

Arlington, Custis Tombs
South bank of Old Plantation
Creek, .1 mile west of
northern end of State Route
644
Capeville vicinity
Northampton County
Virginia

HABS No. VA-811

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Northampton	TOWN OR VICINITY Capeville vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Arlington, Custis Tombs		HABS NO. VA-811
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) South bank of Old Plantation Creek, .1 mile west of northern end of State Route 644		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Located on the family's original plantation, Arlington, are tombs of the prominent Custis family. Particularly notable are the tombs of the family's progenitor, John Custis (1630-1696), and of John Custis IV (ca 1679-ca 1750). The latter is a particularly interesting example of 18th century funerary art.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) John Custis tomb: limestone John Custis IV tomb: marble		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) John Custis tomb: flat slab on low brick base John Custis IV tomb: rectangular, with pyramidal top		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Swag decoration of John Custis IV tomb		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above taken from nomination)		
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