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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bladensfield

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South of State Route 203.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY TOWN

Warsaw

X VICINITY OF

First (Paul S. Tribble, Jr.)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Richmond

CODE

159

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(3)

(See continuation sheet #1)

NAME

(1) Mrs. Craig W. Hills

STREET & NUMBER

3 Stouy Road

CITY TOWN

Stouy Brook, L. I.

VICINITY OF

STATE
New York

zip
11790

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Richmond County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY TOWN

Warsaw

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (see Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory - Has this property been determined eligible? X Y N

DATE

1958

X FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bladensfield, an expansive frame 18th-century house with a 19th-century addition, displays both Federal and Greek Revival characteristics. The original section of Bladensfield is a significant part of the homogenous group of Georgian-plan houses which appeared throughout the Tidewater and Northern Neck areas of Virginia in the 18th century as a response to Renaissance-inspired symmetry.

Bladensfield's asymmetrical facade reflects the two building campaigns which resulted in its present form. The original portion is a typical Georgian plan. The entire structure is completely sheathed with plain weatherboards. Bladensfield stands 2-1/2 stories above its basement, and its attic space is lighted by dormers which break the roof line at regularly spaced intervals. A large gabled dormer with sidelights gives emphasis to the entrance bay of the north elevation. The building is lighted by 9/9 sash on the first floor and 6/9 on the second. Transoms crown each door, with the exception of the opening found at the west elevation. The Flemish-bond underpinning of the original portion has been carefully demarked with rodded joints. The panel chimney at the west elevation is an especially fine feature. Executed in Flemish bond, its surface is embellished with glazed headers, putlog holes, and a beveled water table. The square stack has a corbeled cap. An interior chimney, once marking the original east end, is similarly corbeled. Remnants of glazing can be seen in each stack. The present east end is terminated by an interior end chimney. The front and rear elevations are capped by a thick box cornice with end boards. A bulkhead is located at the west elevation. To accommodate the need for supplementary space, Bladensfield was enlarged in 1854 by the addition of a two-bay schoolroom and passage to the east elevation.

The interior features Federal and Greek Revival details, which for the most part are as simply executed as the exterior details. Rooms in the original portion retain their Federal mantels, most with eared architraves. Symmetrically molded chair rails encircle the rooms. The importance of the parlor (southwest room) is reflected in its more sophisticated Federal mantel and the flat Greek Revival cornice with anthemion-like ornament which compasses the room. This same shallow molded cornice is found in the "studio" (northwest room) but without the decoration. The stair was altered in the 19th century, likely at the time of the addition. The open-string stair has an octagonal newel and a round banister with two rectangular balusters to the tread. A pedestal chair rail runs the length of the stair wall.

In 1854 the Bladensfield Seminary was established, and at this time a single-room school with a central column was added at the east elevation. This space was joined to the original structure with a passage which ran the full length of the house. This room has been divided in half; the north portion now functions as a kitchen.

With the exception of a 20th-century garage, no outbuildings are associated with this structure. It is not threatened.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated acreage for Bladensfield is approximately 22 acres. Although it includes only a fraction of the property's total acreage, the boundary is drawn to include the main building and the above-mentioned garage.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES Late 18th C; ca. 1854 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Chronicles of the early history of Virginia's Northern Neck tend to be crowded with details of the Carter family, understandably since they determined a major portion of the area's history. Much of the significance of Bladensfield comes as a result of its early association with this reputable family. In addition, this regional landmark continued to distinguish itself as a 19th-century seminary for the education of young women.

Bladensfield is sited on land that was once part of a large tract acquired by Robert "King" Carter from Robert Cary, a London merchant. In 1734 Carter's grandson, Robert Carter "the Councillor" of Nomini Hall, Westmoreland, received the land in a division of the inheritance of his father Robert Carter "the Younger," who had died in 1732. It seems likely that Councillor Carter built the original Georgian-plan section of Bladensfield in the late 18th century. The name "Bladensfield" was probably attached to the land by 1790. It is likely that the plantation was named for Thomas Bladen, who had been Governor of Maryland, 1742-1747. Bladen was the brother of Carter's mother-in-law.

