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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE Virginia	
COUNTY Hampton (City)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
FORT MONROE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Point Comfort, at northern terminus of U.S. 258, Hampton

CITY OR TOWN:
Hampton

STATE Virginia 23351	CODE 51	COUNTY Hampton (City)	CODE 650
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Department of the Army

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C. 20301

CODE
11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Hampton

STATE:
Virginia 23369

CODE
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Robert Arthur, History of Fort Monroe (Fort Monroe, 1930)

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

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CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As the nearest continuously held Union stronghold to the Confederate capital, Fort Monroe played an important role in the conduct of the war in the Eastern Theater and along the Atlantic coast. Due to its role as a staging area for Union military and naval expeditions, the fort witnessed the epic fight between the U.S.S. Monitor and the C.S.S. Virginia (Merrimac) on March 9, 1862.

Built between 1819 and 1834, the fort was one of the major United States military posts from the time of its establishment. Robert E. Lee, then a lieutenant, played a prominent part in the final stages of its construction, 1831-34. With the abandonment of the Norfolk Naval Base at the beginning of the war, the Union fleet was based on the northern shore of Hampton Roads. The Confederate ironclad Virginia, steaming out from Norfolk on March 8, 1862, brought havoc to the Union wooden ships, but her drawn battle with the newly arrived Monitor the following day ended the threat. Thousands of spectators stood upon the ramparts of Fort Monroe to watch the momentous battle of the ironclads on March 9. From Old Point Comfort, two months later, Union forces moved to reoccupy Norfolk as the Confederates withdrew. President Lincoln, visiting Fort Monroe, was a spectator at the reoccupation of Norfolk.

During the last year of the war, Fort Monroe was a reception point for exchanged Union prisoners, en route back to their commands from the exchange point at Aiken's Landing, farther up the James River. From May, 1865, to May, 1867, Jefferson Davis was confined in one of the fort casemates until his release on bond.

Status: Fort Monroe, still an active army post, is headquarters of the Continental Army Command. The original brick fort of 40 acres is located in the center of the post, which occupies about 640 acres. The old fort is little changed from its 19th century appearance, most of the subsequent development having taken place on other sections of the post. Three casemates of the old fort have been converted into an excellent museum, which has an annual visitation of about 100,000 persons. The Jefferson Davis Casemate contains the restored cell in which Davis was confined, together with museum exhibits giving the highlights of his career. The Old Fort Monroe Casemate contains exhibits on the history of the fort, covering such varied topics as McClellan's Peninsula Campaign; Old Fort Monroe; Poe as a Soldier; Fort Monroe, 1801-1865; Grant at Fort Monroe; Lee at Fort Monroe; Black Hawk at Fort Monroe; Old Point Comfort; and the Peace Conference of 1865. The Monitor and Merrimac Casemate contains exhibits telling the story of the ironclads and their battle, including 1/4-inch scale models of the vessels complete to the minutest detail. A number of the early buildings have special interest, such as the Centurion Chapel, built in 1858, and Quarters No. 1, built in 1819 and occupied by President Lincoln during his 1862 visit.

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7 b. BOUNDARIES: Fort Monroe, Hampton, Virginia, consists of about 640 acres. Within Fort Monroe is a moat which, including the area covered by the moat, surrounds about 63 acres; it is known as Old Point Comfort. The original brick fort at Old Point Comfort consists of about 40 acres.

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)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>History (Civil War)</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The nearest continuously held Union stronghold to the Confederate capital. This fort witnessed the historic fight between the USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (Merrimac).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion (27 vols., Washington, 1894-1917), Ser. I, Vol. VII; War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (70 vols., Washington, 1880-1901), Ser. I, Vol. XI; ibid., Ser. II, Vols. II, VIII; J. P. Baxter, The Introduction of the Ironclad Warship (1933).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	37 ° 00 ' 25 "	76 ° 18 ' 31 "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	37 ° 00 ' 24 "	76 ° 18 ' 34 "				
SE	37 ° 00 ' 04 "	76 ° 18 ' 10 "				
SW	37 ° 00 ' 06 "	76 ° 18 ' 08 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 63

