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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Virginia</b>	
COUNTY: <b>City of Richmond</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Crozet House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Curtis Carter House**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**100 East Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Richmond**

STATE: **Virginia**      CODE:      COUNTY: **City of Richmond**      CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**Mr. Marcellus Wright, Jr.**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**100 East Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond**      STATE: **Virginia**      CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Richmond City Hall**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Capitol Square**

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond**      STATE: **Virginia**      CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

**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)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input 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"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Curtis Carter House was built originally as a two-story L-shaped brick house over a raised basement. The east wing was later added to the rear of the house making the present structure U-shaped. The two street facades are laid in Flemish bond, the other elevations are laid in common bond. The main section of the house fronting on Main Street is five bays wide with a shallow gable roof and two interior end chimneys. The first floor windows have nine over nine pane double hung sash. Those on the second floor have six over nine pane sash. The first floor windows on the two street elevations and the second floor windows on the Main Street elevation have stucco, splayed lintels in imitation of stone. The Main Street elevation also has a belt course and a mock 18th-century molded brick frontispiece framing the entrance doors. This elaborate and inappropriate feature was added to the house ca. 1940 when a one story wooden entrance porch was removed.

The house has a central hall plan with flanking rooms. These rooms are distinguished by better than average late-Federal trim including chair rail, paneled dado, and wooden mantels with reeded pilasters and gougework.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1814**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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/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 type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

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

The Curtis Carter House was built in 1814 at the intersection of First and East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, by Curtis Carter, a local brick mason and contractor. The house was later lived in ca. 1830 by Claudius Crozet who was a prominent engineer and educator.

This five-bay, two story, gable roofed, brick house is a competent example of late-Federal domestic architecture. However, in 1940 the house was renovated and as part of the so-called "restoration" the simple one-story wooden entrance porch was removed and the central entrance door was surrounded by an elaborate and inappropriate mock 18th century molded brick doorway. So prominent a feature on such an essentially simple house has somewhat camouflaged its genuine, though modest, architectural integrity.

HISTORY

The Curtis Carter House at 100 East Main Street in Richmond, Virginia, was built in 1814 by Curtis Carter who had acquired the property in 1805. Upon completion the corner lot included two brick outhouses, a stable, a smoke house and a carriage house in addition to the main house.

The house was sold in 1822 to Mrs. Ann Randolph and she in turn sold it to Claudius Crozet in 1828. Crozet was the building's most prominent occupant and from whom it takes its common name, "Crozet House." He was an engineering officer under Napoleon I who, after the Battle of Waterloo, came to teach at West Point and then moved to Virginia as the State Engineer. After Crozet left Virginia in 1832 to become the State Engineer in Louisiana the house had many tenants until it was sold in 1873 to Dr. William Gray. His estate sold it in 1940 to Mrs. Malcolm Perkins and then in 1961 it was purchased by the architectural firm of Marcellus Wright and Son who presently use it as their architectural offices.

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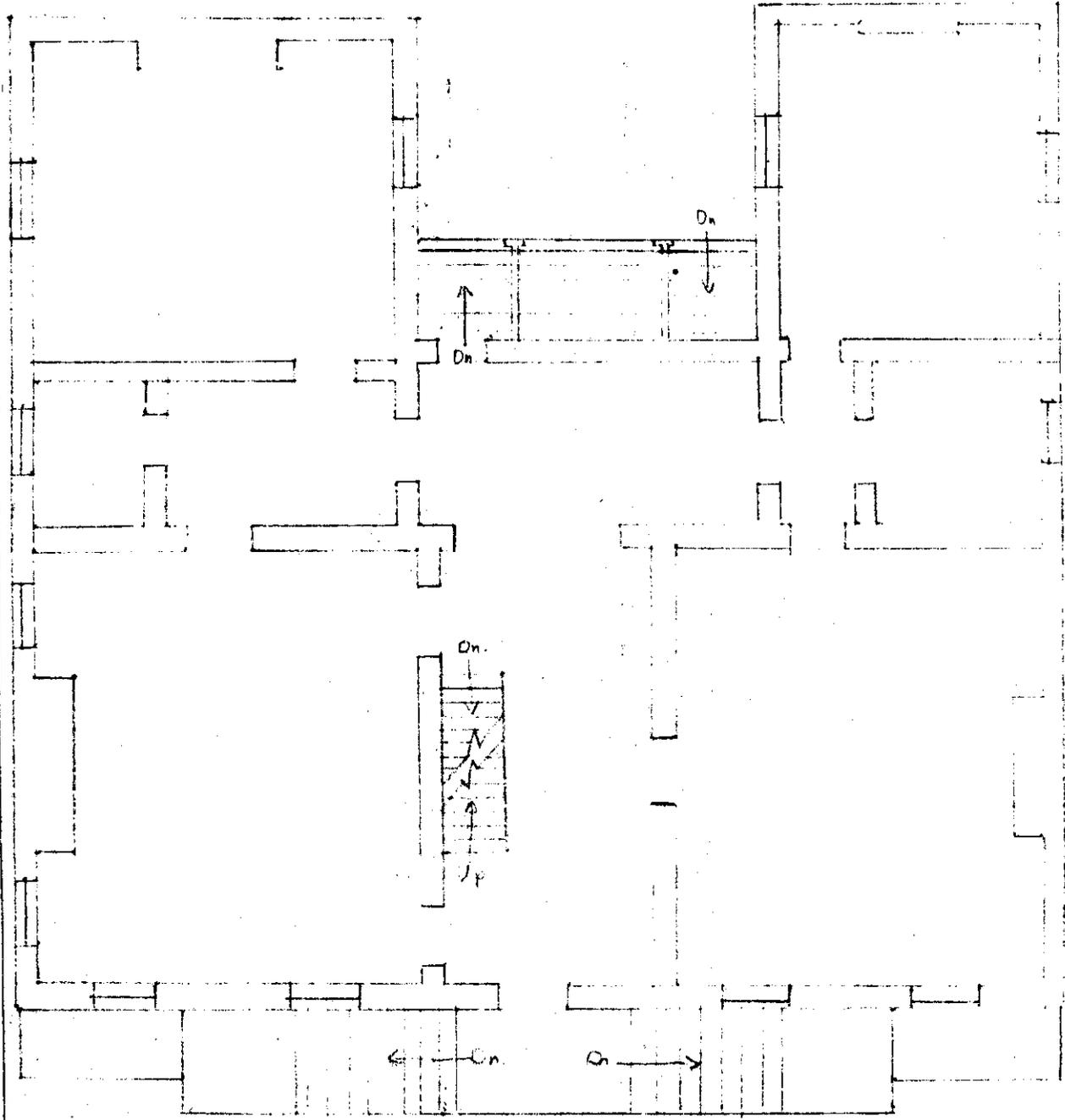
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Curtis Carter House, first floor plan



