

VLR Listed: 5/13/1969 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
NRHP Listed: 11/12/1969 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: King George	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
69-11-45-0088	11/12/69

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME			
COMMON: Nanzatico			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Nanzatico			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: N bank of Rappahannock River, S side of southern end of Rt. 650, 1.8 mi. S of intersection of Rt. 650 and Rt. 625.			
CITY OR TOWN: King George Court House			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: King George	CODE 099
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS
District ☐ Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition: ☐	Occupied ☒
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Yes: ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☒	Restricted ☐
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐	Unrestricted ☐
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐	No: ☒
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Mr. Charles J. R. Davis			
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 512			
CITY OR TOWN: Westport	STATE: Connecticut	CODE 06	STATE: Virginia COUNTY: King George
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: King George County Court House, Clerk's Office			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: King George	STATE: Virginia	CODE 45	STATE: Virginia COUNTY: King George
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 340 acres			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE 08	FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent ☒	Good ☐	Fair ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered ☐			Unaltered ☒		
				Moved ☐		
				Original Site ☒		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Nanzatico is a frame, two-story structure, seven-bays wide, with a hipped roof, and two interior end chimneys. The entablature which has a modillion cornice completely surrounds the structure, and the windows and entranceways have simple architrave framing. The river front is dominated by an engaged portico consisting of heroic pilasters, entablature, and bulls-eye pediment. The land front features a small three-bay pedimented pavilion which projects from the facade forming an interior vestibule. This ante-room is defined by a broad elliptical arch which sets it apart from the central hall. The end wall of the drawing room consists of horizontal boarding pierced by arches on either side of the chimney. Pilasters, topped by two volutes supporting a cornice shelf, flank the fireplace with its architrave molding; above the cornice shelf is a large panel with crossettes surmounted by a cornice which surrounds the entire ceiling. The dining room has a paneled chimney breast flanked by doors rather than arches.

Surviving dependencies on the east are a square frame smokehouse, and a frame summer kitchen. On the west, a frame schoolhouse or office balances the smokehouse.

The main house combined with the dependencies form an architecturally satisfying composition especially when placed in its setting on a broad plain overlooking the Rappahannock River.

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #48-15
1969 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: ~~750~~ 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/Phi-		Other (Specify)	☒
Historic	Industry	☐	losophy	☐	Architecture	
Agriculture	Invention	☐	Science	☐		
Art	Landscape	☐	Sculpture	☐		
Commerce	Architecture	☐	Social/Human-			
Communications	Literature	☐	itarian	☐		
Conservation	Military	☐	Theater	☐		
	Music	☐	Transportation	☐		

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

First owned by the Wormeley family, and named after the Nanzatico Indians, this Rappahannock River estate descended in the Page and Randolph families until 1767 when Charles Carter, Junior, grandson of Robert "King" Carter, attempted to purchase the land. The present mansion was completed circa 1770, for towards the end of the year Charles Carter advertised a sale at Nanzatico to dispose of his household effects and farm equipment. Carter was unable to pay the original owner, Thomas Mann Randolph, in full for the estate, and Randolph then sold it in 1778 to Colonel Thomas Turner of Westmoreland County. The house and land remained in the Turner family until the late-nineteenth century, and was sold to its present owner in 1931.

Next to Mount Vernon, Nanzatico is probably the most formal frame colonial mansion in Virginia. It is an excellent example of the architectural quality which can be achieved in timber, and its engaged Ionic portico is a unique design feature for colonial Virginia. The architectural significance of Nanzatico, coupled with its excellent state of preservation and its association with several distinguished colonial families, make it an important landmark.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Shackelford, George Green, "Nanzatico, King George County, Virginia",
The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 73, No. 4, October,
 1965.

