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Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72) 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: Petersburg (city)  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE

1. NAME  
 COMMON: Wallace, Thomas, House  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Wallace, Thomas, House

2. LOCATION  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Southwest corner of Brown Street: and South Market Street.  
 CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth (Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)  
 STATE: Virginia COUNTY: 51 (in city) COPE: 730

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) None <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 OWNER'S NAME: Petersburg Historic Foundation  
 Mrs. W. R. Spivey & Robert L. Spivey  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1905 Fort Rice Road 1114 Norhampton Rd.  
 CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC  
 Clerk's Office of Hastings Court  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1959  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 Thomas Wallace House at the corner of South Market and Brown Streets was constructed circa 1855. Designed in the Italianate Style that flourished in the last decade before the Civil War, the house is constructed of pressed brick, two-stories high on a raised basement, surmounted by a bracketed cornice and low hipped roof. The cornice treatment is repeated to the rear of the house on a one-story service wing of pressed brick on a raised basement.

The front facade of the house is dominated by a Greek Revival porch surrounding the recessed sidelighted entrance, flanked by Greek Revival pilasters. The frieze of the porch is decorated with sawn-work brackets. The original porch appears now as only an extension of a later Georgian Revival porch added after 1903 that ends in a round pavilion. The pavilion is supported by six fluted Greek Doric columns, the capitals being Georgian Revival adaptations. A full Greek Doric frieze with diminished architrave is surmounted by a conical roof and metal roof finial. The floor of the original porch is laid with alternating blocks of black and white marble, while the floor of the porch addition is laid in polychrome tile. The railing surrounding the pavilion consists of balusters of cast iron, and supporting the Georgian Revival porch are six fluted cast iron miniature columns.

Each window in the main block of the house is decorated by a cast iron window hood. The window hoods have egg-and-dart moldings and are supported at each end by scrolled consoles.

The three section windows on the front facade of the house are original, but the sashes have been replaced with the one-over-one sashes in the center and multiple-pane sashes in the sidelights. Original sashes remain in the side windows and the service wing. Two round-headed french windows open to a wrought iron balcony at the Brown Street side of the house. The windows are decorated with cast iron window hoods ending in leaf cluster pendants with ornamented keystones in an applied leaf design. The gallery railing is done in the grape cluster motif, a pattern that was common in Richmond ornamental railings of the period.

The cornice is supported by double sawn-work brackets terminating in scrolled consoles, the top of the brackets being finished with turned pendants. Recessed brick panels decorate the walls between the brackets.

The two-story gallery at the rear of the house, supported by simple box columns and originally open on both floors, has now been enclosed completely with later additions and now connects the main house and service wing with a masonry passage.

The wrought-iron fence decorated with an ornamental panel at the base consisting of a vine pattern was added after 1903.

The first-floor plan of the house, as indicated from an early-twentieth century-photograph, is typical of the arrangement of the period; to the right of the center hall, a double parlor extends the width of the house, and opposite this are two rooms of equal size. The hall running the length of

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the house is unadorned except for the stair which has turned balusters and a massive newel post typical of the period. The double parlors are separated by sliding doors flanked with Greek Revival pilasters with carpenter capitals. Matching carved marble mantels adorn the fireplaces in both parlors. Each mantel has a carved console above the arched fireplace opening that is occupied by a cast iron coal grate. Ornate gas light chandeliers, now electrified, grace both rooms. All of the original doors in the house are simple, flat, four-panel doors with applied moldings. The library at the front of the house opposite the parlors, the room where Grant and Lincoln met, is dominated by a gray carved marble mantel surmounted by an Eastlake mirrored overmantel with bric-a-brac shelves and spindle friezes, a modernization of the late nineteenth century.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wallace House was constructed by Thomas Wallace, a prosperous merchant and lawyer, around the year 1855 on what at the time was Petersburg's most fashionable residential street. It gained a permanent position in Civil War history when, on April 3, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and General Ulysses S. Grant met in its library to discuss the inevitable end to the conflict and the surrender. This was to be the last meeting between these two men as Lincoln was assassinated shortly afterwards. The house served as Grant's headquarters in Petersburg.

The Wallace House is an impressive example of Italianate architecture on a street noted for fine houses. However, since 1940, South Market Street has seen a marked decline. With the exception of the Wyatt House in the next block, the Wallace House is the only remaining residence on the west side of the street, the other houses having been demolished. The east side of the street is still graced with numerous imposing residences dating from 1830 to 1885.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Scott, James G. and Edward A. Wyatt, IV. Petersburg's Story, A History.  
Petersburg, 1960.

