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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY Richmond (in cit.)	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON
Valentine Museum

AND OR HISTORIC
Wickham House; Valentine Houses; Bransford - Cecil House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1005-1015 E. Clay Street between 10th and 11th Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 760

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> No: Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Trustees, Valentine Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
1005-1015 E. Clay Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chancery Court

STREET AND NUMBER:
Richmond City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7/10 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1941 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div>						

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Valentine Museum is contained in three separate buildings. The principal building of the group is the Wickham-Valentine House, a finely proportioned three-bay, two-story stuccoed house with a shallow hipped roof. All of the windows on the facade are three-part, those of the first floor set in shallow arched recesses. The front door is framed by a small porch with coupled columns. The rear of the house features a one-story veranda, with a bowed center, overlooking a small formal garden. The interior of the Wickham-Valentine House is considered to be one of the most beautiful in the country. The chief features being its shaped rooms, spiral staircase, and fine drawing room with rich Victorian decoration.

The Gray-Valentine Houses, next to the Wickham-Valentine House, are a series of three Victorian townhouses. This uniform row is three-stories tall, nine-bays wide, and crowned by a heavy bracketed cornice. The windows are topped by heavy molded lintels, and the entrances feature bracketed flat hoods. The interiors of the houses were substantially altered when they were converted into the museum.

The third section of the museum, the Bransford-Cecil House, was moved to its present site from its original location on N. 5th Street. It features a small Doric porch on the entrance front and a two level porch on the rear. The plan of the house has been altered and only a few architectural features, such as window reveals and mantels, are original.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1812; 1870; 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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The Wickham-Valentine House, considered to be one of the finest Federal houses in the country, was built in 1812 by John Wickham, a distinguished Richmond lawyer who served as one of the defense council at the trial of Aaron Burr. The architect of the house is unknown, but it has been attributed to both Robert Mills and Benjamin Latrobe.

John Ballard, the next occupant of the house, was responsible for the interior Victorian decoration which survives only in the drawing room. The house was purchased in 1882 by Mann Valentine II, a great collector of historic artifacts. At his death in 1892, the house, along with his collection and a \$50,000 endowment, was left as a museum for the city of Richmond. The building was restored in 1928, and in 1938 the studio of the famous Richmond sculptor, E. V. Valentine, was moved to the garden.

The three townhouses next to the Wickham-Valentine House were built, circa 1870, as investment properties. In 1938 they were bought and remodeled to hold much of the museum's collection. The Bransford-Cecil House, a typical Richmond Greek Revival dwelling, was erected in 1840, and moved to its present site in 1954. The house now contains galleries and the museum library.

Today the Valentine Museum is an important active institution. Its collections and archives are among the most valuable for Richmond and Virginia history. The buildings they occupy are distinguished examples of architecture, and stand as important reminders of the early Richmond cityscape.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dulaney, Paul S., The Architecture of Historic Richmond, University Press of Virginia, 1968.
 O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia, Virginia Museum, 1968.
 Scott, Mary Wingfield, notes in the Valentine Library relating to the houses of old Richmond.
 City Directories, 1885-1965, Richmond, Virginia.
 Dulaney, Paul S., Richmond Historic Building Survey, Richmond City Planning Commission, 1966.

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 ONE ACRE		
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April 22, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

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: Edw. P. Alexander
 Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title: Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date: May 20, 1969

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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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Richmond, Va.			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1964			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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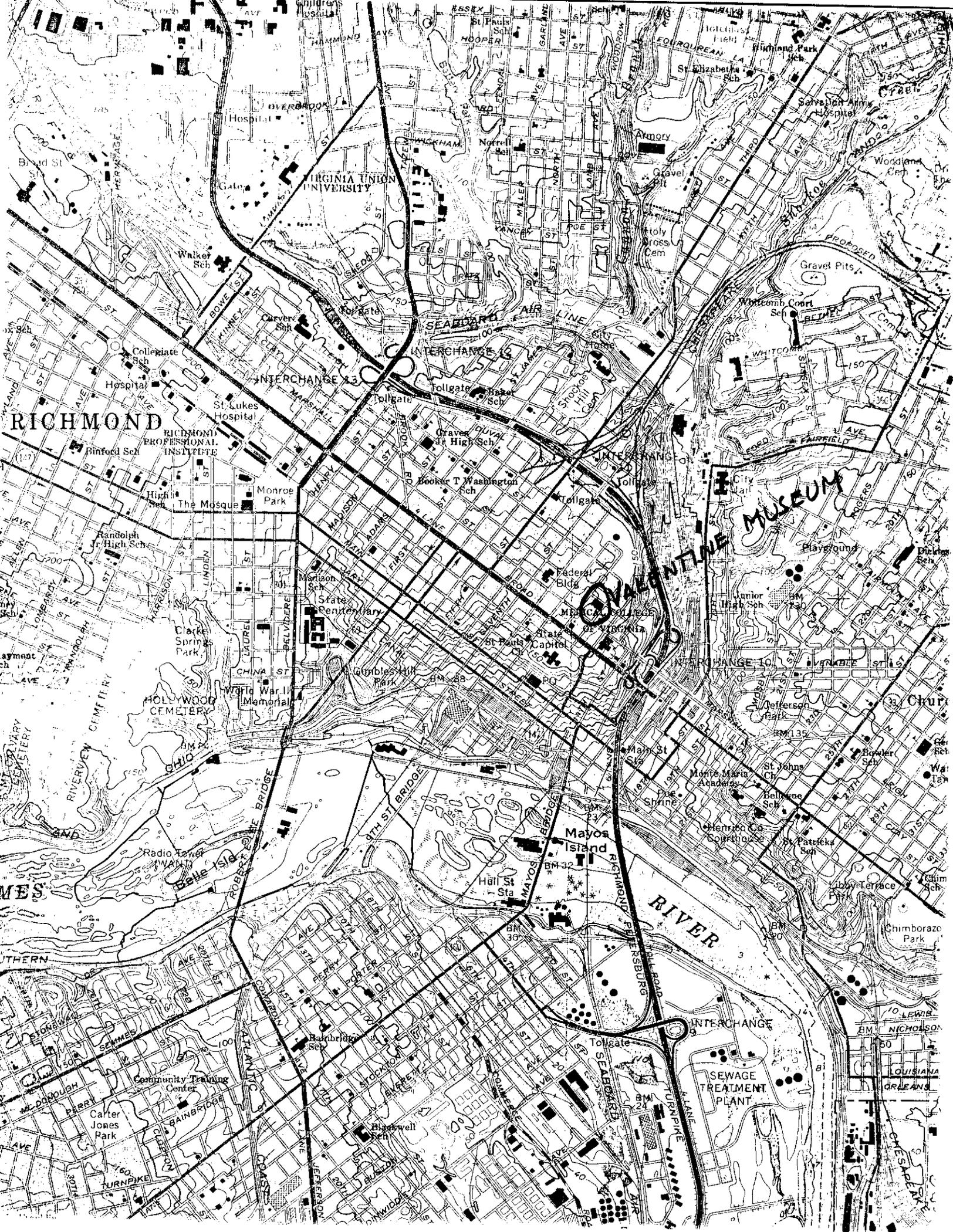
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1967			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Richmond, Virginia			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW DIRECTION, ETC.			
View of front from North.			





RICHMOND

VALENTINE MUSEUM

RIVER

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

RICHMOND PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE

Mayos Island

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY

MES

LOUISIANA

GRANDS

CHESSAPEAKE

SOUTHERN

AVE

AVE