In 1790 Carter gave the structure to his son-in-law, John C. Peck. Peck had come to Virginia from New England in 1774 upon the recommendation of Philip Fithian, tutor at Nomini Hall. Peck succeeded Fithian in this position. Following Peck's death in 1794, the house and property remained in his family until 1847, when his surviving daughter and other heirs sold it to the Reverend William N. Ward.

Mr. Ward was rector of three country churches, and he also founded the Bladensfield Seminary, a school for young women. Resigning the ministry in 1854, Ward turned his full attention to teaching. The 19th-century addition was probably constructed at this time. According to an advertisement printed in the Richmond Enquirer in 1855, the Bladensfield Female Academy, with Mr. Ward as principal, offered courses in mathematics, the classics, French, drawing, painting, music and German, as well as embroidery, water colors, oil painting, piano and organ.

Ward's daughter, Evelyn, authored a detailed chronicle of life at Bladensfield during the War Between the States in her published memoirs, The Children of Bladensfield. The fifth generation of Wards continues to own and occupy Bladensfield.

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- Matthiessen, Peter, "Homegoing" an essay in The Children of Bladensfield by Evelyn D. Ward. New York: The Viking Press, 1978.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 22 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Haynesville, Va. QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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| A | 1, 8 | 3, 4, 9 | 3, 6, 0 | 4, 2 | 0, 5 | 5, 3, 0 | B | 1, 8 | 3, 4, 9 | 3, 6, 0 | 4, 2 | 0, 5 | 2, 6, 0 |
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| C | 1, 8 | 3, 4, 9 | 0, 4, 0 | 4, 2 | 0, 5 | 2, 6, 0 | D | 1, 8 | 3, 4, 9 | 0, 4, 0 | 4, 2 | 0, 5 | 5, 3, 0 |
| E | | | | | | | F | | | | | | |
| G | | | | | | | H | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point in open field about 3250' SE of intersection of Rt. 203 with private drive and about 450' E of said drive; thence extending about 1000' S to W edge of tree line; thence extending about 1000' W to E bank of Branham Mill Swamp; thence extending about 900' N through woods; thence extending about 1000' E, crossing private

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE
February 1980

STREET & NUMBER
221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE
(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN
Richmond

STATE
Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE FEB 19 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Bladensfield, Richmond County, Virginia

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

(2) Mrs. Evelyn W. Milsted
Bladensfield
Warsaw, Virginia 22572

(3) Mrs. Katharine W. Leisure
10 Severndale Road
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

(2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

1969, 1970, 1976 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Bladensfield, Richmond County, Va.

CONTINUATION SHEET

#2

ITEM NUMBER 7, 10 PAGE 1

7. DESCRIPTION -- BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated acreage for Bladensfield is approximately 6 acres. Although it includes only a fraction of the property's total acreage, the boundary is drawn to include the main building, the above-mentioned garage, and the section of the drive in the immediate vicinity of these two structures.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property -- 6 acres

UTM References -- 18/349200/4205350

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on 130' contour about 3400' SSE of the intersection of private drive to Bladensfield and Route 203; thence extending about 600' S; in part running through wooded area; thence extending about 450' W to 100' contour in wooded area; thence extending about 600' N to 110' contour in wooded area; thence extending about 450' E, crossing drive to point of origin.

