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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Woodburn (Preferred)
AND/OR COMMON
Woodbourne

2 LOCATION

West side of State Route 618; 1.7 mile NNW of the intersection
of State Routes 5 and 618.
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Charles City
STATE
Virginia
VICINITY OF
 First (Paul S. Tribble, Jr.)
COUNTY
Charles City
CODE
51
037
--NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Netick
STREET & NUMBER
508 Newport Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Williamsburg
STATE
Virginia
VICINITY OF
23185

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Charles City County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Charles City
STATE
Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
DATE
1971, 1972, 1973, 1977
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
CITY, TOWN
Richmond
STATE
Virginia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodburn, just northwest of Charles City Court House, is an open tract of land hidden among the wooded scrublands of Charles City County. The house was built ca. 1815 by John Tyler who later served as tenth President of the United States.

The Woodburn plantation house is a striking, three-part frame structure consisting of a tall, two-story, three-bay central section with a gable-end facade and flanking chimneys, and two, low one-story, one-bay wings. The main section is set on a Flemish-bond basement, and the wings are supported on piers. The whole is clad with beaded weatherboards and covered with standing-seam sheet metal with a box cornice at the eaves of each section. Nine-over-nine sash are used on the first-floor windows, and six-over-six sash on the second; louvred blinds survive on all of the windows of the facade. The front entry is decorated with a frontispiece doorway consisting of symmetrically molded pilasters with consoles for caps and with a band of dentils and bead moldings at the cornice. The upper part of the doorway is concealed by a modern porch. Modern full-length porches also shelter the fronts of the wings; these employ chamfered posts from original or early porches of similar design.

The plan of Woodburn is a simple one. A passage with doors in the front and end walls and a stair in the southwest corner runs across the front of the central block, with a single room (with two small service rooms set off from it by mid-nineteenth-century partitions) behind it. There is one room in each wing.

The main parlor is decorated with a deep, sharply molded wooden cornice (used throughout the first floor) broken over the window heads and flush wainscoting with a pedestal cap. The mantel consists of slender, coupled Tuscan colonettes supporting recessed-panel entablature blocks and a dentil cornice and has a central tablet embellished with a large guilloche pattern in the frieze.

In the passage is a pedestal chair rail and flush plaster wainscoting. The open-string, L-plan stair has a molded banister, two rectangular balusters to a tread and a square newel.

The decoration in the west room is like that in the parlor except that the mantel is lacking the dentils and the guilloche. In the east room a pedestal chair rail and plaster wainscoting complement a mantel consisting of recessed-panel pilasters and entablature blocks, a molded shelf and a central tablet with a recessed ellipse.

Two early outbuildings survive. These include a one-story frame office, possibly built ca. 1830, with a gable roof, a late nineteenth-century flue replacing the original chimney and original applied-mold flush wainscot. There is also an original smokehouse which is square with a pyramidal roof and flush shiplap siding applied with wrought nails. Near it stood, until recently, a dairy, like the smokehouse except for the sawn ventilator slats along the eaves on the facade, but this has recently collapsed. The parts are intact, though, and it could be repaired and reërected.

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The 60 acres being nominated are composed of mostly open land with the surrounding tree-covered area partially creating a natural boundary. The setting is an appropriate one for this handsome Palladian dwelling.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodburn was built ca. 1815 by John Tyler, tenth President of the United States.

Architecturally the house is notable as a provincial version of the so-called tripartite "Palladian" dwelling, a house form popular in the South during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. A striking feature of Woodburn is its austere handsome interior woodwork.

John Tyler was born at Greenway, the family farm nearby. By his father's will of 1811, he inherited a plantation called Mons Sacer; however, in 1815 Tyler and his brothers sold Mons Sacer, Greenway, and an additional family property known as the Courthouse tract. The future President then settled at Woodburn, a property composed of 119 acres known as the Royster tract, purchased by him in 1813, and 70 contiguous acres acquired some years before. At Woodburn Tyler erected what he described as a "decent and comfortable dwelling," and it was during his residency there that he served as Congressman from the district.

