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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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**1. Name of Property**

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historic name Ware Neck Store and Post Office

other names/site number VDHR #036-5016

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**2. Location**

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street & number 6495 Ware Neck Road (Rt. 629) not for publication

city or town Ware Neck vicinity

state Virginia code VA county Gloucester code 073 zip code 23178

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**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting official/Title

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Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register

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determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_



**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
 B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
 C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
 D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
 B removed from its original location.
 C a birthplace or a grave.
 D a cemetery.
 E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 F a commemorative property.
 G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Commerce

**Period of Significance** 1877 - 1958

**Significant Dates** 1877, 1886

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) -

**Cultural Affiliation** -

**Architect/Builder**

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources

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**10. Geographical Data**  
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**Acreage of Property** 3.64

**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing 1 18 0370860 4140305	Zone Easting Northing 2 18 0370761 4140337	Zone Easting Northing 3 18 0370796 4140394	Zone Easting Northing 4 18 0370785 4140444
Zone Easting Northing 5 18 0370835 4140454	Zone Easting Northing 6 18 0370888 4140423		

See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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**Additional Documentation**  
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps** A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs** Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**  
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Ware Neck Preservation Co, LLC  
street & number P.O. Box 84 telephone 804-693-7202  
city or town Ware Neck state VA zip code 23178

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**7. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

**Summary Paragraph**

The Ware Neck Store and Post Office, located at the intersection of State Routes 692 and 623 on Ware Neck, is a well-preserved example of late-nineteenth century vernacular commercial architecture which expanded over time according to the needs of a local business and residential structure. This vernacular outgrowth of the store included two expansions of the mercantile space and at least two phases of residential additions to accommodate the growing needs of the store owners and their families. The period of significance begins in 1877 with the completion of initial store building, and ends in 1958, as the functions and character of the building have been consistent throughout this period. The only significant modern change is the addition of a simple one-car garage on the west side. Ware Neck Store is one of the most intact, unchanged nineteenth-century stores in the region. Not only does it continue its historic functions as a community store and post office, it retains the majority of its original exterior and interior detailing, which many other local store buildings have lost.

**Exterior Description**

The store has a three-bay south façade with a central two-story block flanked by 1 ½ story wings. The central block has a centrally placed double-leaf wood door flanked by two-over-two wood, double-hung sash windows. The south façade of each wing has one centrally-placed two-over-two wood, double-hung sash window, matching those flanking the doorway. All of the first floor windows on the main store building are also fitted with iron bars to prevent forced entry. The bars appear on an early twentieth-century photo, indicating they are early elements of the building. A one-story porch extends across the central block. This is also seen in the early photograph, extending two bays further west than the current porch. Today, it is covered with a standing-seam metal, hipped roof, and supported by square wood posts. The porch floor is tongue-and-groove boards supported on brick piers. Two wooden stairs lead up to the central part of the porch, and they are flanked by simple wood handrails made of 2" x 4" stock lumber. Multiple signs are affixed to the porch entablature including the post office and former store name.

The second story of the central block has two six-over-six wood, double-hung sash windows directly above the first floor windows. In the gable is a crescent-shaped eight-paned casement window, centered above the main entrance. The south gable roof over the central block has a raking cornice and cornice returns and the entire roof is covered in standing-seam metal. The side wings were placed perpendicular to the central block. At the apex where the roof ridge of the central block and wings juncture is a brick, central chimney. Each wing has exposed rafters under the north and south eaves. On the east and west sides there are exposed tailpieces supporting the fly rafters.

The east and west sides of the wings have similar fenestration. There are pairs of two-over-two wood, double-hung sash windows spaced evenly along the façade on the first floor. In each gable is a two-over-two wood, double-hung sash window. Between the gable and first floor windows are multi-light casement windows with colored glass, positioned above and to either side of the southernmost first floor window, providing additional light to the main store room. The central block continues north from the wings and has cornice returns on the north gable. On the second floor there are single six-over-six wood, double-hung windows on both the east and west sides. The east side of the extension is lit additionally by a multi-paned casement window placed higher on the wall. The north façade of the store building has an ell that connects the store to the two-story residence beyond. On either side of this two story ell, are windows on both the first and second floors. The first floor windows are the same as the other first floor windows, with two-over-two wood double-hung sash with iron security bars. The windows above are six-over-six wood, double-hung sash. A modern garage addition built on a concrete pad with machine-made brick, concrete mortar, and vinyl siding, fills in most of the space between the south side of the west wing and the extension of the central block. It is the only substantial modern change to the exterior of the building and replaces an earlier one-story addition visible in the 1914 photo. The remainder of the store is covered in plain wood clapboard painted white and attached with a mixture of cut and wire nails.

