Carter Family Thematic Nomination, Virginia Division of Historic Landmarks Thematic National Register Nomination Inventory Form

Historic Name: A.P. and Sara Carter House

Street Adress/Rt. No.: Rt. 614

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Common Name: A. P. and Sara Carter House

VHLC File Number: 84-14

Owner: Milan and Gladys Carter Millard

Rt. 1, Hiltons, VA 24258

Date(s): Early 20th Century Original Use: Dwelling Present Use: Dwelling Condition: Very Good

Style: Vernacular

Architect/Builder: remodeled by A. P. Style: Vernacular Carter

Altered <u>x</u>; unaltered Physical Description:

The A. P. and Sara Carter House is a one-and-one-half story, wood-frame bungalow whose present form reflects the 1928 alterations made by A. P. Carter. According to his daughter, Gladys, the present owner, the house contained only four rooms, two rooms wide and two rooms deep, when her parents acquired the property. A carpenter by trade, A. P. Carter remodeled the original three-bay block by creating bedrooms on the second floor, lit by a new front dormer, and by remodeling the front porch. Carter added a dining room addition which still stands off the east end. Few major changes were made to the plan besides the removal of the partition between the two front rooms. The resulting dwelling clearly reflects the vernacular domestic forms of rural Scott County in the early twentieth century.

Since 1960, Gladys and Milan Millard have made several additions, including a garage/den addition off the west end, balancing the east wing added by A. P. Carter. The Millards also created a basement, added a bathroom, enlarged the back bedroom, and covered the house with aluminum siding.

Several outbuildings were associated with the house, including a barn, crib, and shed. A. P. Carter built another barn east of the house in 1930 and constructed a sawmill along Blue Spring Branch south of the house, but neither of these buildings remain.

Statement of Significance:

This house is significant as the home of A. P. and Sara Carter, two of the original members of the Carter family. The Carters moved here in 1927, at the beginning of their recording career, and A. P. remained here until his death in 1960. A. P. remodeled and enlarged the small, four-room dwelling around 1928 to accommodate his five-member family, including children Gladys, Janette, and Joe. He build a sawmill along Blue Spring Branch for his carpentry "hobby" and operated it between the late 1920s and 1940s. After the Carter Family disbanded in 1943 and A. P.'s wife Sara remarried and moved to California, A. P. built and ran the small country store just west of this house. He continued to remain interested in the music business, however, and in 1952 recorded several records with Sara, Joe, and Janette, although these did not gain the popularity of the original Carter Family albums. Since his death, his daughter Gladys and her husband, Milan Millard, have continued to reside at the "homeplace."

In addition to its primary significance in its connection to the Carter family, the house also serves as a representative example of early twentieth century vernacular architecture in rural Virginia.

Geographic Data/Acreage: Approx. 1 Acre

Verbal Boundary Description: Beginning at a point on the S side of Southern RR tracks approx. 550' E-NE of intersection of VA 691 with VA 614; thence extending approx. 200'(continued) Boundary Justification: The boundaries have been drawn to include the house and the

immediate house yard. UTM: 17/373950/4058840

Prepared By: Ann McCleary, Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: February, 1985

Verbal Boundary Description continued:

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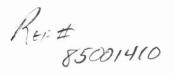
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