Although Tyler repurchased and moved to Greenway in 1821, he continued to own Woodburn until 1831 when he sold it to his brother, Wat H. Tyler. Wat Tyler quickly sold the property to Oliver Ladd who in turn conveyed it to John Tyler's father-in-law, Robert W. Christian, a member of a prominent Charles City County family. In 1836 it was bought by Henry L. Jones, John Tyler's son-in-law, and Tyler himself repurchased Woodburn in 1842. He sold it that same year to Lycurgus A. Lamb. The Christians again bought Woodburn in 1846 and kept it until 1913. It presently is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Netick. Mrs. Netick is a descendant of the builder.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Charles City County Deed Books.
 Charles City County Land Books.
 Chitwood, O. P. John Tyler. New York, 1939.
 Tyler, Lyon Gardner. Letters and Times of the Tylers. Richmond, Va., 1884.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

E 18 313040 4136490

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 60 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>18</u>	<u>313500</u>	<u>4136270</u>	B	<u>18</u>	<u>313480</u>	<u>4136040</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<u>18</u>	<u>312770</u>	<u>4135940</u>	D	<u>18</u>	<u>312630</u>	<u>4136370</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The approximately 60 acres comprising the Woodburn property are bounded by a line beginning at a point (A) on the west side of State Route 618 approximately 1.7 miles N of intersection of State Route 618 with State Route 5 at Bowens Store; then extending approximately 800 feet S along western side of State Route 618; then running 1000 feet W; then 200 feet S; then extending a little over 1300 feet W; then running approximately 1300 feet N; then extending 1300 feet E following tree line and crossing intermittent tributary of Gunns Run; then extending 400 feet SSE roughly following tree line and paralleling section of intermittent tributary of Gunns Run; then extending 1100 feet E to point of origin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

April 1977

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3143

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

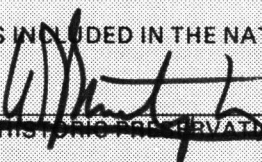


TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE APR 19 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Bill Lebowich
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/12/78

DATE

Dec 5, 1978

Property

Woodburn

78003183

State

Va.

Working Number

8.16.77.1316

TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK- 8.16.77

HISTORIAN

Large amount of acreage. Any other bldgs?
Poor statement of significance.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Call, then Accept

Britt 10/27/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

Other buildings are mentioned.
with acreage questions answered - accept

Bratham
12.15.77

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

though, he is satisfied with boundary

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

and historical significance as home of U.S.
early FTW Palladian houses

Accept
Leborich
12/5/78

preservation plans? owner committed to preservation

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hold for info. Bratham 2.14.78

Send-back _____

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2-6-79 Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74

Property Woodburn

78003183

State Va.

Working Number 8.16.77.1316

TECHNICAL

Photos /
Maps /

CONTROL

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Britt 10/27/77*

ARCHEOLOGIST

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OTHER

*with acreage questions answered - accept
Bratham
12.15.77*

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

I discussed with Dr. Muntz, he is satisfied with boundary

Dr. M - accept tree line

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*of architectural and historical significance as home of U.S.
president + early FINE Palladian houses
are there preservation plans? owner committed to
preservation*

*Accept
Leborich
12/5/78*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-6-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered DEC 12 1978

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NAME OF PROPERTY WOODBURN STATE VIRGINIA

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: _____

8 Statement of Significance: _____

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____
UTM Reference(s): _____
Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____
Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____

Other: ARE THERE PLANS FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF THESE BUILDINGS ?

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to LYNN A. BEEBE
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Date: _____
Chief, Branch of Registration

