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COUNTY: RICHMOND (in cit.)	
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
HENRY COALTER CABELL HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:
HENRY COALTER CABELL HOUSE

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
116 South Third Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond - David Satterfield, III, Congressman, Third District

STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51	COUNTY: (in cit.)	CODE: 760
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Administrative</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Virginia Education Association

STREET AND NUMBER:
116 South Third Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Richmond City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Tenth and Broad Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

HENRY COALTER CABELL HOUSE- Architectural Description

Though originally an ell-shaped Greek Revival house, the Henry Coalter house has been added to in subsequent years until it now presents a mixture of Greek and later nineteenth century revival styles.

From the front, the house is composed of a large central section with two-story portico, flanked by two smaller wings. The portico is the most remarkable feature of the house for it is supported by four columns with "Egyptian" lotus flower capitals, which bear a strong resemblance to one pictured in Plate 11 of Minard Lafever's 1835 edition of The Beauties of Modern Architecture. There is no pediment on the portico.

Just below the second floor windows of this central portion is a balcony with an elaborate floral-patterned iron railing, thought to have been added about 1880. The double entrance door in the bottom left-hand corner of the facade contains early etched glass panels and iron gates. The five, large, one-over-one double hung windows have flat stone lintels, now painted light grey to match the rest of the house, and black stone sills.

There are two window units in each of the two-story wings to either side of the central section of the facade. The original first floor windows were replaced later in the nineteenth century by triple bays, decorated with pilasters and a dentil moulding. The second floor windows are double-arched units, crowned by two scroll-like ornaments ending in a central bonnet with a rosette. This design is less elaborate, but similar in feeling to that found in Minard Lafever's Plate 1 of The Beauties of Modern Architecture (1835 edition).

The whole entrance facade is brick veneer with thin joints and is crowned by a dentiled cornice. The metal roof is not visible.

There are twenty windows on the southwest facade of the Cabell house, all are double-hung one-over-one, and all but four have shutters. Eight windows are part of the original house while the other twelve belong to the later 1948 addition. The first floor windows are larger than the basement and second story windows, which are the same size. All but two of the original windows have flat stone lintels and sills with white frames while the wing windows have brick sills, no lintels, and white frames.

In the back of the building (the northwest facade), a remnant of the original kitchen wing is visible to the left of the later addition. Two windows have been bricked up in the older portion, while a door and one small window above it still exist.

The back of the new wing has two "picture" windows on the first and second floor levels, a large central door of "modern" design with iron work around it, and other various-sized windows, one with shutters. All are framed in white with brick sills and are double-hung one-over-one. The brickwork is five course American bond, and the cornice is continued.

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The northeast facade now overlooks a parking lot. The wing of the main body of the house is joined by a small brick section to what was originally the kitchen. The two windows in the wing still retain their flat stone lintels and sills. While two windows in the kitchen wing have been bricked up, the other windows appear to have undergone changes since some are double hung six-over-six, as opposed to being one-over-one like their earlier counterparts. The connecting addition has two windows and a cornice that is diminished in comparison to those of the sections on either side of it. The wing of the main house is brick veneer with fine joints, while the five course American bond of the small, central section forms a transition to the more irregular nine, ten, and eleven course American bonding in the kitchen wing.

Nothing remains of the original interior of the Coalter Cabell house. When the wing was added in 1948, the inside of the house was totally removed and replaced with new partitions, conveniences, and furnishings. According to Miss Mary Wingfield Scott, a noted authority on Richmond architecture, the original interior trim lacked the refinement of that in houses built in Richmond in this period. She says that a need for economy on the part of the owner may have caused the work to be carried out by a less-skilled contractor.

3. 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) 1847 - date of construction

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

HENRY COALTER CABELL HOUSE- Significance

Though the house at 116 South Third bears the name of Henry Coalter Cabell, it was actually built by William O. George in 1847 and rented by Mr. Cabell for three decades during the 1850's. Following Colonel Cabell's death, the house went to John C. Spotts, a wholesale grocer, who added the present bay windows on the lower floor. After Mr. Spotts, the house was owned by the John S. Elletts. From 1923-1924, it served as the office of the State Department of Education. In 1938, the Universal Life Insurance Co. bought the house and adapted the interior for its offices. This firm was the first to utilize an historic house for its headquarters without disfiguring changes. Shortly afterwards, Universal came under the auspices of the Atlantic Life Insurance Co. which executed an extensive remodeling program in 1947-1948. The interior was completely razed, and a two-story wing was added in the ell between the main house and the kitchen. The Virginia Education Association has owned and occupied the house since 1951. Prior to its Centennial celebration in 1963, the V.E.A. redecorated its offices, and then in 1967-1968, new heating and air conditioning facilities were installed, as well as an elevator.

The most distinguished resident of 116 South Third was Henry Coalter Cabell, son of Governor William H. Cabell, and a Confederate veteran and leading member of the Richmond Bar.

