

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Orange	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-1145-0056	DATE 11/12/69

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Barboursville

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Barboursville

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .1 mi. E of Blue Run, .4 mi. NW of Rt. 777, .5 mi. S of
intersection of Rt. 777 and 678.

CITY OR TOWN:
Barboursville vicinity

STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Orange	CODE 137
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	ruins
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

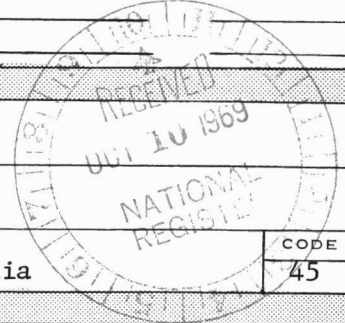
OWNERS NAME:
C. Francis Smithers

STREET AND NUMBER:
Barboursville Farm

CITY OR TOWN:
Barboursville

STATE:
Virginia

CODE
45



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Orange County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Orange

STATE:
Virginia

CODE
45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 558 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957
Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Until it burned on Christmas day, 1884, James Barbour's house at Barboursville stood essentially as completed circa 1822 from designs by Thomas Jefferson. Only two one-story side porches appear to have been later additions. Though large in scale, the house contained only eight principal rooms, the hall, drawing room, and dining room being two-story chambers. The entrance facade featured a projecting Roman Doric tetrastyle portico which covered the recessed front wall of the entrance hall. On the garden front the walls of the octagonal drawing room projected into a similar portico, as at Monticello. The octagonal dome which Jefferson proposed in his drawing was omitted during construction; it is uncertain whether the Chinese lattice railing which appeared in Jefferson's drawing around the base of the roof was ever installed. Although the dining room had no chamber over it, Jefferson indicated a false window on the second floor level in order to keep the garden front symmetrical. This feature was omitted and consequently gave that side of the house an unbalanced appearance. Unfortunately, there is little evidence as to the appearance of the original interior architectural trim. One might assume that the two-story rooms were crowned by full entablatures as at Monticello.

During the fire of 1884 everything except the exterior brick walls, the interior masonry partitions, and the columns of the porticoes perished. Now much overgrown by vines, the ruins are maintained and are in generally sound condition.

To the north of the house are the two curious service buildings which now serve as the main residence for Barboursville. It is believed that these structures were built circa 1790 and were lived in by James Barbour until the main house was completed. As they are built on the slope of a hill, they appear as one story on the front with two-story columned galleries on the rear.

Barbour's estate has been known for its unusually large and fine boxwood which flourish on the grounds. A portion of the gardens were once surrounded by a serpentine wall similar to those designed by Mr. Jefferson for the University of Virginia.

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

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

In a letter dated March 29, 1817, James Barbour thanked his friend Thomas Jefferson for supplying him with designs for his new house. The designs were returned to Jefferson along with the letter by James Bradley, a carpenter, and Edward Ancel (?), a bricklayer, both of whom Barbour had employed to erect his house. Barbour intended the two workmen to study Monticello while on their errand and acquaint themselves with the character of Jefferson's architectural work.

As designed, Barboursville more nearly resembled Monticello than any other of Jefferson's works. However, the most striking parallel, the octagonal dome, was omitted (as Jefferson said it could be) during construction. Although in ruins, enough of Barboursville's walls remain so that they can be studied and compared with Jefferson's drawings. Had it survived as designed, Barboursville would undoubtedly rank as Jefferson's most important residential work beside Monticello, but even in its present state its significance as a relic of one of America's most distinguished architects is not diminished. Jefferson's drawings for Barboursville which include a plan and elevations of the entrance and garden front are preserved in the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Barboursville's architectural significance has often tended to overshadow the distinguished career of its first occupant. James Barbour (1775-1842), besides being an obvious patron of architecture, was a member of the Virginia Legislature from 1796 to 1812, and was Governor of the Commonwealth from 1812 to 1814. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1815, where he served until 1825, then becoming Secretary of War until 1828. From 1828 to 1829 he represented his country in England as Minister Plenipotentiary. He was chairman of the Whig National Convention which nominated William Henry Harrison in 1839, and for many years served as president of the Orange Humane Society. He is credited with having founded the Literary Fund of Virginia which long supported popular education in Virginia. Barbour lies buried in the family cemetery at Barboursville.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

