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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: City of Alexandria	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE 7/12/76

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Lloyd House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
John Wise House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
220 North Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Alexandria

STATE Virginia	CODE	COUNTY: City of Alexandria	CODE
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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"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Alexandria

STREET AND NUMBER:  
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Alexandria	STATE: Virginia	CODE
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Alexandria City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN: Alexandria	STATE: Virginia	CODE
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.	CODE
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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 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

The Lloyd House, built in 1796, is a large free standing town house at the southwest corner of the intersection of North Washington Street and Queen Street in Alexandria, Virginia.

The house is built of brick laid in Flemish bond on the north and east fronts and common bond on the south and west fronts. It is rectangular, two-and-a-half stories high with a gable roof and pedimented dormer windows with arched sash. The Washington Street elevation is five bays wide. The windows have six over six pane double hung sash and splayed stone jack arch lintels with fluted keystones. The central entrance doorway, in wood, is the finest remaining feature of the house. The double, five-panel entrance doors have above them a semi-circular glazed transom. Surrounding the door is an expertly executed frontispiece with a broken pediment supported by two fluted engaged Doric pilasters. The house has a fine modillion cornice on the east and north elevations. On the north side the cornice continues across the gable end of the house forming a pediment.

The interior has a central hall plan with two rooms in each side. The stair is located in the rear of the hall. Despite extensive interior alteration over the years, some of the original Federal trim survives.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1796

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lloyd House, when it was built, was one of the finest examples of Federal domestic architecture in Alexandria and a splendid illustration of the post-colonial style that characterizes so much of early Virginia architecture. Built in 1796, it is a two-story rectangular brick building with a central entrance, a five bay front, four chimneys, with molded brick caps, and a gabled roof with three dormers. In 1960, the integrity of the building was severely compromised by a badly executed repointing of the masonry with Portland cement. Only portions of the original interior remain. However, even in its prime the Lloyd House, for all its quality, was never more than a good example of a building type which reached its peak in the town houses of Annapolis, Maryland, a quarter of a century earlier.

History

The Lloyd House was built in 1796 by John Wise, a prominent Alexandria citizen. George Washington was a guest there on occasion, before his death in 1799. In 1810 Wise sold the house to Jacob Hoffman, who later was to become Mayor of Alexandria. James Hooe purchased the home from Hoffman in 1824 for \$13,000. Following the death of her husband, the widow Hooe, in 1826, rented the house to educator Benjamin Hallowell, who used it for a schoolhouse.

The thirteenth student to enroll in the new school was Robert E. Lee, who was preparing to enter West Point. The widow Hooe died in 1831, and the mansion was sold by auction to John Lloyd. Mrs. Lloyd was Robert E. Lee's first cousin, and Lee continued to be a frequent visitor in his old schoolhouse.

The house remained in possession of the Lloyd family until the 1930's. The next owner divided its large rooms into apartments, and the building, due to extreme neglect, deteriorated to such a state that the city council threatened in 1956 to raze it. However, the newly formed Historic Alexandria Foundation lobbied for preservation of the house. Because of its efforts, Robert V. New, a Wyoming businessman, bought the building sight unseen.

In 1960 Mr. New made extensive and insensitive repairs to the house, and used it as a center for geological studies. Changes to the interior included the removal of interior partitions, a second stairway built after the Civil War, and a rear two-story porch. The original random width pines were

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8. Significance

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covered with hard wood flooring and painted. On the exterior, the fine Flemish bond masonry was clumsily repointed with Portland cement. This act destroyed one of the finest original features of the house, its 18th century brickwork.

In 1968 the Lloyd House was purchased by the City of Alexandria to prevent its demolition.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Gay Montague Moore, Seaport in Virginia, (Richmond, 1949);  
Virginia, A Guide to the Old Dominion, (American Guide Series, New York, 1940);  
 William B. O'Neal, Architecture in Virginia, (New York, 1968).