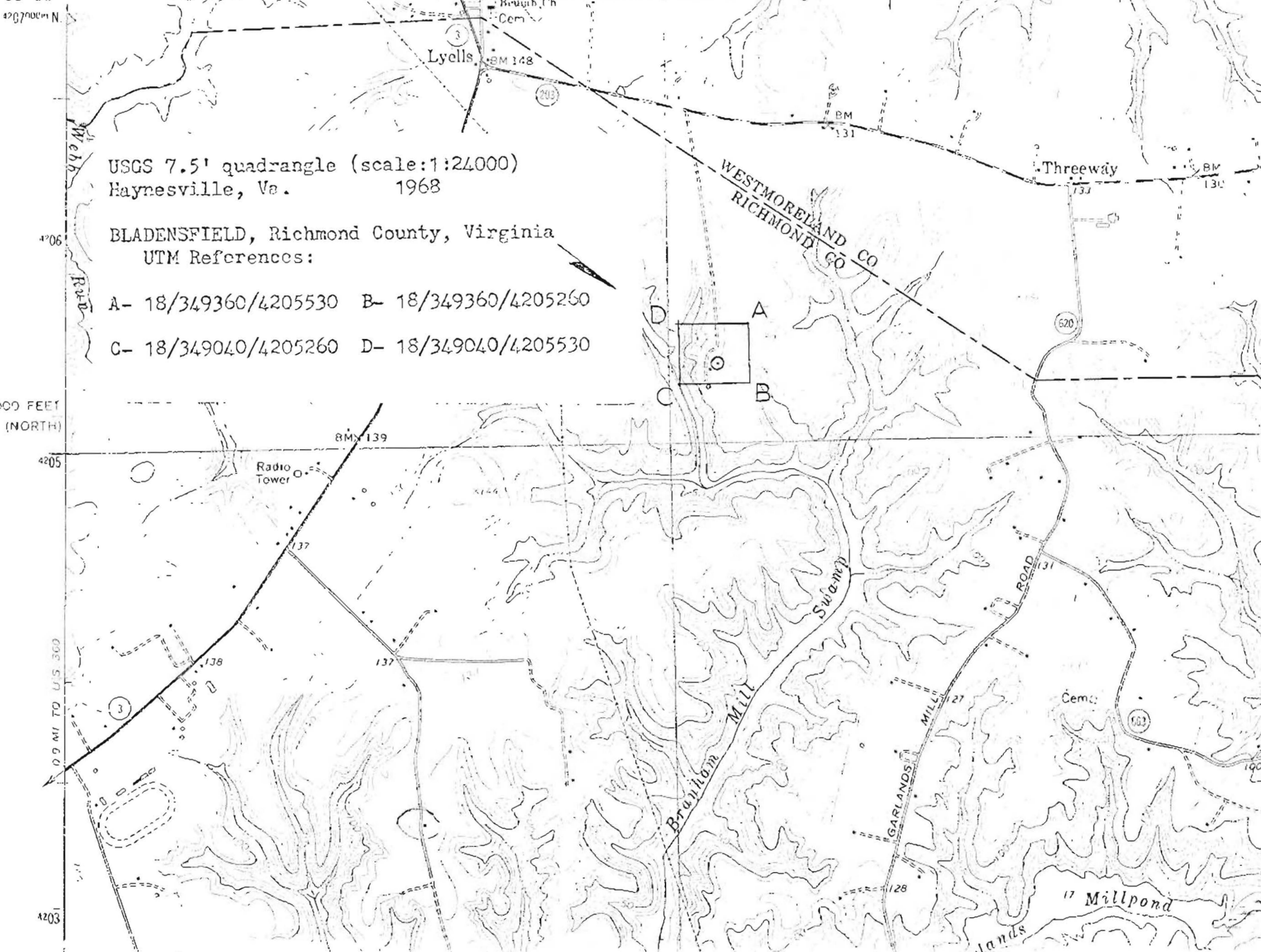
*In USGS 7.5' quad. All
Nomination File*

560 III SE
(MONTROSS)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DIVISION OF
JAMES L. CALY

76° 45' 34,700m E 2 510 000 FEET (NORTH) 349 42' 30" 351



USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Haynesville, Va. 1968

BLADENSFIELD, Richmond County, Virginia
UTM References:

- A- 18/349360/4205530 B- 18/349360/4205260
- C- 18/349040/4205260 D- 18/349040/4205530

120 000 FEET
(NORTH)

4205

0.9 MI TO U.S. 360

4203