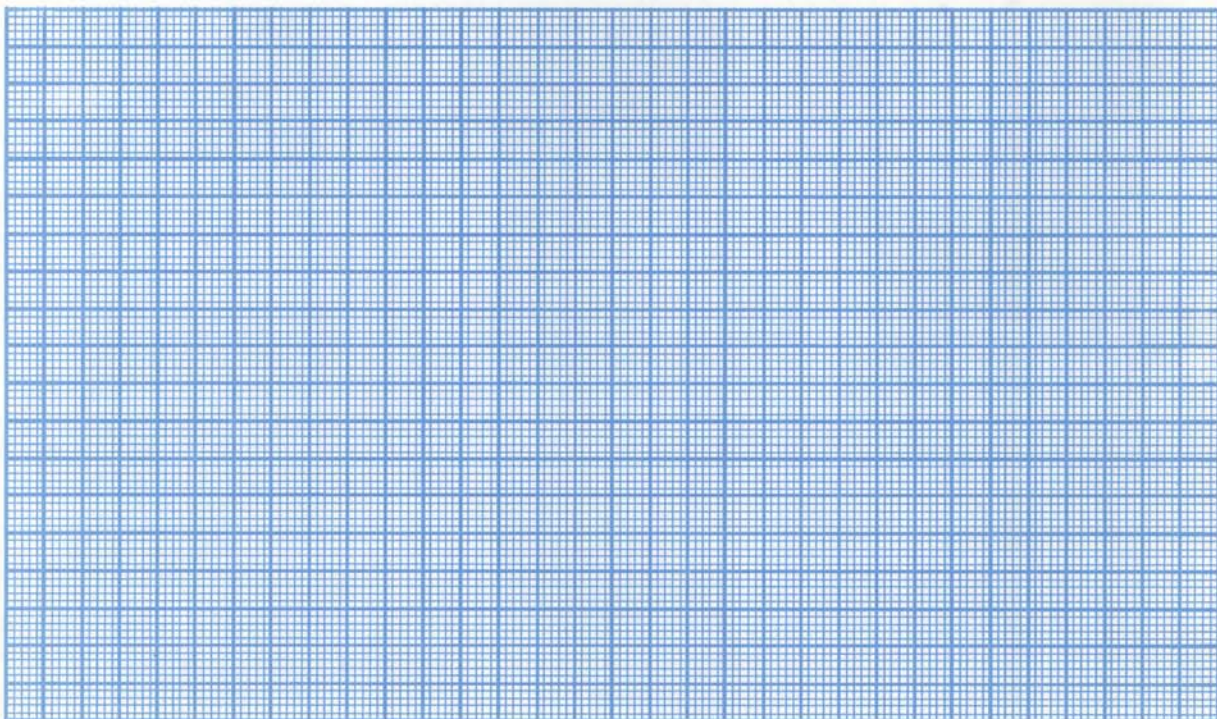
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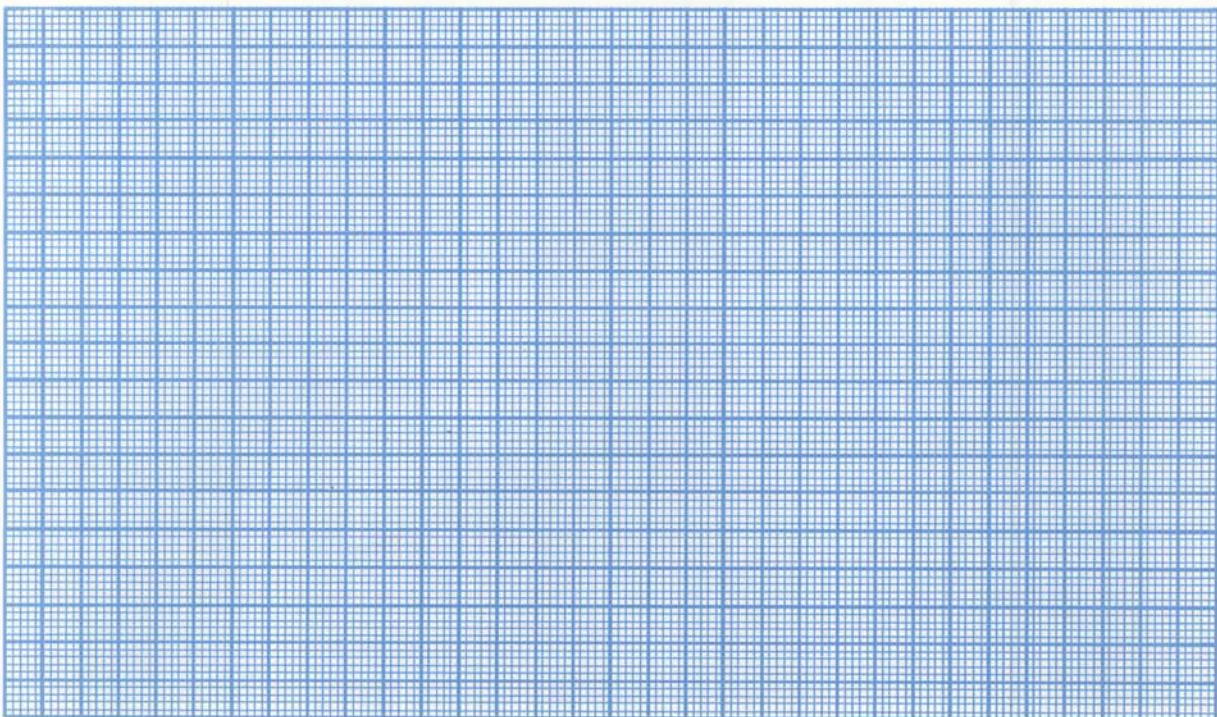
HABS-Inventory, 1959.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

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



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



Name, address and title of recorder

Date



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 County/Town/City Prince William County  
 Street address or route number 11508 Park Gate Drive, Nokesville, Va.  
 USGS Quad Nokesville Date or period 1760-1780  
 Original owner Brent family? Architect/builder/craftsmen  
 Original use Residence  
 Present owner Dean & Gail Niedernhofer Source of name Unknown  
 Present owner address 11508 Park Gate Drive Source of date Dell Upton survey notes.  
 Nokesville, Va. 22123 Stories 1 1/2  
 Present use Residence Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, frame walls  
 Acreage c40 acres Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs

State potential threats to structure  
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

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Park Gate was built on the Brent quarter of the Brent Town Tract, possibly as early as 1750. Some writers say that the house was a tenant house on the original 795-acre estate, while others believe it to have been the plantation's seat. In 1789, Daniel Carroll Brent, who had inherited the property from his father, William, sold the estate to Thomas Lee. Lee, the eldest son of Richard Henry Lee, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a lawyer by trade. In 1793, Thomas Lee moved from Dumfries to Park Gate with his wife, the former Mildred Washington, a niece of George Washington. Thomas Lee died in 1805, leaving Park Gate to his second wife, Eliza Ashton Brent. Mildred Washington Lee is buried in a cemetery at Park Gate.

The present owners purchased the house with 40 acres in 1976 from Revell R. Liskey.

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