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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: Richmond (City)	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
 JOHN MARSHALL HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Ninth and Marshall Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
 Richmond

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Richmond (City) CODE: 760

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
 City of Richmond

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
 City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
 HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1951 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For 45 years this was the home of the great Chief Justice, John Marshall. Built in 1790, just as Marshall was emerging as leader of the Federalist party in Virginia, the house served as his home until the end of his distinguished judicial career. Marshall remained in Washington much of the time during his brief career in Congress and in President John Adams' cabinet, but after he became Chief Justice in 1801 he was able to spend much time at home. Altogether his judicial duties, in Washington and on circuit in Richmond and Raleigh, consumed an average of less than six months a year, and most of his remaining time was spent in Richmond. Many of his important opinions undoubtedly were written at home, and on innumerable occasions he hosted distinguished leaders in all branches of American life. No other site is so closely associated with this giant among American jurists.

The house, a square brick building originally containing six rooms and basement, were altered in 1810 by the addition of a downstairs bedroom in the rear. Its only exterior ornamentation are a pedimented gable, modillioned cornice and two small formal porches. The interior is pleasingly but not lavishly decorated.

Status: The John Marshall House is owned by the City of Richmond, and is administered by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, which has its headquarters there. The John Marshall High School, built on that block after the City acquired the property from Marshall heirs some 50 years ago, crowds closely upon the house. All of the original outbuildings were destroyed at that time, and the house itself was saved only by the last-minute intervention of interested citizens. The house is furnished with Marshall and period items, and a small museum upstairs contains memorabilia, including one of Marshall's judicial robes. The house is open to visitors.

b. BOUNDARIES: Building is located on northeast corner of 9th and Marshall Streets, Richmond. Entrance to building faces Marshall Street.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 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 type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For 45 years this was the home of the famed Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. During his distinguished judicial career, sessions of the Court were so spaced that Marshall was able to spend much of his time at this structure in Richmond, where many of his important opinions on constitutional questions were undoubtedly written.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Albert J. Beveridge, *The Life of John Marshall* (4 vols., Boston, 1916-1919); Edward S. Corwin, *John Marshall and the Constitution* (New York, 1919); Mary W. Scott, *Houses of Old Richmond* (Richmond, 1941).

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
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		77°	26'	00"
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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:
Frank S. Melvin

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia State Office, National Park Service** DATE: **6/30/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 10008

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia 23240** 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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

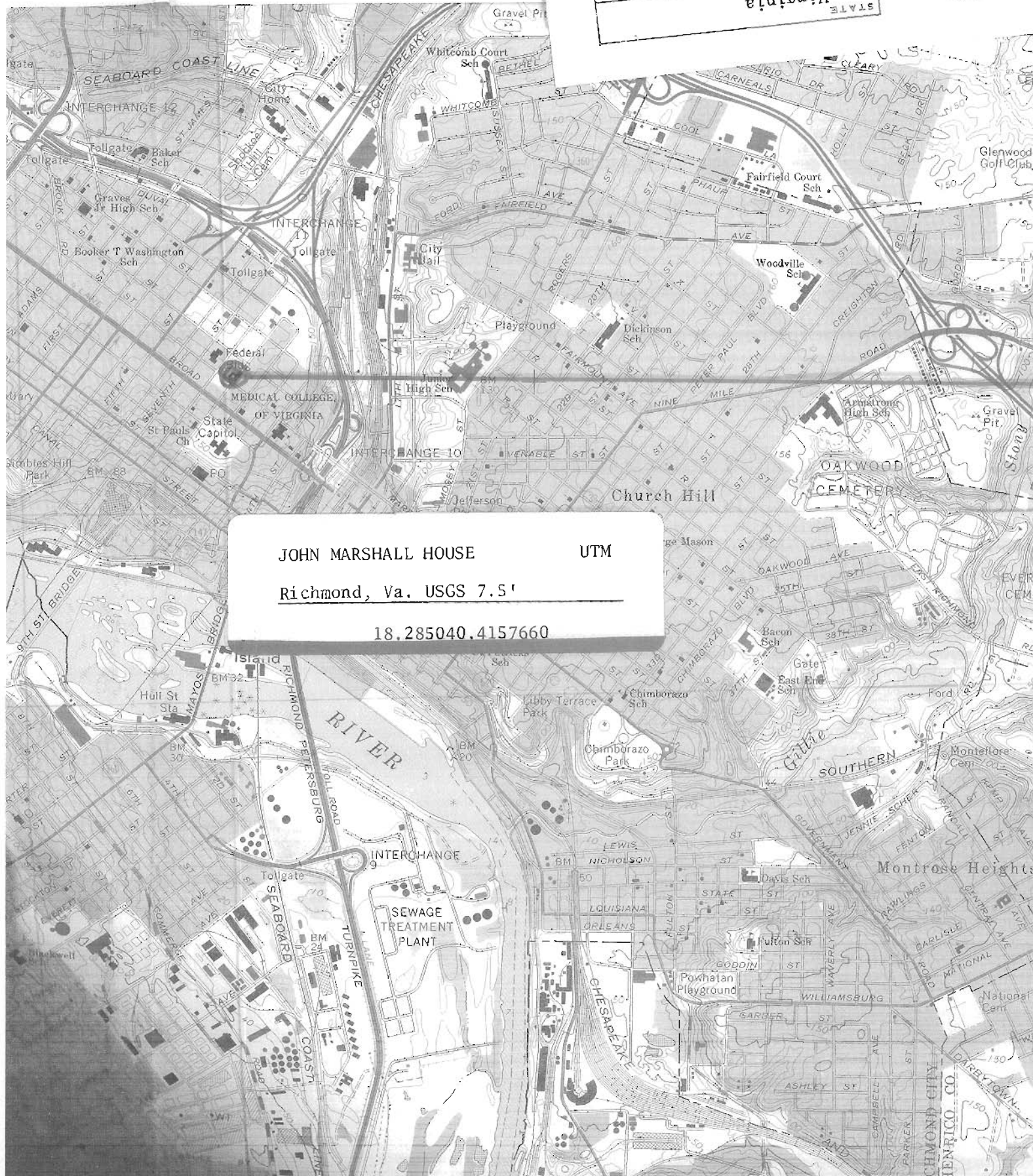
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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COUNTY	Richmond (city)
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Close with map)	



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