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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: Henrico	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Woodside

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
W side of Gaskins Road, 1.1 mi. SW of intersection with River Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Tuckahoe vicinity (Third District Congressman David E. Satterfield, III)

STATE: Virginia COUNTY: Henrico CODE: 087

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Littleton N. Wickham

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Gaskins Road

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Henrico County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Richmond

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
National American Buildings Survey, Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE: D.C. 11

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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

I. General Statement:

A. Architectural character: Woodside is a well-preserved example of a rural villa in the Greek-Revival style.

B. Condition of Fabric: Good.

II. Description of the Exterior:

A. Overall dimensions: The house has a three-bay, two-story southeastern section with an English basement and a one and a half story 'T' wing--two bays long and three bays wide--with an English basement.

B. Foundations: Brick covered with stucco.

C. Wall construction: The brick walls are covered with scored stucco colored with red and brown stripes to resemble sandstone.

D. Porches: A three-bay shed porch shelters the southeast facade and is supported by four pairs of Tuscan piers. A single-bay porch with Tuscan piers and pilasters shelters the door at the rear of the wing.

E. Chimneys: Two interior chimneys with brick stacks on the northwestern wall of the main block serve the rooms in the main block and two of those in the wing. Two interior chimneys in the northwestern end wall of the wing serve the remaining wing rooms.

F. Openings:

1. Doorways and doors: Both the front and the wing doorway have architrave trim and sidelights. Double doors, each with three panels, open into the hall.

2. Windows: Wooden double-hung windows have architrave trim and six-over-six sash. The windows opening onto the southeastern porch have six-over-nine sash and extend to the floor. The remaining windows on the main block have a cornice.

G. Roof: The main block has a gable roof with pedimented ends; the wing has a gable roof. Both are covered with tin.

III. Description of the Interior:

A. Floor plan: A spacious central hall runs from the end of the wing to the southeastern doorway. In the main block, a large room opens off either side of the hall, and in the wing two rooms open on each side.

B. Stairway: A single-run stair with simple round balusters ascends from the basement at the point of juncture of the wing and main block. The main stair with turned balusters and a vertically panelled spandrel rises to the second floor in the hall.

C. Wall and ceiling finish: Painted plaster.

D. Doorways and doors: Six-panelled grained doors have doorways with wide architrave trim.

E. Trim: The rooms in the main block have a small plaster cove with moldings on either side. The first floor south room plaster cornice has been replaced by a similar wood one.

F. Heating: There are fireplaces in every room. The original mantel in the northeastern room is black marble with a simple shelf, plain spandrels and a keystone. A similar white marble mantel in the southeastern room recently replaced the original wood mantel. Simple wood mantels frame the remaining fireplaces.

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7. IV. Site:

A. General setting; Woodside is set in a clearing and is approached from the southeast by a dirt lane running through a forested area. A large lawn extends from the house southeast to the woods and contains several oaks and magnolias.

B. Outbuildings; A small frame house with a central chimney, gable roof and weathered clapboards stands southwest of the main house near the edge of the clearing. Two sheds are set south of this building in the edge of the woods.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodside is a particularly well preserved example of a Greek-Revival villa and has a distinguished and unusual feature in the scored stucco colored to simulate sandstone. A rural dwelling but not a farm house, Woodside exhibits a sophisticated character and plan attributable to its being formally designed for the Wickhams. The house and land have been associated with the prominent Richmond Wickham family throughout its long history. Its secluded setting, screened from a rapidly developing area, gives the house an added charm and appeal.

John Wickham bought the Woodside tract then called ~~Little~~ ^{Middle} Quarter, of about 640 acres on the James River, from Thomas Mann Randolph of Tuckahoe around the turn of the nineteenth century. He subsequently acquired about 1800 more acres to the east and west. John Wickham was born on Long Island in 1763, entered the British army in 1782, and was stationed in Portsmouth, Virginia. Wickham later studied at Arras, France and in Williamsburg. In Richmond, he received reknown as one of the defenders of Aaron Burr in his treason case and as the builder of what is now known as the Wickham-Valentine House.

Woodside house was built for John Wickham's son, Littleton Waller Tazewall Wickham in 1858. Tradition in the Wickham family states that the house was designed by an architect who is said to have designed four other buildings in Virginia--one at Newport News, one near Bowling Green, and two at Quantico. Although the architect's name has been lost, the simple but sophisticated exterior and the well-thought floor plan argue that an architect was indeed responsible for the house. The family tradition also asserts that the cost of construction was \$5,000.

During the War Between the States, Woodside was briefly visited by Dahlgren's cavalry, but was not harmed. Since that time the house and land, reduced to around 50 acres, has remained in the Wickham family, and is now owned by Littleton Waller Tazewell's grandson, L.M. Wickham. The house and its setting have been permanently protected by an open-space easement.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission files.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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
NW	37° 34' 38"	77° 37' 28"				
NE	37° 34' 38"	77° 37' 02"				
SE	37° 34' 16"	77° 37' 02"				
SW	37° 34' 16"	77° 37' 28"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 53 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Virginia	51	Coochland	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: December, 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
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Title Landmarks Commission

Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)
 Bon Air, Va. 1964

WOODSIDE
 latitude longitude
 NW37°34'38" 77°37'28"
 NE37°34'38" 77°37'02"
 SE37°34'16" 77°37'02"
 SW37°34'16" 77°37'28"