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Frank S. Melvin

ORGANIZATION: Virginia State Office, National Park Service

DATE: 6/30/12

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 10008

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia 23210

CODE: 51

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 J. A. Fishburne

J. A. FISHBURNE, DIRECTOR
VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Virginia 23351	51	Hampton (City)	650
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S. Geological Survey - Hampton quadrangle			
SCALE: 7.5 topographic 1:24,000			
DATE: 1965 - photorevised 1970			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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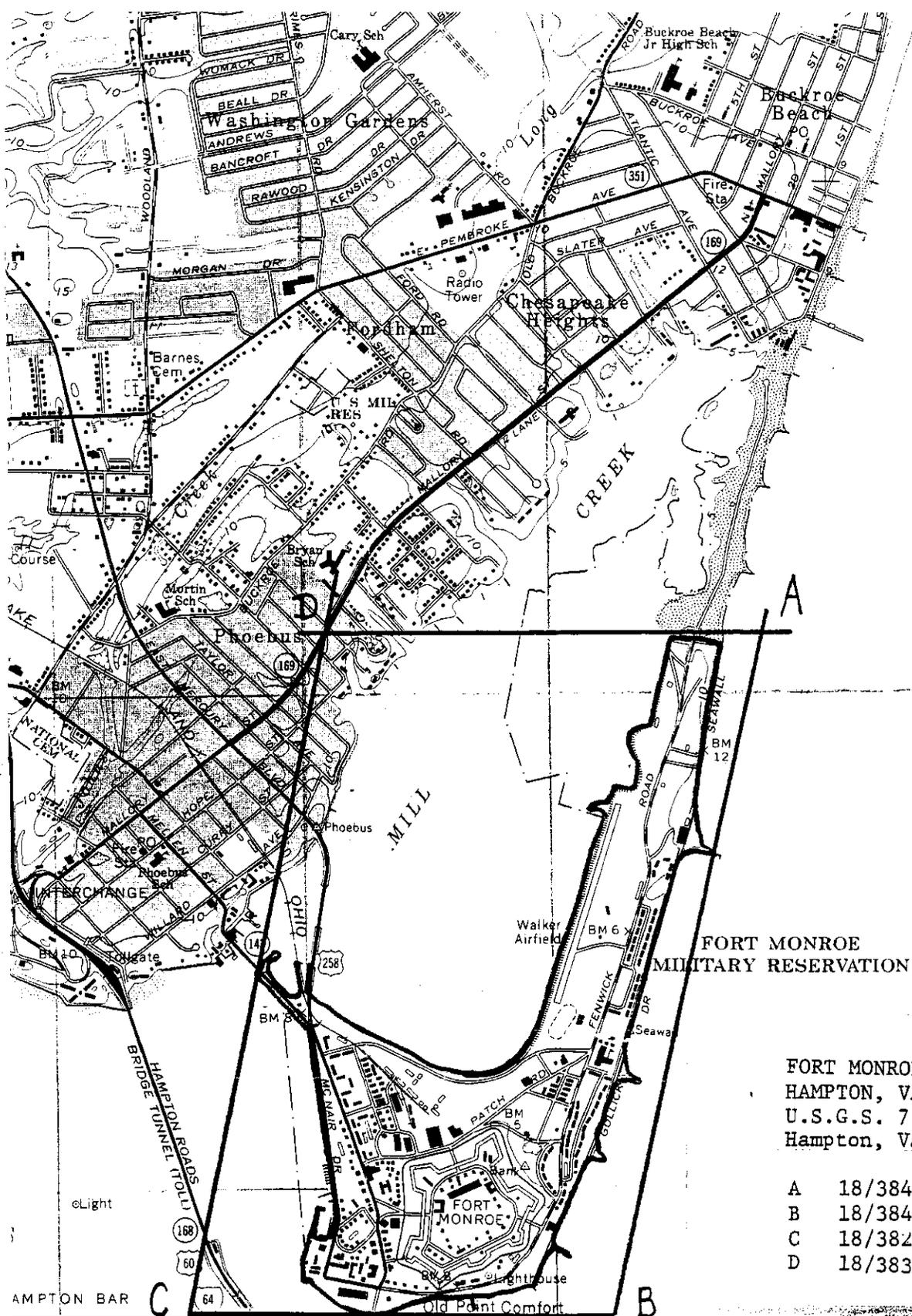
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

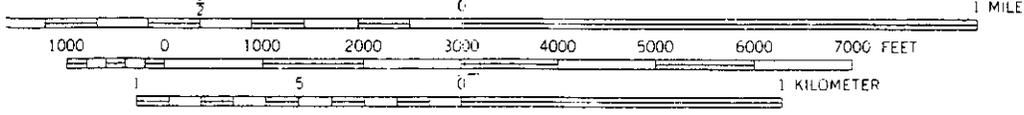


FORT MONROE
 HAMPTON, VA.
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute
 Hampton, Va.

- A 18/384860/409825
- B 18/384230/409548
- C 18/382520/409549
- D 18/383100/409825

382 NORFOLK (U.S. 460) 6 MI. (NORFOLK NORTH) 384 17'30"
 VIRGINIA BEACH 26 MI. 5757 IV NE

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20508

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 QUADRANGLE