INT:2105-74



Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

DEC 12 1978

WOODBURN

Charles City County, Virginia

Credit: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
1977

Negative filed: Virginia State Library
Richmond, Virginia

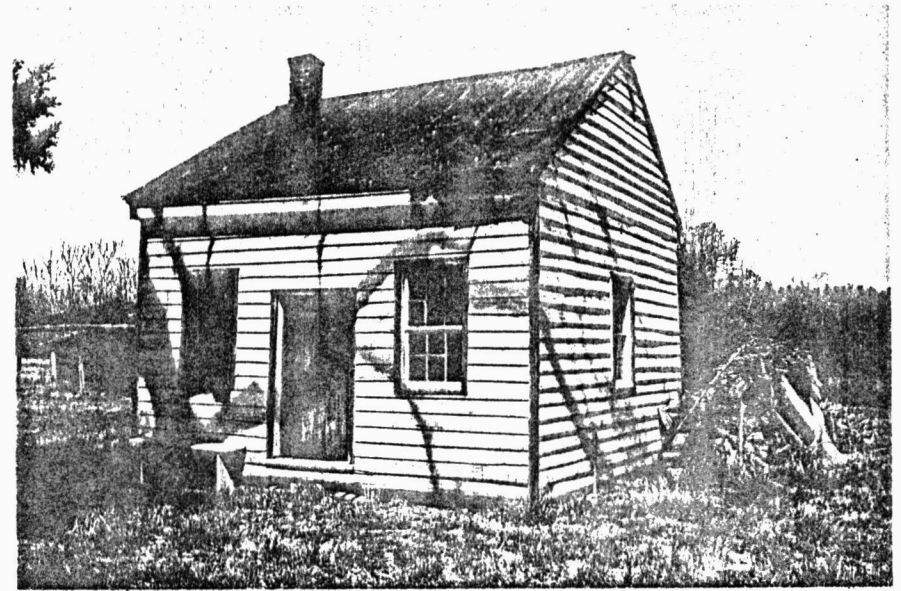
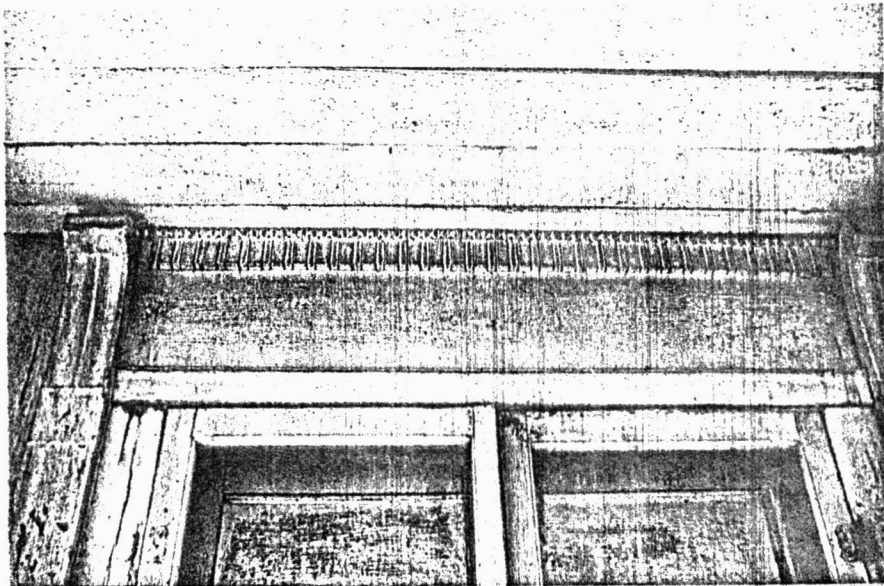
Exterior View from Southwest

