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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE	Virginia
COUNTY	Henrico
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Meadow Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Mountain and Courtney Roads

CITY OF TOWN:  
Glen Allen

STATE:  
Virginia

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Third (David E. Satterfield, III)

COUNTY:  
Henrico

CODE: 51

CODE: 087

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

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"/> Cemetery
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input 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:  
Mrs. Sheppard Crump County of Henrico

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Meadow Farm (Mountain and Courtney Roads) P.O. Box 27032

CITY OR TOWN:  
Glen Allen Richmond

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Richmond

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

DEPOSITOR FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Richmond

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
51

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COUNTY: Henrico

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

Meadow Farm's Dwelling house is a typical late-eighteenth-century residence for a small Virginia plantation. The story-and-a-half frame structure features the characteristic gable roof, gable dormers, exterior-end brick chimneys, and single-pile plan. Although five-bay, the facade has evenly-spaced bays with a center doorway. The roof has only four dormers; the dormer over the window to the left of the doorway is missing. The present front porch has paired square columns and is in a simple country Greek Revival style. It appears to date from the 1840's and may replace an earlier porch.

Most of the house's early exterior fabric is intact and includes box cornices, beaded weatherboarding, louvered blinds, nine-over-nine sash on the first floor windows, and six-over-six in the dormers. The windows feature full architrave trim which is unusual for an otherwise simple exterior. The standing-seam sheet metal roof probably replaced an early wood shingle roof.

Later additions on Meadow Farm include a shed wing in the east end and a large two-story wing on the rear. This rear addition has a flat roof and bracketed cornice, and is built in such a way as to not be visible from the front. The wing, in turn, has a two-story shed addition on its east side.

Meadow Farm's interior is little altered and retains most of its early trim. The stair is in two flights with an open well and has a molded hand-rail and thin square balusters. The principal rooms on either side of the stair hall have simple Federal mantels, chair rails, and baseboards. The doors are of the "cross-and-Bible" pattern with raised panels and architrave surrounds. Most of the original flooring is intact. Throughout the interior is a most interesting accumulation of nineteenth-century furniture and decorations that well illustrates the tastes of rural Virginia society over a hundred-and-fifty year span.

The house is in a generally good state of preservation but is in need of repair. It is set in a handsome old-fashioned yard with boxwood, shade trees, and flowery shrubbery, and is approached by a long lane through woods and fields.

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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>Black history</u>                     |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in the late-eighteenth century, Meadow Farm was the home of the Sheppard family throughout the nineteenth century. On August 30, 1800, Mosby Sheppard, owner of the property at the time, was warned by two of his servants that slaves on the neighboring farm of Thomas Prosser were planning an insurrection. This was the first word the planters in the area had of a plot instigated by the slave, Gabriel, who planned to lead a rebellion that would lead to the capture of Richmond. Sheppard immediately notified Governor James Monroe who took precautions to halt the rebellion before it could begin. News of the plot, however, led to widespread alarm and fear throughout the Commonwealth and the rest of the South. By September thirteenth, ten slaves had been executed, a number that would be increased to forty-one by the end of the investigation. The two slaves who had warned Sheppard of the plan, Pharioh and Tom, were purchased by the Commonwealth of Virginia and given their freedom.

Mosby Sheppard later served in the Virginia militia during the War of 1812. He also insured his property with the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, leaving a description of the house that shows that the main section was in existence before 1812. Meadow Farm later passed into the possession of Doctor John Mosby Sheppard, son of the earlier Mosby. Doctor Sheppard, who was born in the house, married Virginia Anne Young of White Chimneys, Caroline County. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Sheppard, married Edmund Parke Crump and later lived in the house. Their son, General Sheppard Crump, one time Brigadier General and Adjutant General of Virginia, inherited the farm and made it his home until his death. Meadow Farm is now owned by his widow and family, so the property has remained in the hands of the same family for almost two hundred years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carroll, Joseph Cephas, Slave Insurrections in the U.S. 1800-1865, Boston, 1938.

Farrar, Emmie Ferguson, Old Virginia Homes Along the James, New York, 1957.

Higginson, Thomas W., "Garbiel's Defeat", Atlantic Monthly, X, pp. 337-345 (1862).

Virginia Recorder, April 2, 1803.