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Archives.

**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	
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UTM References:  
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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:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission      DATE: April 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:  
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond      STATE: Virginia      CODE: 51

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr.  
Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Exec. Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date APR 15 1975

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

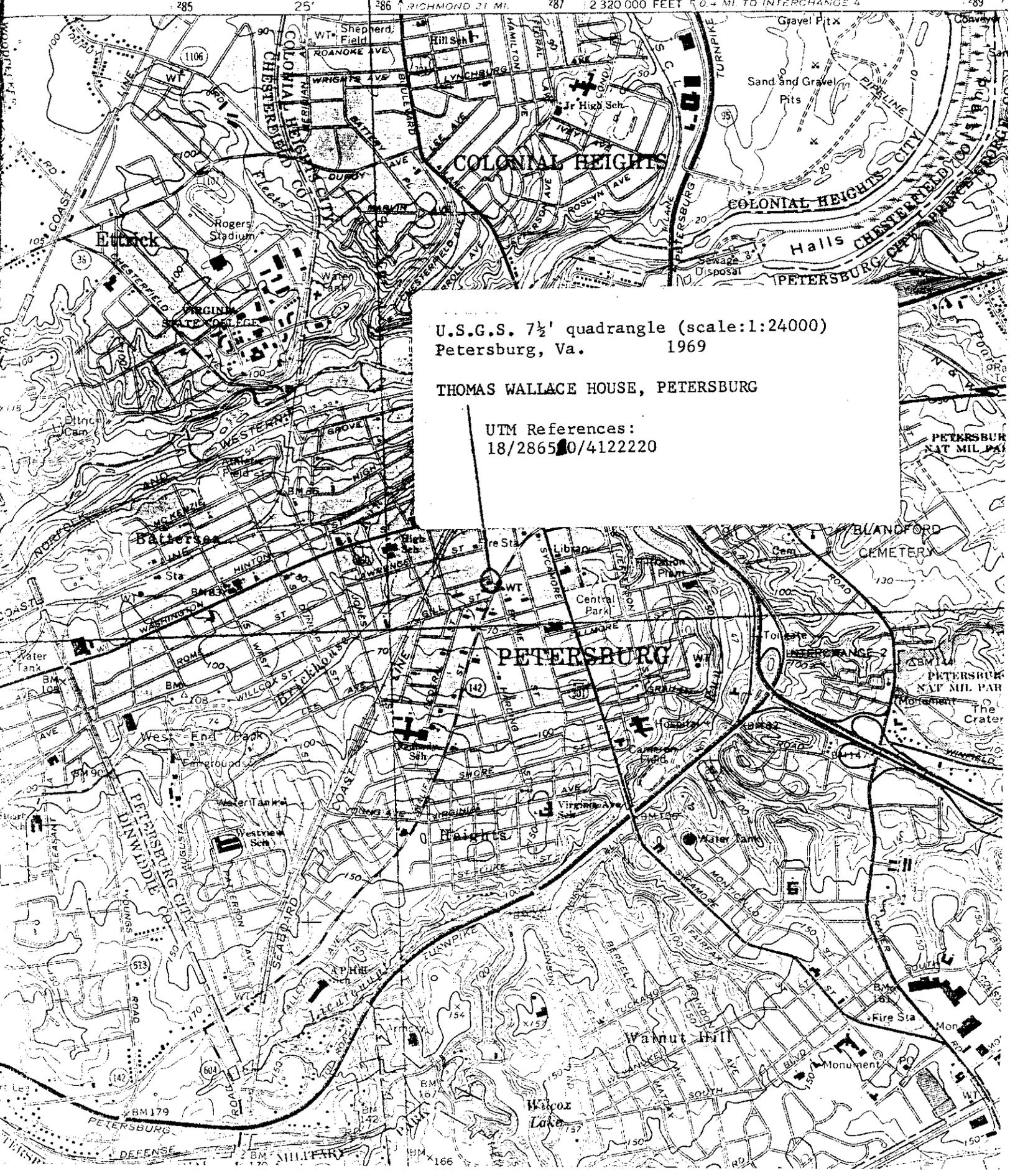
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ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/2/75

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)  
 Petersburg, Va. 1969

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