

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 1201 Jefferson Street  
Map and Parcel: 54-212  
Census Tract & Block: 3-211  
Present Owner: Eugene Beagle  
Address: 309 Twelfth Street  
Present Use: Nursing Home  
Original Owner: John A. G. Davis  
Original Use: Residence

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Lewis "The Farm" (C.M.A.A.)  
Date/Period: 1826  
Style: Jeffersonian  
Height to Cornice:  
Height in Stories: 2  
Present Zoning: R-2  
Land Area (sq.ft.): 44,903  
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 7500 + 10,320 = 17,820

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

"The Farm" is an excellent example of a Jeffersonian house with a hint of Jeffersonian neo-classicism. The structure is built of brick laid in Flemish bond on all sides rather than the more usual common bond on the sides and rear. One of the most notable features of the exterior is the fine Federal doorway with its graceful fanlight and carved key-stone. The influence of the architecture of Thomas Jefferson is clearly seen in the entrance portico, with its coupled Tuscan columns and entablature reminiscent of the design for Martha Jefferson Randolph's house at Edgehill. Also of note is the Chinese trellis over the entrance which, unfortunately has been added to in recent years.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1825 John A. G. Davis, professor of Law at the University, purchased "The Farm" from the "sundry heirs of Nicholas Lewis" for \$5,000. The property included at that time only the small brick building on Twelfth Street. He had the existing mansion built to provide larger quarters. Davis was killed in the famous student riots at the University in 1840 and a year later his widow sold the property to Thomas Farish who held title to it until 1909. In that year the property was purchased by George R. B. Michie, President of People's National Bank, who resided there until his death in 1938. In 1948 the MBG Corporation bought the estate from Michie's widow Haidee and subdivided the land for building lots. Deed references; ACDB 25-396, 46-387, 139-490, City DB 142-58, 148-116, WB 16-522.

## SIGNIFICANCE

The farm is an excellent example of a Jeffersonian house with a hint of Jeffersonian neo-classicism. General George A. Custer had his headquarters there during Sheridan's raid on Charlottesville in March, 1865.

## CONDITIONS

Average  
UTM: 17/722150/4211830

## SOURCES

City/County Records  
Stevens', Virginia House Tour, p.123.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area

State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Carter-Gilmer House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 10-20-82

Attest

22. Lewis Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 10-20-82

Attest

23. Timberlake-Branham House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Wendy M. Dinkie 1/10/1984

Attest

24. Woolen Mills Chapel

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 10-20-82

Substantive Review

Attest

25. Pireus Store

for Keeper

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26. Hawkins-Wondree House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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27. Hillcrest Apartments  
Cottage

Substantive Review

Keeper

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28. King-Runkle House

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29. Peyton House - Hillcrest  
Apartments

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30. McConnell-Neve House

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Lewis Farm (Charlottesville MRA) VIRGINIA

Working No. 9/7/82-2435  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/1/83  
Date Due: 10/2/82 10/22/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 10/21/82  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Statement supported by good description and discussion of site in #7.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer A McClelland  
Discipline A. Hist  
Date 10/21/82  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

**1. Name**

**2. Location**

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

**4. Owner of Property**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

**7. Description**

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection



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## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

*Architectural And Historic*  
  
*Survey*

*Graphics*



Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000882

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Lewis Farm  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Charlottesville MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: VIRGINIA, Charlottesville

DATE RECEIVED: 10/10/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/24/96  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82001807

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 11-7-96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Requested

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N