The ell connecting the store to the residence to the north is a low two-story addition. It has one first-floor window on the west side, and first and second floor windows on the east side. The window on the west is six-over-six wood, double-hung sash, while those on the east side are four-over-four double-hung sash. The lower window has modern vinyl sash, while the upper has wood sash.

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The residential structure to the north of the store is a two-story rectangular frame building with plain wood clapboard painted white, a metal roof and a central chimney. It has cornice returns on the south and north gables, very similar to those on the store. The west side has been covered in vinyl siding obscuring the original wood clapboard beneath. A modern wooden deck and steps were built beside the southwest door to the residence. This house was built in two, roughly equal stages, with the south portion coming first. A small storage room with a hipped roof covered in metal standing-seam was added to the far north side of the building, likely no later than the 1940s. Other than cosmetic changes, such as the vinyl and wood deck, this appears to be the last major addition to the residential portion of the store. The west side of the residence has two doors on the first floor, entering into each of the two main rooms. A single six-over-six wood, double-hung sash window on the first floor provides light to the north room. On the second floor, there is a window above the south door, and another window on the north portion centered between the first floor window and door. Both windows are six-over-six wood double-hung sash. An additional window, with one-over-one double-hung sash, is located just north of the southern window. This window is smaller in size than the others and likely modern. The north side of the house has one six-over-six wood double-hung sash window on the east side of the second story. The small addition has a similar window on the center of its north side.

The east side of the residential space has the original clapboard exposed and clearly shows where the north addition begins. This side has three windows and a door on the first floor, and two windows on the second floor. Two of the windows on the first floor are evenly spaced along the north part of the house, and the third window is centered on the south part of the house. The doorway is next to the southeast corner of the residence. The second floor windows are centrally placed along the north and south sections of the residence. All of the windows on this side are six-over-six wood double-hung sash, except for the most northern first floor window, which is gone. A portion of the wall near the northeast corner of the building shows evidence of charred wood from a small electrical fire. It appears this fire was contained before it was able to do major damage to the building.

**Interior Description**

The interior of the store is a very large T-shaped space. The floors are narrow hardwood boards, likely pine, and the walls and ceilings are covered with white painted narrow beaded boards (channel at the joint, tongue and groove). Modern shelves full of merchandise run east to west across the south room of the store, with a wide central aisle allowing access further into the store. Foodstuffs are located on the west side, while dry goods and gift items are on the east side. A deli counter is along the west wall. Modern refrigerated units are located near the main entrance and in the northern part of the store. An early curved wooden counter to the east of the door is one of the original store counters, though its position may have changed. Directly north of the entrance is a tall, cylindrical metal heating stove. A metal flue runs up from the stove to the brick chimney directly north of it. Beyond the chimney is a large centrally placed staircase leading up to the second floor. The stairway is open to the room and runs in one straight flight to the second floor. There are two square wood newel posts to support the molded wood handrails, and a pair of turned balusters is on each stair tread. Drop finials decorate the base of the upstairs newel posts. The finials are missing from the lower newel posts, but these appear to have been removed and stored in a back room. Upstairs the stairway opening is surrounded by another balustrade similar to that along the stairs, but most of this was covered with insulation and difficult to observe. The back part of the store space contains shelves lining the west wall and free-standing racks containing additional merchandise. Two large and original curved wooden counters sit near the back of the room, placed on either side of the central aisle, allowing access to the north door. The north door is an original wood door with thick strap hinges. It has four panels on the north side, while the south side is covered with diagonal boards.

The ceiling of the central part of the store is lower than that in the wings, in order to accommodate the second floor above this section. The ceiling in the wings is very high and spacious. Two additional rooms are accessed from the main large room. On the right is the Ware Neck Post Office, and on the left is a storage room currently used as preparation kitchen and work space for the store. The walls in the left room are unpainted beaded boards and there is an early wood racking system for holding spindles of rope in the northwest corner. A door through the north wall of this room leads into the garage.

