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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: Norfolk (in cit.)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Allmand-Archer House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Allmand-Archer House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
327 Duke Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Norfolk

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 710

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	<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Miss Carrie V. Archer

STREET AND NUMBER:
327 Duke Street

CITY OR TOWN: Norfolk STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
OR TOW: Norfolk STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

The Allmand-Archer House is a two-story, three-bay brick town house, approximately thirty feet square. The structure is covered by a gable roof, at the base of which is a modillion cornice. The south end of the house features two interior end chimneys, while the north end, containing the hall has none. The sash throughout the house is old, if not original, having nine-over-nine on the first floor and nine-over-six on the second. Most of the windows retain their old louvred shutters.

The facade of the house appears to have been remodelled in the more fashionable Classical Revival style several decades after the house was built. Little original material was sacrificed in the remodelling except for the front entrance. The brick was stuccoed and stucco quoins were added to the corners. The windows were topped by thick flat lintels with corner block and roundels. The entrance was recessed, and the original opening was enframed by a pedimented entablature supported on fluted Roman Doric columns and pilasters.

The interior of the Allmand-Archer House has a side hall plan, with two equal size reception rooms on the south side. The bedrooms are contained on the second and third floors. A small frame addition on the rear of the house at the end of the hall contains a modern kitchen.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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 | <i>losophy</i> | _____ |
| <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 | <i>itarian</i> | _____ |
| <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 Allmand-Archer House is believed to have been built in the 1790's by Matthew Hervey, a merchant who owned warehouses on Southgate and Dixon's Wharf. The house was sold to Harrison Allmand in 1802. During the War of 1812, it housed American officers stationed in Norfolk. At Allmand's death in 1822 the house was inherited by his son Albert, a member of the National Committee that welcomed Lafayette on his tour of America. When Albert Allmand died in 1831, the house was bought by his younger brother, John. John Allman died in 1850, leaving the house to his daughter Elizabeth, wife of William Archer. Upon Elizabeth Allman Archer's death in 1915, the house went to her daughter Carolina Archer. The house is now the property of Miss Carrie V. Archer.

The Allmand-Archer House survives not only as one of the oldest dwellings in the city, but as a well-preserved example of a medium-size Norfolk townhouse. This type of house, with its side-hall plan, gable roof, and pair of interior end chimneys was once prevalent in the city, but the Allmand-Archer House and the Willoughby-Baylor are about the only remaining examples.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Newspaper Files in Sergeant Memorial Room, Kirn Memorial Library, Norfolk, Virginia.
 Tilghman, H. Granville, "Romance and Beauty Dwell in Old Norfolk Homes,"
Virginian-Pilot (June 26, 1940), 21.

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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36 °	51'	04 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "		76 °	17'	35 "
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

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: October 30, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street 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 _____
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title Virginia 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

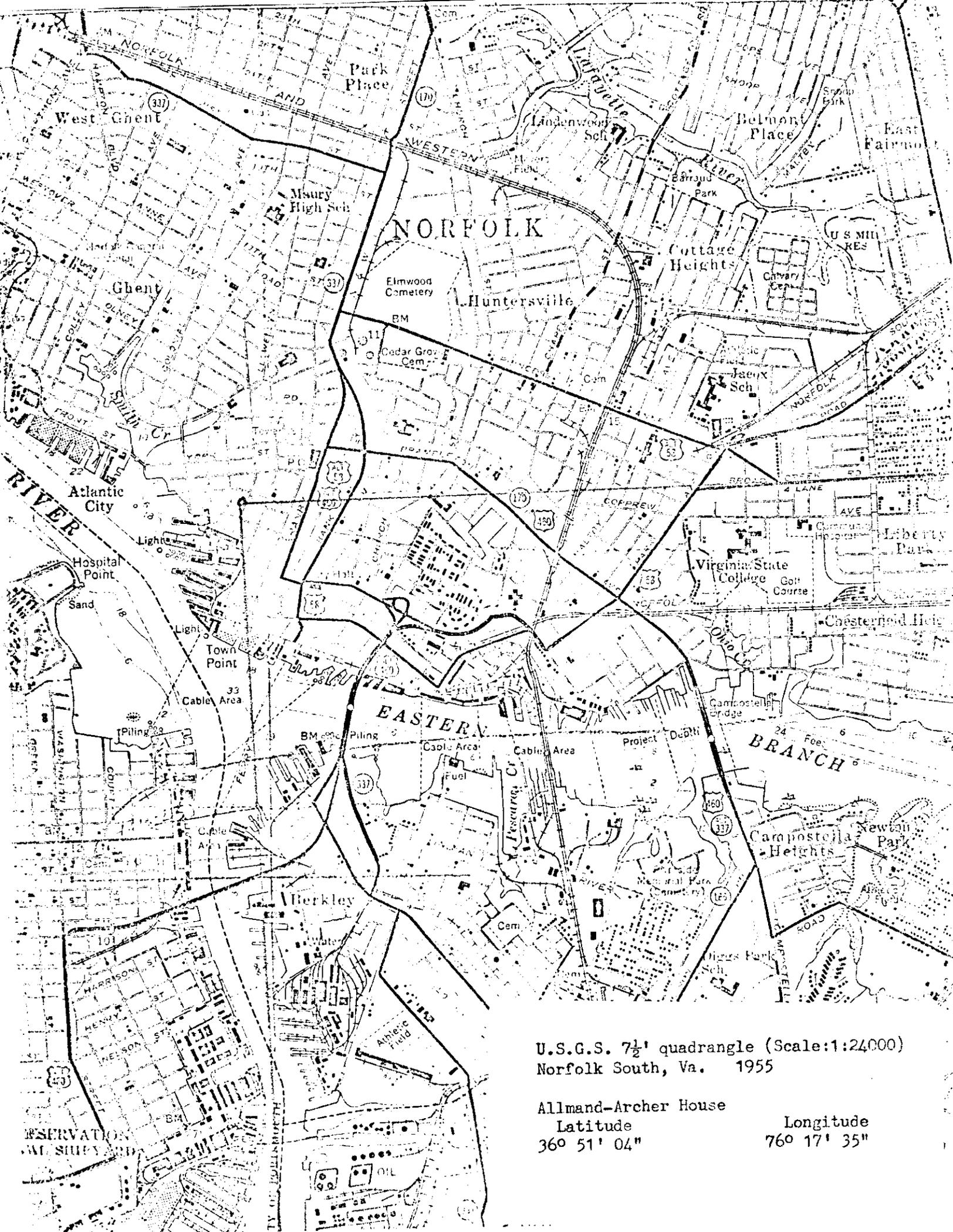
Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale:1:24000)
 Norfolk South, Va. 1955

Allmand-Archer House
 Latitude 36° 51' 04"
 Longitude 76° 17' 35"