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

William B. O'Neal, Architecture in Virginia, (New York, 1968);  
 Mary Wingfield Scott, Old Richmond Neighborhood, (Richmond, 1950)

**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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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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: Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service DATE: August 23, 1971

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

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

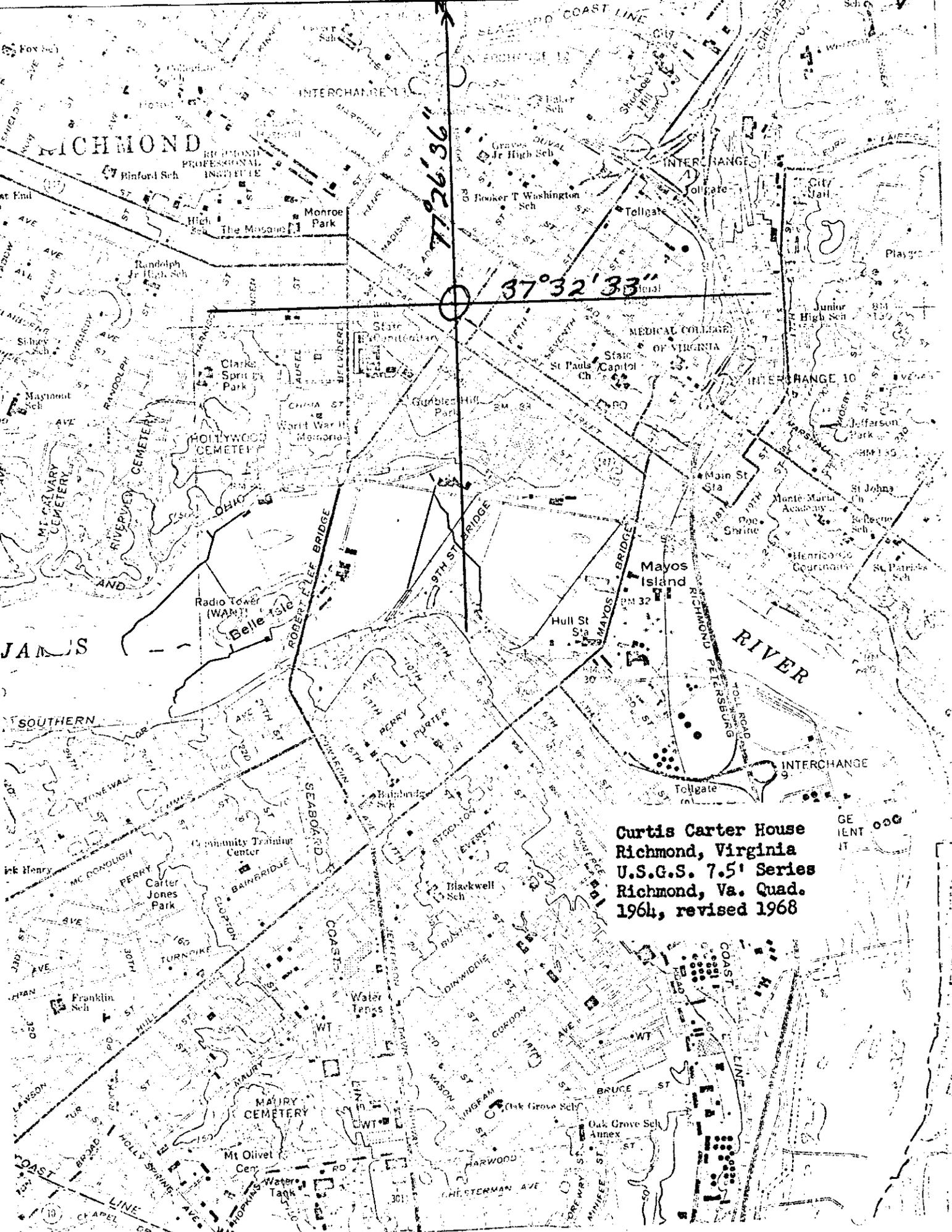
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ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Curtis Carter House  
Richmond, Virginia  
U.S.G.S. 7.5' Series  
Richmond, Va. Quad.  
1964, revised 1968