The north (back) door of the store leads into the narrow ell that connects to the residential space. This ell contains a doorway on the east side to provide access to the house, and a staircase leading to the second floor of both the store and house. The second floor of the store contains three rooms: one large room comprising the north two thirds of the space, and two rooms dividing the southern third. The partition walls were likely added during the mid-twentieth century, and it is unclear if there were additional partitions at an earlier time. The door leading into the second floor is a four-panel wood door. Additional four-panel wood doors, one painted green with reddish grain painting within the panels, lead into the partitioned rooms. They may be original doors from

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the store, or may have been moved here from other buildings. The original part of the store (the south two thirds of the second floor) is lit by two windows in the south façade, as well as two additional windows located on the east and west walls that have been covered by the flanking wings.

The frame for the east window still exists, but there is no frame for the west window. The north wall of the original store is clearly visible in the upstairs because most of the plaster was removed some time ago, exposing the wall studs, ceiling joists, and rafters. The framing for the north addition was abutted to the existing frame of the store. A portion of the original north gable with painted clapboard still exists at the attic level, and the roof of the north addition was extended from the original cornice. The walls in the southern portion of the second floor, north to the line marked by the closed-up windows, are covered with white painted boards. It is not clear if this is an original wall treatment or a later modification. From the closed-up windows to the north wall, there is evidence for original lathe and plaster walls. The flooring is narrow width tongue-and-groove pine boards. The large staircase from the first floor enters the second floor in the north addition, implying the staircase was added at the same time. A large pile of documents relating to the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century transactions at the store is also stored in this room. This material has not been researched, but has the potential to illuminate much about the history of the store.

An additional feature was found in the original portion of the second floor. Four metal support bars run from the floor to the ceiling joists above, surrounding an octagonal opening or gallery that has been floored over. The tenon holes for wood balusters and a handrail are still visible along the edge of the former opening. It is not clear when this original gallery opening, a common feature of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century stores, was closed, but the beaded boards covering the ceiling below show no evidence of this alteration. The gallery may have been filled at the same time the staircase and additional second floor space was added.

The residential space added to the north, which is now used largely for office space and storage, was originally built to house the store owner's family and possibly additional tenants or workers. It began as a rectangular two-story structure with a single brick chimney along the back (north) wall and doors along the west and east walls. A door on the south side leads to the ell, while one on the north leads to the addition. The original portion has two primary rooms and a bathroom on the first floor. The addition to the north contains one large room on the first floor, with a door along the west façade, and another doorway leading to the small storage addition to the north. A narrow enclosed staircase rises along the north wall of the addition. A small electrical fire has damaged some of this staircase and the window on the east side, but most of the details appear intact. Since the sequencing of these building sections is unclear, it is not known whether a previous stairway existed in the south part of the residence, or whether the stair in the connecting ell was used to provide access upstairs. The second floor contains one large room in each portion, and a large bathroom in the northwest part of the south room. The flooring in the residential space, where it is exposed, is tongue-and-groove pine boards. Most of the doors are four-panel wood doors and are likely original. The south façade of the residential building is covered with wood clapboard, indicating that this was an exterior wall for some period before the ell was constructed.

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**8. SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Ware Neck Store and Post Office, built in 1877 with late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century additions, is a significant resource with strong architectural integrity and local historical importance. It is representative of the simplified classical architectural style commonly employed in rural vernacular commercial buildings, and is an excellent example of the vital economic, social and governmental roles played by stores and post offices in rural communities. Operated for 130 years and still going strong, the store is a remarkably intact example of a quickly disappearing class of rural commercial buildings. This store is the most intact example of its type in the region, and one of only a few that continue their historic functions. Built for Arthur W. Tabb, all of the store's historic owners, including Tabb, several members of the Taliaferro family, and E. Rudolph Nuttall helped create a sense of community and continuity with their store. Its proximity to Hockley Wharf made it an important place of commerce for steamboat passengers traveling along the eastern seaboard from the time it was built until the 1930s. Its strategic location at the intersection of State Routes 692 and 623 on Ware Neck, allowed generations of local residents to use this store for commerce and social gatherings; a function it still serves today. Starting in 1886, and continuing with few interruptions to the present time, the building harbored the Ware Neck Post Office, serving as a communication hub for the Ware Neck area. The period of significance begins in 1877 with the completion of the first part of the store, and runs through 1958, as the function and use of the store building did not change during this period, and continues into the present. The Ware Neck Store and Post Office meets National Register Criterion A for its important role in the categories of commerce and government and meets Criterion C in the area of architecture as an extremely intact example of a late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century vernacular store building.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The history of the Ware Neck Store and Post Office (036-5016) began in 1876 when the heirs of J. H. Tabb sold a nine-acre portion of his Back Creek Estate to Arthur W. Tabb.<sup>1</sup> Back Creek estate was more than 450 acres in size, but was significantly subdivided following the Civil War with a large portion of the property bordering the Ware Neck Store lot sold to former slaves, documenting the transformation of a local African-American community, and signifying the tremendous changes in land patterns and economy of post-bellum Virginia. Ware Neck Store is located about six miles east of Gloucester Courthouse on an historically rich expanse of land called Ware Neck. Ware Neck was one of Gloucester County's earliest settled areas, and it contains many large estates with histories stretching back to the mid-seventeenth century. The neck is bisected by one primary road, Ware Neck Road (Rt. 623), and bounded to the north and south by the North River and Ware River, respectively. The land Arthur Tabb purchased occupied a strategic intersection at the corner of Dunham Massie Lane (Rt. 692) (leading to a large historic property) and Hockley Wharf Lane, leading to the most important steamboat landing on Ware Neck. Taking advantage of these qualities, Arthur Tabb built his store in 1877.<sup>2</sup> Goods were offloaded at the wharf and transported the half-mile to the store by horse and wagon. Other stores were also built in this vicinity to take advantage of the commercial opportunities, including Tazewell Thompson Store (036-5032) located across the street from Tabb's store, which operated until recently and still stands.