1 of 1



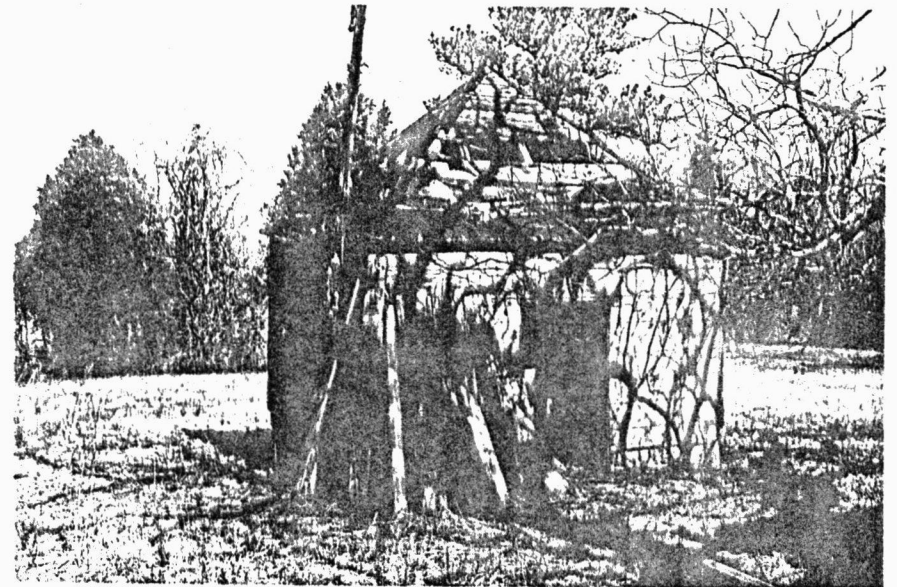
View from Northeast

Decoration above front entry

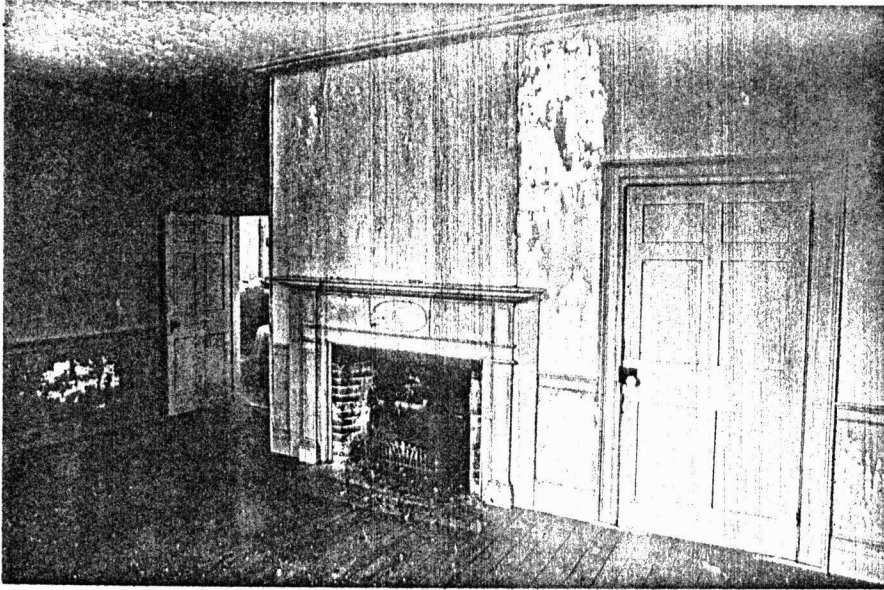


Office

Smokehouse

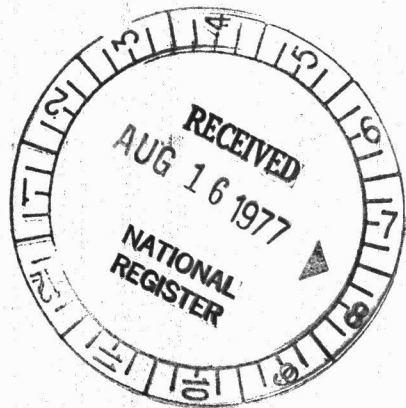
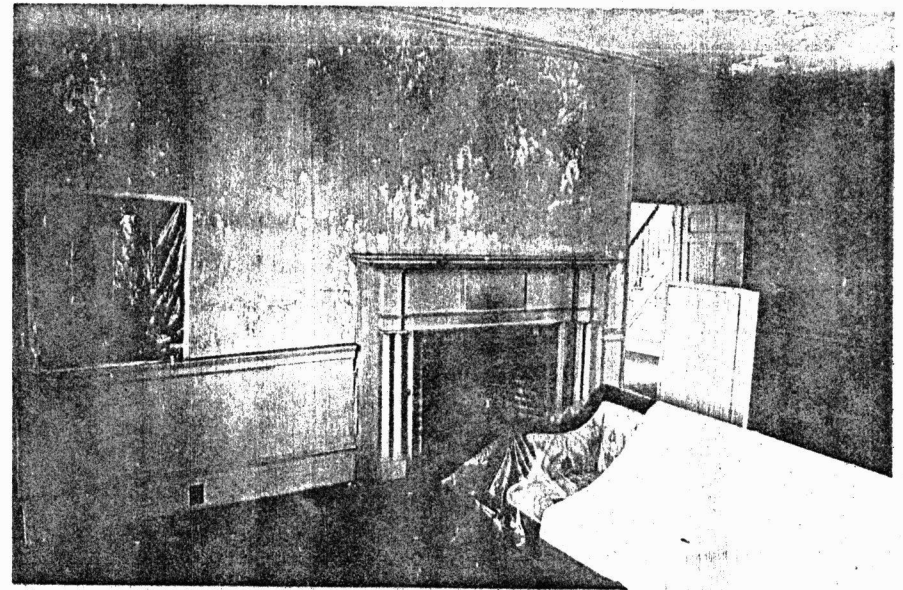