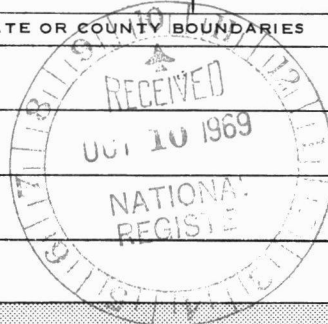
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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: July 31, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Jerry

Title Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date 10-7-69

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. Mumford
 Keeper of the National Register

Date OCT 23 1969

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Bartonsville

VA.
NPS Number
69-1145-0056

RECEIPT

SIGN OFF

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REVIEW

Historian Comments

OK

BL 10/16/69

Architect Comments

OK

Chambers 10/14/69

Chief Architect Chief Archeologist Chief Historian

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Keeper Comments

OK

Edm 10/28/69

ENTRY

Chief, OAHF Comments

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11-12-69

Date of Entry

Registry Clerk	Yes	No	Date
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Title: Barboursville

Loc. Orange Co., Va.

View from the West.

Barboursville

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Barboursville, Orange County, Virginia

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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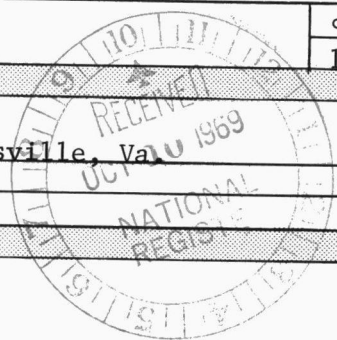
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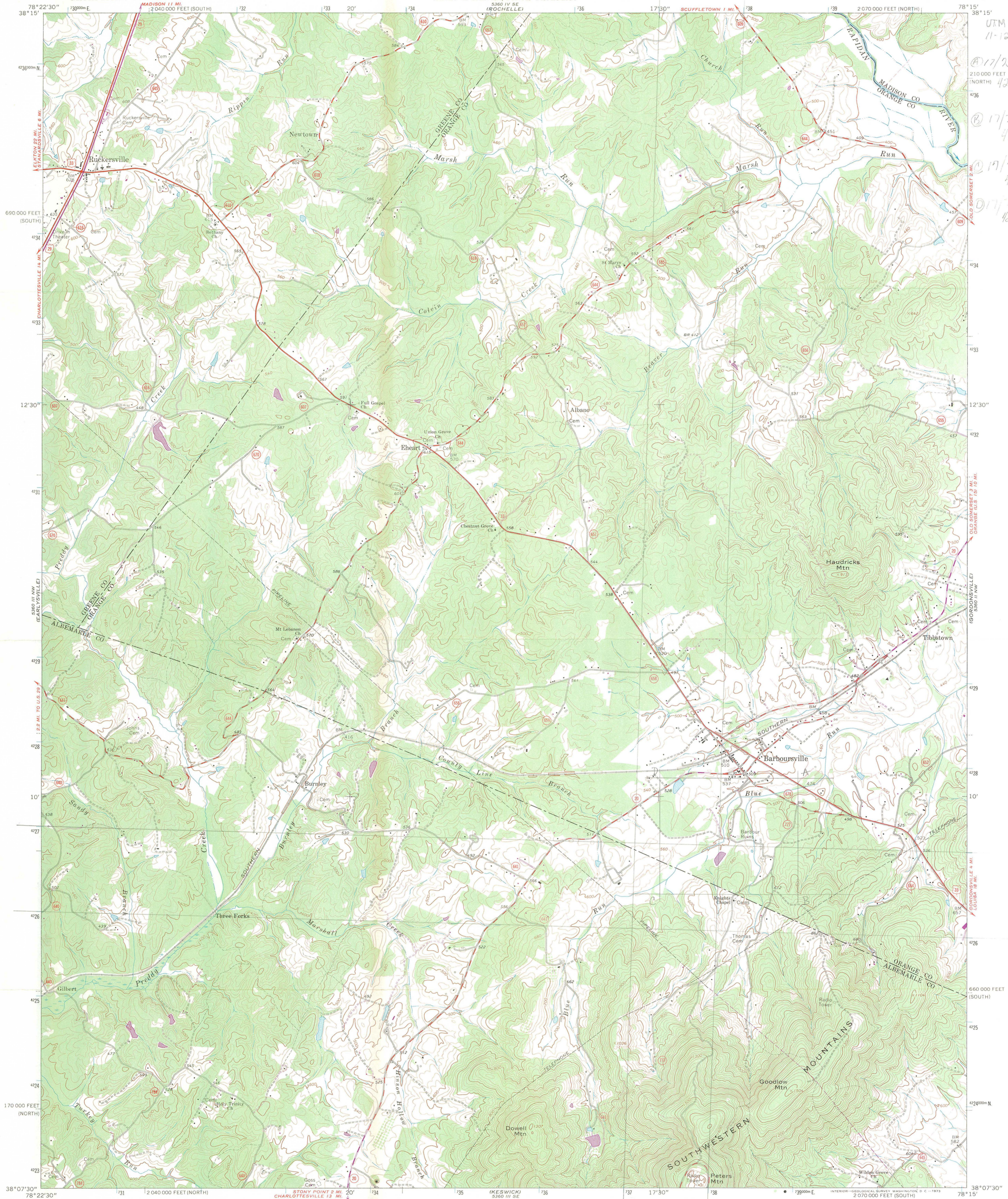
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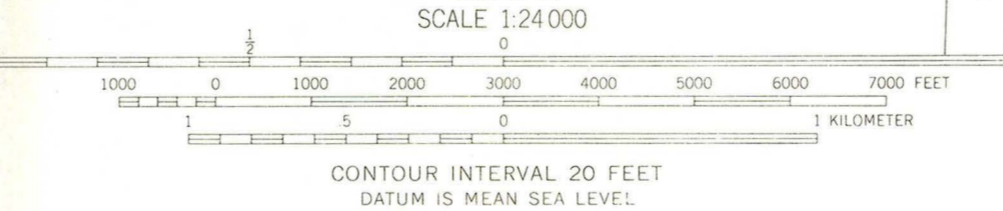
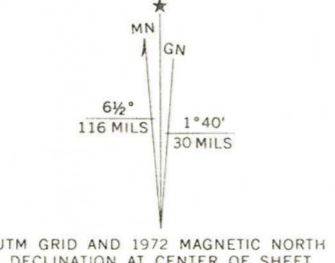
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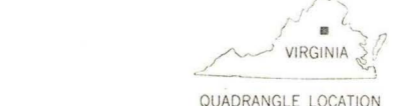
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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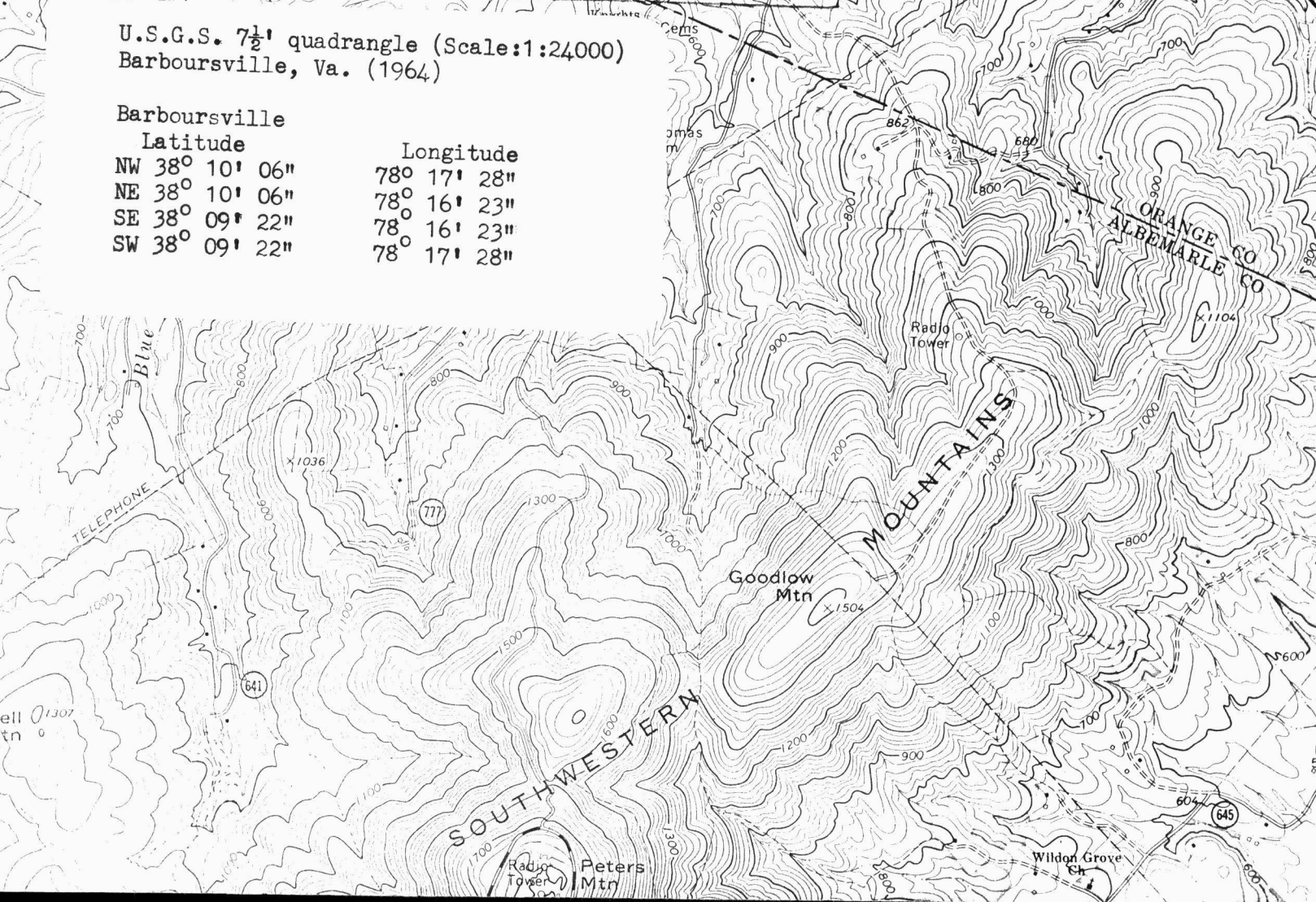
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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale:1:24000)
 Barbourville, Va. (1964)