Tabb's store began as a two-story rectangular building, with the short façade facing south. The second floor was initially used for additional stock, and at a later date housed a millinery shop.<sup>3</sup> He operated the store until 1884, when brothers Richard P. and H.E. Taliaferro purchased the 9 ½ acre parcel.<sup>4</sup> Based on increasing building value recorded between 1892 and 1894, it appears that the one-story flanking wings were added to the original store at this time. A further addition to the north side of the store, extending the original two-story block, as well as residential space, were likely added during the 1890s or first decade of the 1900s. In 1886 the Taliaferros established the Ware Neck Post Office in their store. Richard P. Taliaferro served as postmaster from 1886 until 1897, and later postmasters include Thomas Cooke (1897-1909), James B. Cooke (1909-1914,1921), and Charles Bernard Anderton (1914).<sup>5</sup> In 1902, R.P. and H.E. Taliaferro divided the 8.1 acre property between themselves, with R.P. retaining the store and majority of the property.<sup>6</sup> The building value increased during the first two decades of the twentieth century, possibly a combination of additions to the residential portion as well assessment increases. In 1919 Taliaferro sold 6.33 acres, retaining just 1.17 acres around the store.<sup>7</sup>

In 1928, R.P. Taliaferro willed the property to his wife, Fannie Johnson Taliaferro<sup>8</sup>, who then sold the acreage to her son, J.E. Taliaferro. J. Earl Taliaferro rented the store to a number of tenants, including Joe Brown, Guy Smith and Charlie Robbins. In October 1946, J.E. Taliaferro and his wife, Elizabeth, sold 3.5 acres to E. Rudolph Nuttall.<sup>9</sup>

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'Rudy' Nuttall operated the store for more than 50 years, maintaining its essential function as a neighborhood store and gathering place. In 1946 the post office was moved to Claude Brown's store located across the street to the south, but it returned to Nuttall's store in 1951. The tenure of Rudy Nuttall at the store is fondly remembered by many local citizens, as this was one of main community gathering areas within Ware Neck. On March 18, 2002, E. Rudolph Nuttall sold the property and United States Postal Service lease to Blair Fairinholt.<sup>10</sup> Over the next several years the property passed from Fairinholt to Fred W. Kittler, who sold two parcels of land (3.07 and 0.57 acres) totaling 3.64 acres to Interstate Enterprises, LLC who subsequently sold it to the Ware Neck Preservation Co, LLC.<sup>11</sup> Consisting of local landowners who care deeply about this significant landmark, the Ware Neck Preservation Co. continues to operate the store and is actively pursuing its preservation and continuation as a community asset.