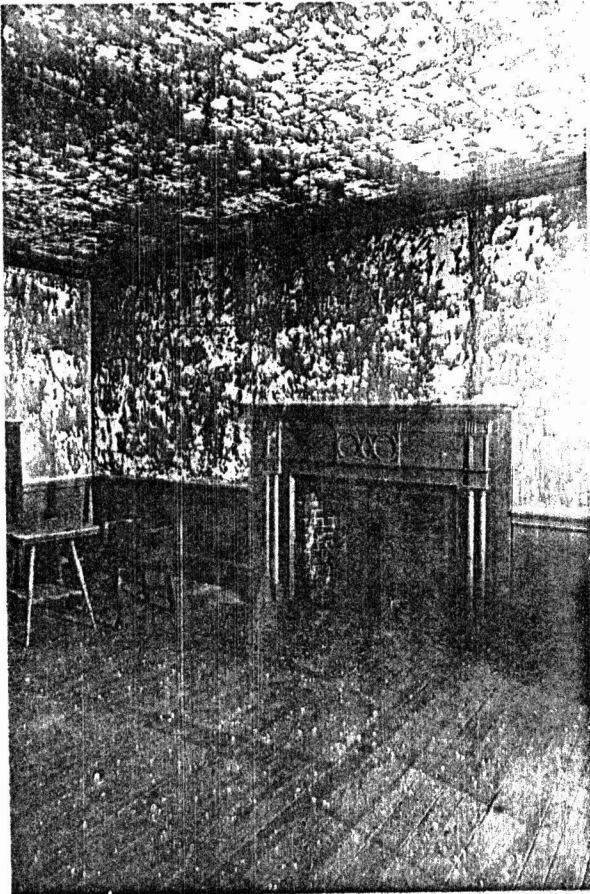
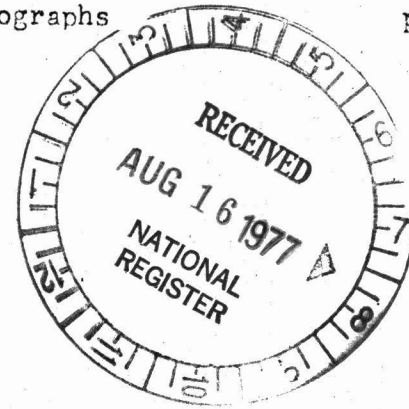




