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Form 10-300  
 (July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Charlotte	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Mulberry Hill**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**East side of Rt. 641, 1 mile North of intersection with Rt. 607.**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Randolph vicinity (W. C. Daniel, Fifth District Congressman)**

STATE <b>Virginia</b>	CODE <b>51</b>	COUNTY: <b>Charlotte</b>	CODE <b>037</b>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Mr. F. X. Barksdale** *(children of F. X. Barksdale are owners (see attached))*

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Mulberry Hill**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Randolph**

STATE:  
**Virginia**

CODE:  
**51**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Charlotte County Court House**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Charlotte Court House**

STATE:  
**Virginia**

CODE:  
**51**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1958**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE:  
**D. C.**

CODE:  
**11**

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 COUNTY: CHARLOTTE  
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mulberry Hill dwelling house is an interesting blending of two distinct periods of construction. The eighteenth century portion of the building is treated as a slightly projecting, gable-end front center pavilion. The second story of this section has two bays with a center door, while the first floor has a three-part Greek Revival style door with no flanking windows. There is a single window in the gable. Flanking this center section are single-bay two-story wings added in the mid-nineteenth century. The wings have exterior-end brick chimneys, while the earlier portion has an interior-end chimney. Portions of an original modillion cornice survive on the rear portion of the center section, while the fronts of the wings are treated with Doric cornices with mutules. The front door in the center section is sheltered by a mid-nineteenth century porch with a full Doric entablature supported on octagonal Doric columns. On the rear of the center section is an additional two-story wing, probably erected at the same time as the side wings. On the rear of that wing is a two-story brick pent.

The center section's (or original portion's) interior is divided into a stair hall and parlor. Much original woodwork remains in this section including paneled wainscoting, raised panel doors, and a handsome Georgian-style stair with vase-and-column balusters (three to a step), molded handrail, and scrolled end brackets. The woodwork in the later additions is typical Greek Revival type.

A chief distinction of Mulberry Hill is its unusually complete complex of early outbuildings. The principal outbuilding is the small frame structure that served as Judge Paul Carrington's office. Also included in the complex is a brick kitchen located immediately behind the residence, a picturesque frame spinning house, a dairy, a smokehouse, a privy, and servants' quarters. These outbuildings are in various stages of preservation. The formal garden and Judge Carrington's grave site are other notable features of the grounds.

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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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Constitution/Law</u>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mulberry Hill was the home plantation of Paul Carrington, distinguished jurist and leader of the Independence movement in Virginia. Judge Carrington was born in 1733 in Cumberland County, the son of a wealthy and influential planter. He studied law at Bushy Forest (now Charlotte County) with Clement Read, Clerk of the Court and greatest landowner of the region. Carrington married Read's daughter, Margaret, and removed to Mulberry Hill.

During the 1760s and 1770s, Paul Carrington served as King's Attorney, County Lieutenant, presiding justice of the Charlotte County Court, and Burgess. He was an active member of the Revolutionary Associations and Committees--including the Committees of Safety. Elected as a delegate from Charlotte to the several Revolutionary Conventions, he was a member of the committee that framed the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Constitution of 1776.

Carrington had a long and distinguished judicial career under the Commonwealth: serving first (1779-89) on the General Court, and then moving to the newly-created Court of Appeals (1789-1807). Judge Carrington lived in retirement at Mulberry Hill, and is buried there, to the rear of the house complex. In addition to his political and judicial services, Paul Carrington helped to found Hampden-Sydney College and was a member of the first and original board of trustees of that institution. His brother-in-law, Thomas Read of Ingleside was also a member of that board, as well as being Clerk of the County Court for half-a-century.

Mulberry Hill descended to Paul Carrington's son Robert, but in a reduced form. Robert inherited somewhat less than half of the original 4,000 acres of land, including the residence. The remainder of the property was divided among Robert's brothers: Judge Paul Carrington the younger, Colonel Clement Carrington, and the Honorable Henry Carrington--each of whom had a distinguished career of his own. In 1830, Robert conveyed Mulberry Hill to his brother, Clement, whose descendents have held the property to the present.

H. P. P.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anon., "Paul Carrington," in Dictionary of American Biography, III:522.  
Circa. 1860 Map of Mulberry Hill Plantation at Virginia State Library.  
 R. F. Hutcheson, Bushy Forest and Other Charlotte County Homes. . ., n.p., 1933(?).  
 John W. Eggleston, "Judge Paul Carrington, and Address Delivered. . .on June 26, 1954," mimeographed, n.p., n.d.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	36 ° 54 ' 36 "	78 ° 42 ' 02 "			
NE	36 ° 54 ' 36 "	78 ° 41 ' 35 "			
SE	36 ° 54 ' 22 "	78 ° 41 ' 35 "			
SW	36 ° 54 ' 22 "	78 ° 42 ' 02 "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 40 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff**

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **September, 1972**

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

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**J. R. Fishburne, Director**

Title **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#9 Major Bibliographical References

Hugh Blair Grigsby, The Virginia Convention of 1776, Richmond 1855.

J. B. Henneman, "Trustees of Hampden-Sydney College. . .from 1775 to the Present," in Virginia Magazine of History and Biography (1898-99): 174-84, 288-96.

U.S.G.S. 15' quadrangle (scale:1:62500)  
Clover, Va. 1954

UNITED STATES  
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MULBERRY HILL

latitude	longitude
NW36°54'36"	78°42'02"
NE36°54'36"	78°41'35"
SE36°54'22"	78°41'35"
SW36°54'22"	78°42'02"