The store's architectural significance is equally important when considering the unique character of this region. The building is one of the few surviving stores from the late nineteenth century in Gloucester County, and is probably the most intact.<sup>12</sup> The multitude of additions and alterations, almost exclusively dating to the first fifty years of the store, exemplify the prosperity experienced by the Taliaferro family as well as the community of Ware Neck prior to the hurricane of 1933, cessation of steamboats in the Mobjack Bay in 1935, and the Great Depression of the 1930s. The location of the store at the intersection of two primary roads, serving as convenience store and noted landmark, allowed it to survive as people chose automobiles over waterborne transportation. Numerous other stores, located along the water, did not survive, or have been severely altered.<sup>13</sup>

The quality of materials employed, as well as the diligent maintenance by the Nuttall family during their long tenure as store operators, ensured that the store would survive without significant alterations after the 1930s. The majority of recent alterations consist of covering up intact exterior weatherboard with synthetic siding, replacing an earlier addition in the northwest corner with a more modern garage, and the installation of modern utilities, such as air conditioning (window units), leaving excellent opportunities for restoration while maintaining great integrity of form and function.

The intention to maintain the store as an active commercial establishment is underpinned by a desire for adaptive reuse and the gradual restoration of the building. By emphasizing the goal of sustainability for the store, and insisting on retaining its post office as a full-time regional branch, the building acts as both a testament to the community's industrious past and the present emphasis on maintaining these values as new families move into Ware Neck and larger changes are wrought upon the Gloucester landscape.

**ENDNOTES**

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- 2 Gloucester County Land Tax Book (LTB) 1877.
- 3 Valerie Johnson, "Ware Neck is Long on History," in *Gloucester-Matthews Gazette-Journal*, March 31, 1983.
- 4 Arthur W. Tabb to Richard P. and H.E. Taliaferro, DB 11/118; LTB 1887.
- 5 Valerie Johnson, "Ware Neck: Large Peninsula Long on History" in *Gloucester-Matthews Gazette-Journal*, March 24, 1983.
- 6 LTB 1902.
- 7 LTB 1919.
- 8 Will of R.P. Taliaferro, Gloucester County Will Book (WB) E, page 29.
- 9 J.E. and Elizabeth Taliaferro to E. Rudolph Nuttall, DB 79/422.
- 10 E. Rudolph Nuttall to Blair Farinholt, Gloucester County Instrument Deed 02002016.
- 11 Interstate Enterprises, LLC to Ware Neck Preservation Co., ID 070009426.
- 12 Department of Historic Resources, *Country Stores and Rural Post Offices of Gloucester County, RFP 97-98-5*.
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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES**

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Abbreviations:

DB Gloucester County Records Deed Book  
ID Gloucester County Instrument Deed  
LTB Gloucester County Records Land Tax Book  
WB Gloucester County Records Will Book

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Verbal Boundary Description:** Based on plat and deed descriptions, the property bounds begin at the intersection of State Route 692 (Dunham Massey Road) and State Route 623 (Ware Neck Road), extending along S.R. 692 north 21 degrees east 423 feet, turning north 49 degrees west 218 feet along the property of Gloria M. Healy, then south 77 degrees west 236 feet along the property of David W. and H. Suzanne T. Hudson, turning south 25 degrees east for 72 feet and then south 21 degrees west for 300 feet, both along the property of Eddy F. and Norrie F. Triplett. The line continues along S.R. 623 south 63.5 degrees east to a stump and south 71 degrees east for 148 feet to the place where it began.

**Boundary Justification:** The property boundaries include the complete extent of the historic property associated with the Ware Neck Store and Post Office. The boundaries include the entire parcel owned by the current property owners which is bounded to the East by State Route 692, the South by State Route 623, and by adjacent property owners on the other sides.

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**PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION**

Unless otherwise noted, all photographs are of:

**WARE NECK STORE AND POST OFFICE**

Location: Gloucester County, Virginia

VDHR File Number: 036-5016

Photographer: Thane H. Harpole

Date of photograph: May 16, 2008

Digital copies and black and white prints are stored at the VDHR Archives in Richmond, VA

SUBJECT: Ware Neck Store and Post Office, south facade  
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SUBJECT: Detail, brick piers, west facade, juncture between store and ell  
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SUBJECT: Ware Neck Store and Post Office, east facade  
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SUBJECT: Interior, store first floor, commercial area  
VIEW: west  
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SUBJECT: Ware Neck Store and Post Office, north gable and west facade, residential section  
VIEW: south  
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SUBJECT: Detail, casement window, west facade, south window  
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SUBJECT: Ware Neck Store and Post Office, road intersection  
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SUBJECT: Detail, north gable of original store layout  
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SUBJECT: Detail, filled-in gallery over commercial area  
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SUBJECT: Ware Neck Store and Post Office, east façade, residential section  
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