**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	° ' "	° ' "		38° 48' 25"	77° 02' 50"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
W. Brown Morton III, Architect

ORGANIZATION: N.P.S., O.A.H.P., Historic Sites Survey      DATE: 8/24/71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
801 19th Street, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: D.C.      CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date <u>5/17/76</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____                  Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____                  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>7/12/76</u></p>
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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STREET AND NUMBER: 220 N. Washington St.			
CITY OR TOWN: Alexandria			
STATE: Virginia	CODE	COUNTY: City of Alexandria	CODE
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series Alexandria, Va.-D.C.-Md. Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1965			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

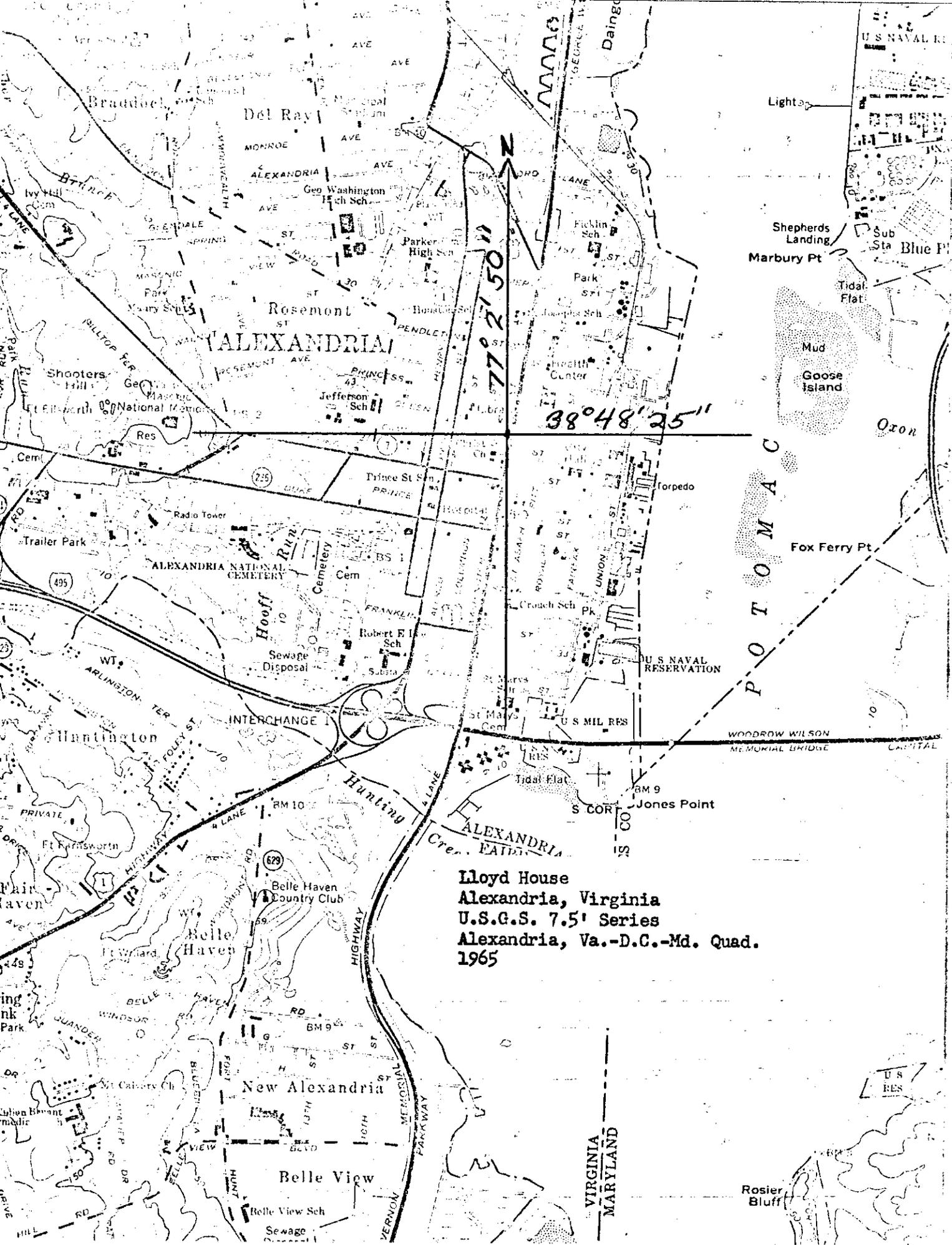
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO:			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			



Lloyd House  
Alexandria, Virginia  
U.S.G.S. 7.5' Series  
Alexandria, Va.-D.C.-Md. Quad.  
1965

VIRGINIA  
MARYLAND