



Town of Port Royal

Established 1744

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STUDY OF PORT ROYAL HISTORIC RESOURCES

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has contracted with DATA Investigations to inventory the historic resources of Port Royal. DATA Investigations staff involved in this survey include Co-Owners Dr. David A. Brown and Thane H. Harpole, and Architectural Historians Anna Hayden and Victoria Gum.

DATA Investigations is performing this work under DHR's Cost Share and Survey Planning Grant program. The project is co-sponsored by the DHR and the Town of Port Royal. The project is focused on recording the architectural and historical information of every property in the Port Royal Historic District. The primary goal is to update the state's inventory of these historic properties so the DHR can better assist private property owners, the town of Port Royal, and citizens of the Commonwealth with their historic preservation planning activities.

The project will document to an established standard the exterior of historic resources throughout the district. DATA Investigations will collect and organize data from field observations and historic map and document research and will be happy to talk with property owners throughout the survey. DATA Investigations staff will be initially visiting Port Royal from 9 am to 4 pm on Wednesday, January 31st and Friday, February 2nd. They plan to return on Wednesday and Thursday, February 7th and 8th. If you would like to schedule a time for the team to visit your property, please let us know. If one of those times is not convenient, please let us know. We plan to return to Port Royal in late February/March to continue our research.

Please note that, as part of the survey effort, photographs and limited architectural data will be collected. No ownership information will be recorded in the field. The information collected during the field survey will be used to update the already listed Port Royal Historic District on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule DATA Investigations' visit to your property, please email them at Fairfield@FairfieldFoundation.org or call them at 804-815-1066. If you have questions for the DHR, please contact Blake McDonald via email at Blake.McDonald@dhr.virginia.gov or call him at 804-482-6086.

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