The Cabell House is important among Richmond's architectural landmarks. Its "Egyptian" portico is the only one of its style in the city with the exception of those on the "Egyptian Building" of the Medical College of Virginia. The house is also sole survivor of several blocks of distinguished houses that made Gamble's Hill one of Richmond's most fashionable neighborhoods in the late nineteenth century. The saving of the Cabell house through its adaptation to business use set an important example for preservation in Richmond.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Old Richmond Neighborhoods, Mary Wingfield Scott
 Richmond Homes and Memories, Robert Munford
 Files of Valentine Museum Houses, Richmond: Third Street
 Virginia Education Association brochures.
 Assessors' Records, Richmond City Hall

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37° 32' 24"	77° 26' 38"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10 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:
 Elizabeth Cheek

ORGANIZATION: Va. Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: July 12, 1971

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

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 _____

James W. Moody, Jr., Director

Title Va. Historic Landmarks Commission

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

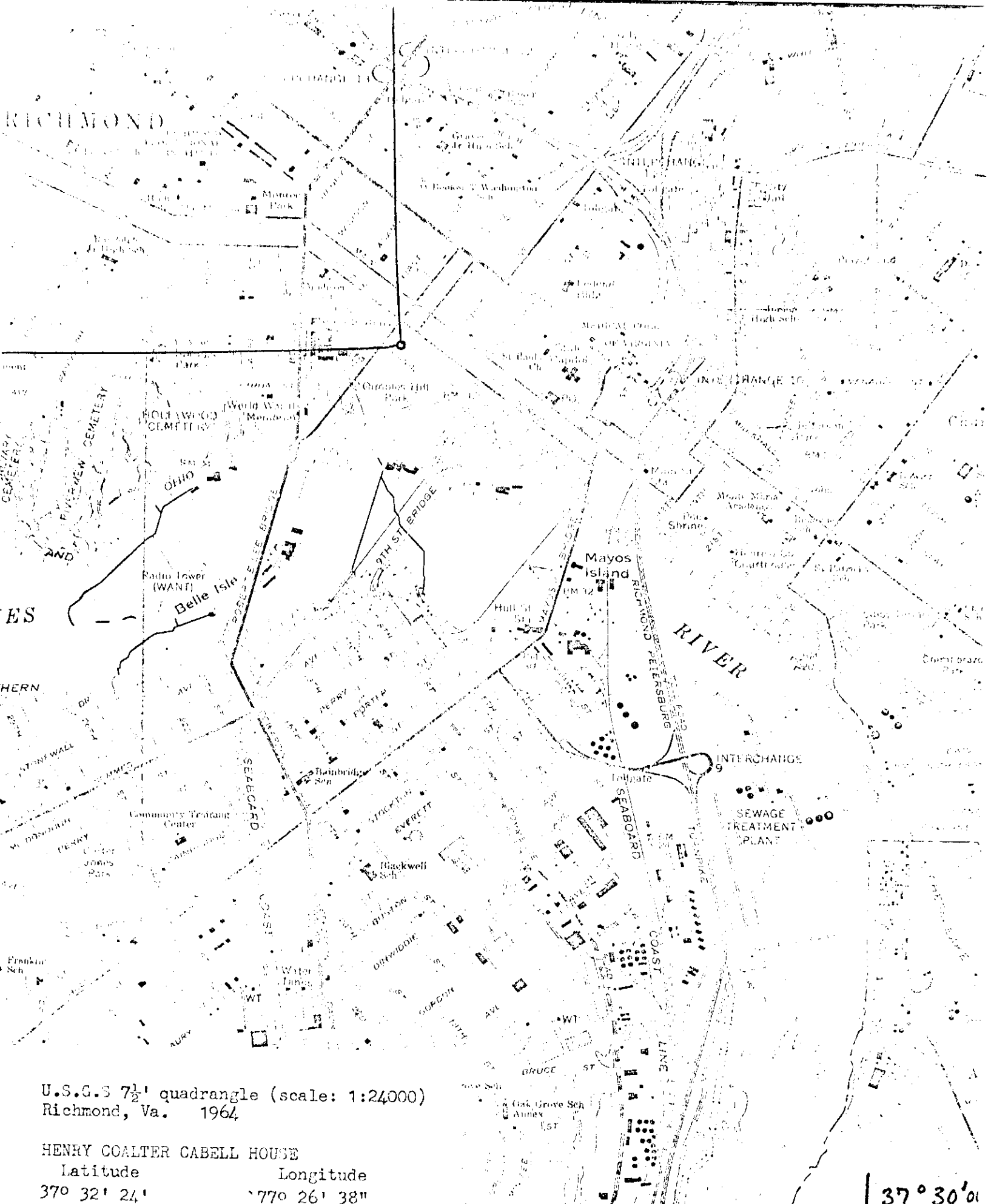
Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S 7½' quadrangle (scale: 1:24000)
 Richmond, Va. 1964

HENRY COALTER CABELL HOUSE
 Latitude Longitude
 37° 32' 24" 77° 26' 38"

EWRY'S BLUFF 785
 5520 IV NW
 SCALE 1:24000

37° 30' 00"
 77° 25' 00"



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