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
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38° 10 ' 55"	77° 08 ' 37"	°	'	"
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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: June 2, 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 Edw. P. Alexander by John
 Title Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date 10-7-69

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

NOV 12 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

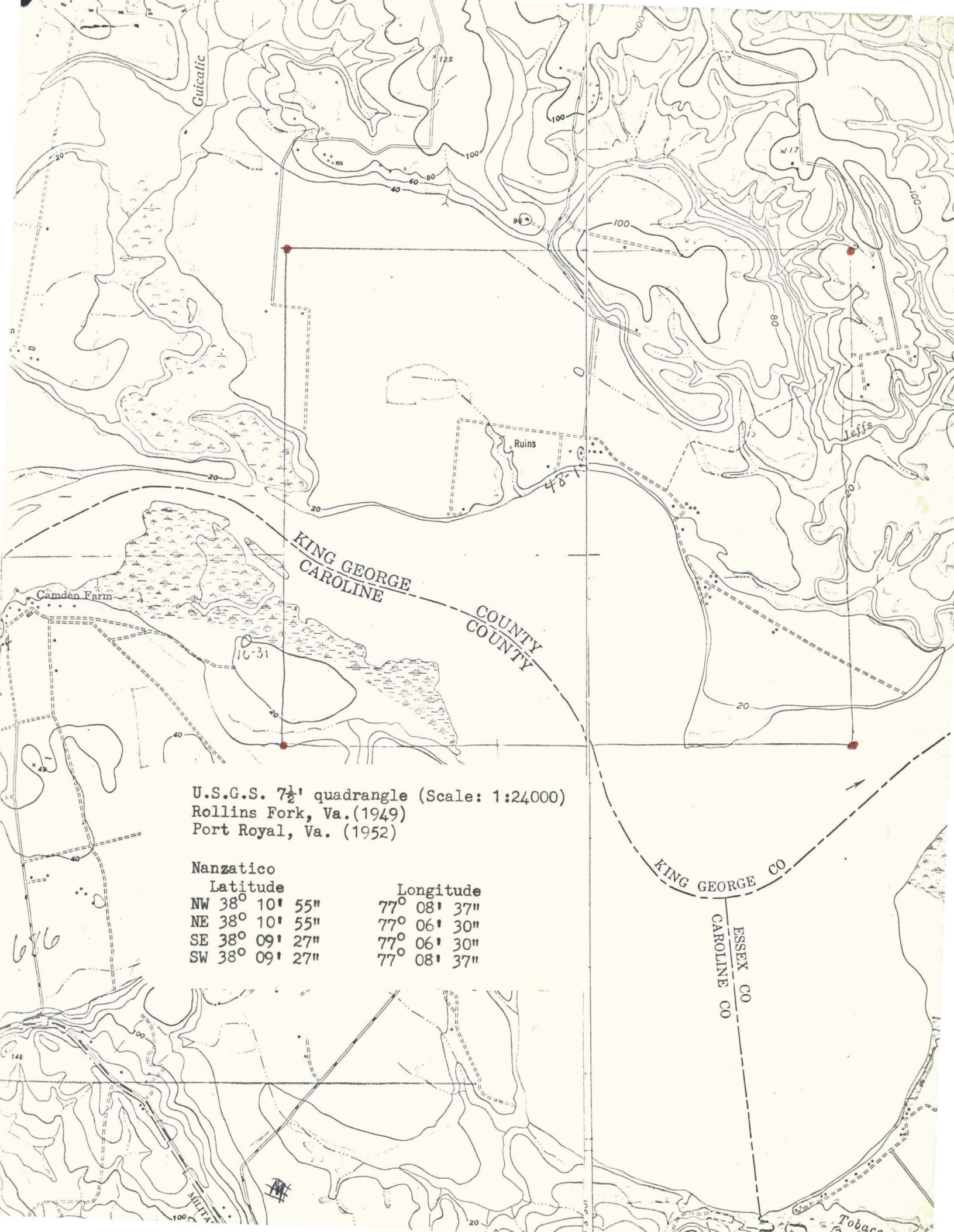
William J. Huntley
 Keeper of The National Register

Date OCT 31 1969

ROLLINS
 FORK (used)
 PORT
 10/11/69

NO
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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24000)
Rollins Fork, Va. (1949)
Port Royal, Va. (1952)

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Nanzatico		
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