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 ° 40 ' 49 "	77 ° 31 ' 24 "		°	'	"
NE	37 ° 40 ' 49 "	77 ° 30 ' 39 "		°	'	"
SE	37 ° 40 ' 10 "	77 ° 30 ' 39 "		°	'	"
SW	37 ° 40 ' 10 "	77 ° 31 ' 24 "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 175 acres

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:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

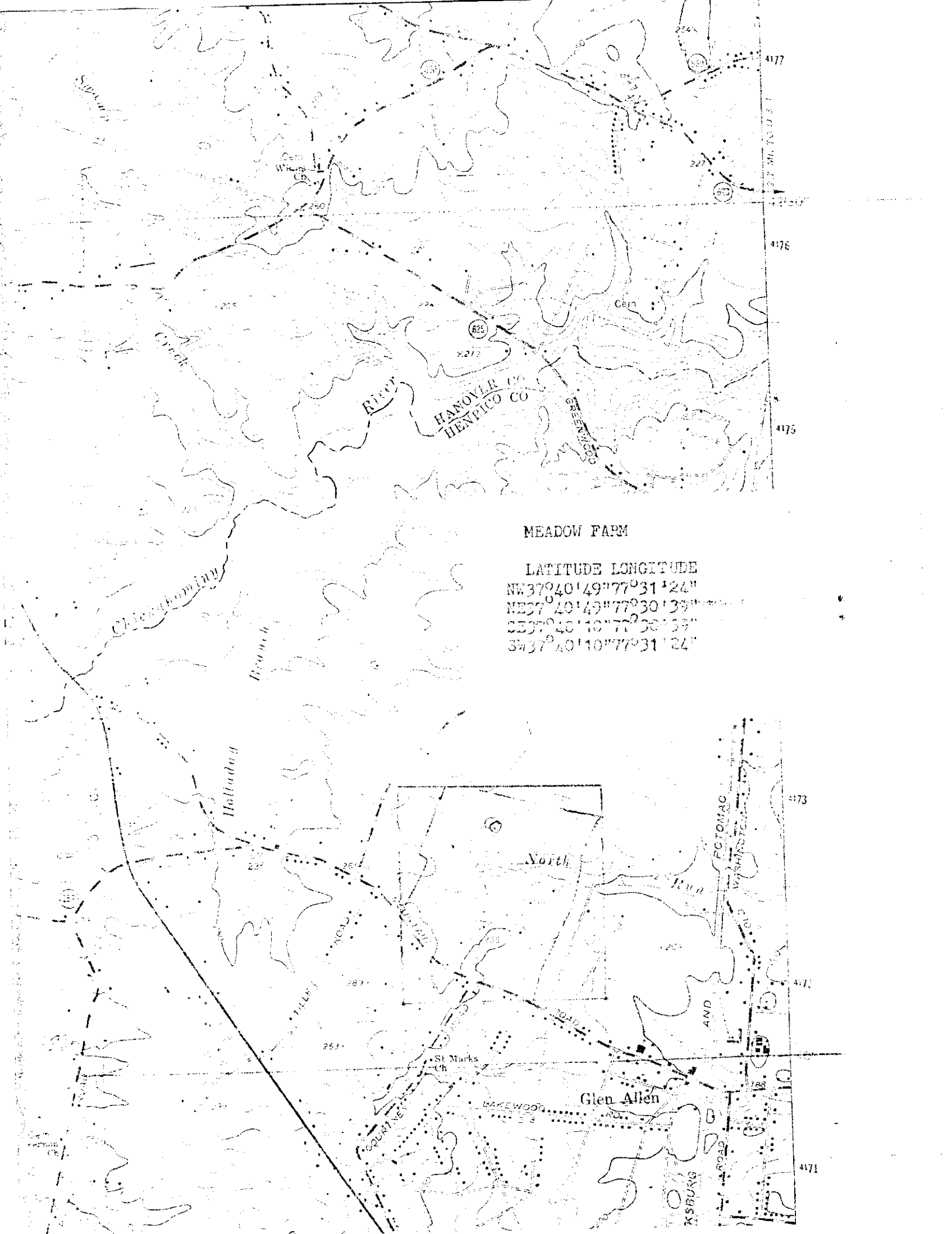
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEADOW FARM

LATITUDE LONGITUDE  
NW 37° 40' 49" 77° 31' 24"  
NE 37° 40' 49" 77° 30' 39"  
SE 37° 40' 48" 77° 30' 39"  
SW 37° 40' 48" 77° 31' 24"