Barbourville

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
801 19TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H34-HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places
(con't.)

VIRGINIA

Toddsbury (Gloucester County)
Poplar Grove Mill and House (Mathews County)
Lee House (York County)
Bowman's Folly (Accomack County)
Wishart-Boush House (Virginia Beach)
Pear Valley (Northampton)
Hopkins and Brothers Store (Accomack County)
Hampton Institute (in city)
Carter's Grove (James City County)
Eyre Hill (Northampton County)
Little Fork Church (Culpepper County)
Barboursville (Orange County)
Mayhurst (Orange County)
Redlands (Albemarle County)
Bremo (Fluvanna County)
Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church (Rockbridge County)
Millwood Mill (Clarke County)
Virginia School for Deaf and Blind (Staunton)
Madison County Courthouse (Madison County)
Handley Library (Winchester)
Annefield (Clarke County)

NOV 19 1969
Entered in National Register

NOV 17 1969

H34-HR

Hon. Harry Flood Byrd, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the

National Historic Preservation Program in Virginia and have been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places."

Senator William Spong, Jr. and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosures

cc:
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, Room 1106, State Ninth Street Office Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219

Duplicate letters sent to:
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Hon. David Edward Satterfield Hon. Richard H. Poff
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Hon. W.C. (Dan) Daniel

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10/5/69

RGamble:mb

cc: Regional Director, Southeast Region
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