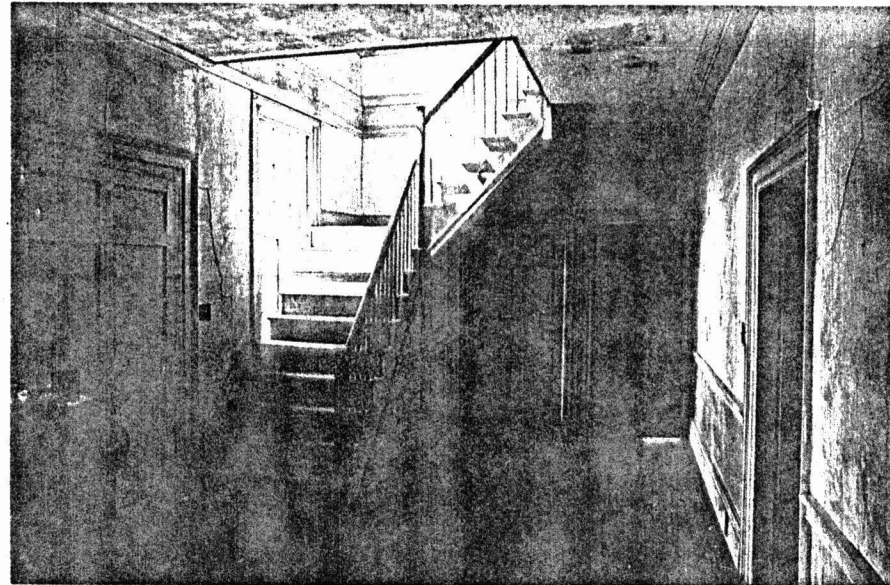
East Room

West Room



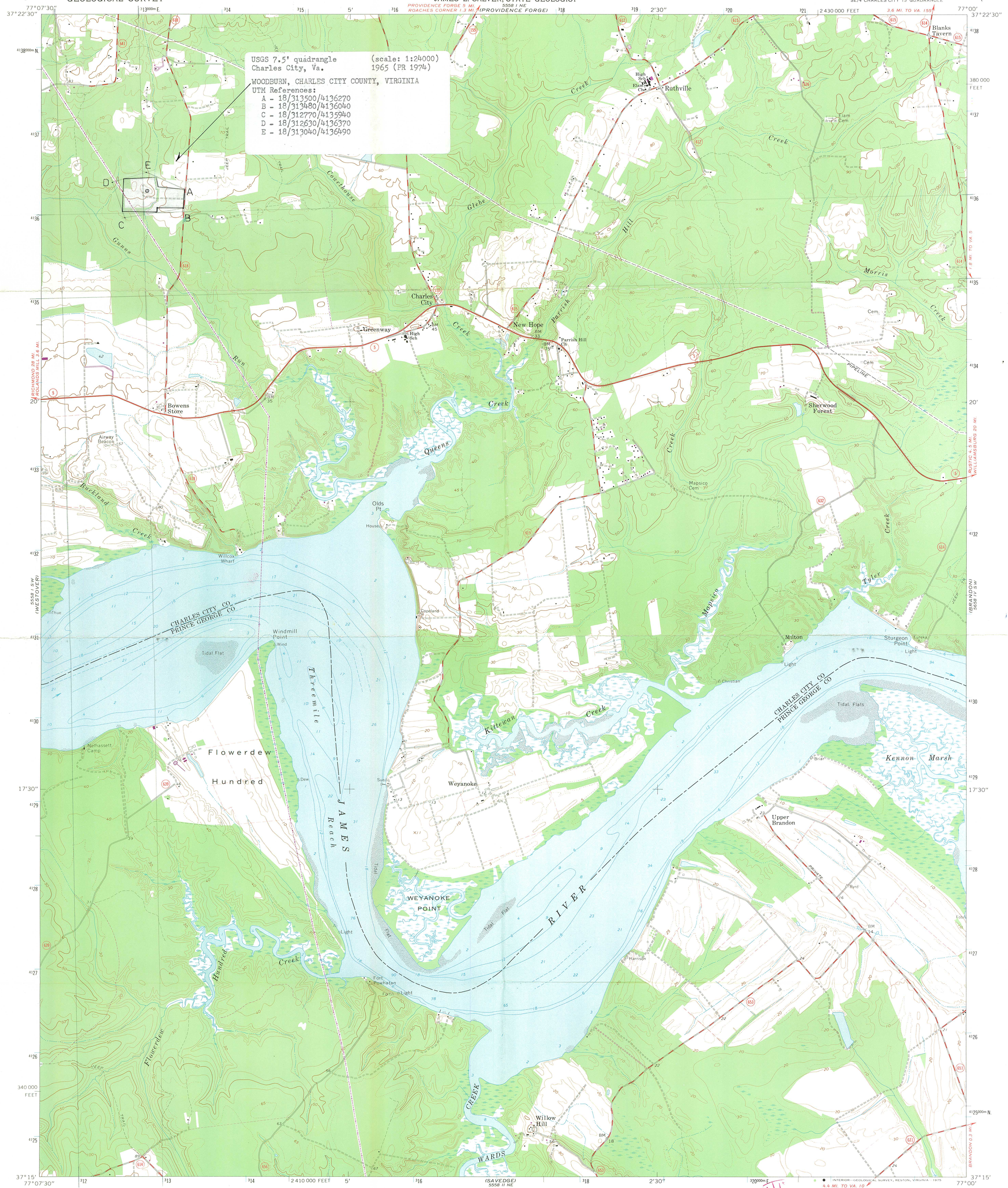


Main Parlor



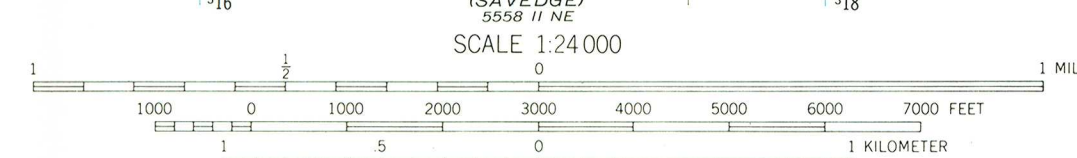
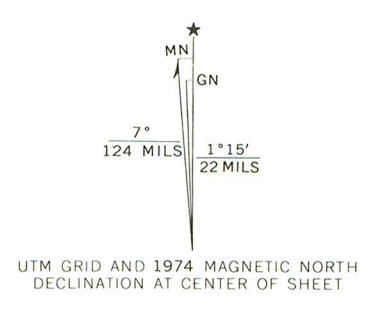
Passage, showing stair in southwest corner

DEC 14 1978



USGS 7.5' quadrangle
Charles City, Va. (scale: 1:24000)
1965 (PR 1974)
WOODBURN, CHARLES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA
UTM References:
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B - 18/313480/4136040
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photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965
Supersedes USC&GS map dated 1953
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS
Chart 530 (1964). This information is not intended for
navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system,
south zone
1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18 shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
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 7.2 FEET
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
— Heavy duty
— Light duty
— Unimproved dirt
○ State Route

CHARLES CITY, VA.
SE/4 CHARLES CITY 15 QUADRANGLE
N3715—W7700/7.5
1965
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5558 1 SE—SERIES V834

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation
with Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial
photographs taken 1974. This information not
field checked

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Woodburn

TO/FROM: Calder Holt

DATE: 12/5/78

ADDRESS: Va. SHPO

PHONE:

STAFF MEMBER: L. Beebe

DIVISION: NR

REPORT:

Asked if bldg. is still vacant - it is.

Also asked if there were plans for its preservation. Calder said he'd had a grant application for Woodburn, but that it's not been awarded a grant at this time. He said the owner is committed to preserving the bldg.; if she cannot find the means to do it herself she will sell it to someone who has the capacity to preserve it. He said there was no question in his mind about
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that commitment. He asked that
we not return the nomination
on ^{the basis of} that issue.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VIRGINIA

Date Entered DEC 12 1978

Name

Location

Bellwood

Chesterfield County

Woodburn

Charles City vicinity
Charles City County

Also Notified

Honorable William L. Scott
Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
Honorable David E. Satterfield, III
Honorable Paul S. Tribble, Jr.
Mr. Francis B. Roche, DOD

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Tucker H. Hill
Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Woodburn
 ② OTHER NAMES: Woodbourne
 ③ date of entry: DEC 12 1978
 ④ county code: 037

⑤ LOCATION street & number: see reverse side
 city / town: Charles City
 vicinity of: Charles City
 state: VA
 county: Charles City
 ⑥ NPS REGION: Southeast

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:
 ⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL
 ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 1st
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE: 60
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION
 deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 ⑰ features:
 INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS YES -Restricted YES -Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO
 ⑳ SAVED? YES
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE :
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 TRANSPORTATION-25
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉔ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):
 ㉘ architect:
 ㉙ master builder:
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉜ interior decorator:
 ㉝ artist:
 ㉞ artisan:
 ㉟ builder / contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

5. (location): ~~W side of SR 618~~

1.7 mi. NNW of jct. of SRs 5 and 618