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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Laburnum Park Historic District, 2006 amendment
other names/site number (VDHR File #127-5895)

2. Location

street & number 1200-1600 blocks of Westwood, Palmyra, Confederate, Wilmington, and West Laburnum Avenues; and Chatham, Gloucester, and Lamont Streets not for publication N/A
city or town Richmond vicinity N/A
state Virginia code VA county Independent City code 760 zip code 23227

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] March 15, 2006
Signature of certifying official Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
- See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

(Counts changing for entire district – below represent the amended totals)

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>226</u>	<u>8</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>4</u> sites
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>228</u>	<u>12</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Domestic</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>Religion</u>	<u>Church</u>
<u>Recreation & Culture</u>	<u>Monument/Markers</u>
<u>Health Care</u>	<u>Nursing Home and Hospital</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Domestic</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>Religion</u>	<u>Church</u>
<u>Recreation & Culture</u>	<u>Monument/Markers</u>
<u>Health Care</u>	<u>Nursing Home</u>
<u>Landscape</u>	<u>Parking Lot</u>
<u>Vacant/Not in Use</u>	<u>Vacant/Not in Use</u>

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Queen Anne; Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Bungalow/Craftsman
Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals: Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, Tudor Revival, Mission/Spanish
Colonial Revival, French Renaissance, Late Gothic Revival
Modern Movement

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick, Concrete Block, Poured Concrete
roof Slate, Ceramic Tile, Asphalt Shingles, Metal Shingles
walls Brick, Stucco, Weatherboard, Wood Shingles

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture; Community Planning/Development; Education; Health/Medicine; Religion

Period of Significance 1908-1961, as amended in 2006

Significant Dates 1908; 1919 (Laburnum Built, Laburnum Court Constructed)
1920-1940 (Residential Suburb Developed)
1947-1961 (Institutional Development)

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Marcus A. Hallett and Roy G. Pratt, Architects; Baskervill & Sons; C.W. Davis & Bro., Inc.; Charles Freeman Gillette; Samuel Hannaford & Son; Parish & Schroeder; Charles M. Robinson

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

**Laburnum Park Historic District (2006 Amendment)
Richmond, Virginia**

Section 7 Page 1

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Original Paragraph from 2001 Summary Description:

Laburnum Park Historic District comprises an area of approximately 116 acres located in Richmond, Virginia about two miles northwest of the city center. The district is bounded by Brook Road and Hermitage Road, significant north-south thoroughfares, on the west and east respectively; and by Laburnum Avenue and Westwood Avenue on the north and south. The district is primarily residential with several substantial institutions located along its southern edge. Laburnum Park Historic District contains 227 domestic resources and four institutional resources built between 1908 and 1974. The district also contains two structures and four vacant lots. Two-hundred and twenty-seven of the total of 237 resources contribute to the historic context of the district, while ten are non-contributing resources. The non-contributing resources consist of four vacant lots as well as six residential buildings built after 1957.

Amended Paragraph for 2006 Summary Description:

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Original Resource Description on Page 22 of the 2001 nomination inventory:

Dwelling, 1614 Confederate Avenue

1969

I.D. Number: 127-5895-0160

This split-level, modern style house has a two-story east side and a raised one-story west side. The main house is stretcher bond brick while the second floor section is aluminum siding. There is a round louvered vent in the front gable of the second story. This aluminum second story also slightly overhangs the first brick story. The windows have wood vertical plank shutters with cut-outs. The front door has sidelights and a metal awning cover supported by metal posts and railing. The front stoop and steps are brick as is the buttressed east side brick chimney.

Amended Resource Description for 2006 nomination inventory:

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Original Resource Description on Pages 52-53 of the 2001 nomination inventory:

Laburnum	1908
Richmond Memorial Hospital	1954-1957
Richmond Memorial Hospital Nursing School	1960-1961
Sheltering Arms Hospital	1963-1964
I.D. Number: 127-5895-0236	

Laburnum House remains nearly in tact since the erection of the hospital complex to the west. Facing east, the 5-bay, Classical Revival style house is fronted by a monumental, 2-story, modified Corinthian portico. The mansion features Flemish bond brickwork with struck mortar joints, an elaborate broken pediment limestone door surround, and distinctive segmental arched dormers at the attic story. The building's many decorative features include a Classical-style, stone balustrade along the veranda as well as crowning the portico, raised brick string coursing, and limestone window trim featuring brick jack arches above.

Conceived in 1947, but not completed until 1957, the Richmond Memorial Hospital consists of a 7-story, flat-roofed brick tower flanked on its long sides by 1-story brick wings. The main entrance is located on the southern end of the rectilinear building, and is marked by a distinctive vertical tower feature clad in limestone. The tower has no openings on its front or south face, but is punctured by a series of decorative metal windows featuring random metal divides on its east and west walls. A cantilevered entrance canopy sweeps across the front of the building in a segmental curve. The hospital is simply detailed with limestone window trim, minimal string coursing, and chrome and glass fixtures.

Early in its existence, the hospital complex was expanded by the construction of two additions on the campus. The Richmond architectural firm of Baskervill & Son also designed both additions. The first of these was the 1961 Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, a 3-story freestanding brick building designed in a severe Classical style. The second significant extension was the Sheltering Arms Hospital, a 70-year old, downtown Richmond hospital that relocated to a new addition made to the Richmond Memorial Hospital building in 1964. Sheltering Arms shared several members of their board of directors with those of the Richmond Memorial Hospital board. The addition was completed in 1964 and consisted of a 2-story brick structure that features a Stripped Classical entry portico, simple limestone detailing, and grounds originally landscaped by noted Virginia landscape architect Charles Gillette.

Laburnum House and the Richmond Memorial Hospital, are significant for their various historical associations. Laburnum House was built as the residence of Joseph and Isobel Stewart Bryan, prominent Richmond citizens. Joseph Bryan published *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*, a major regional newspaper. The Memorial Hospital is a symbol of a vast volunteer effort that produced one of Richmond's first modern hospitals. The non-profit institution was erected as a memorial to Richmond's World War II dead with a mission to serve the entire Richmond community. It immediately began to fulfill its character by constructing the School of Nursing and providing Sheltering Arms, Virginia's first hospital to provide free medical care, with a new physical location.

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Amended Portion of Original Resource Description for 2006 nomination inventory:

Laburnum	1908	C
Richmond Memorial Hospital	1954-1957	C
Richmond Memorial Hospital Nursing School	1960-1961	C
Sheltering Arms Hospital	1963-1964	NC
I.D. Number: 127-5895-0236		

Material to be Added to Resource Description in 2006:

Constructed in 1961, the former Richmond Memorial School of Nursing is integral to the history of Richmond Memorial Hospital located in the Laburnum Park Historic District. The three-story, brick nursing school building is located on Lamont Avenue just east of the hospital’s Wellness Center addition and west of the Baptist Theological Seminary campus. Locally prominent architects Baskervill & Son, who were part of the design team for the original hospital building and several of its subsequent additions, designed the nursing school in the Colonial Revival style—the predominant building style within the historic district.

Consistent with the classically derived architectural style, the rectangular-shaped Colonial Revival nursing school features symmetrically balanced facades. The primary façade, or west elevation, is comprised of thirteen bays, while the east elevation is divided into fourteen bays. The building has only minimal ornamentation with the principal areas of elaboration found at the entrance, windows and cornice. Brick is the primary building material, and it is laid in a traditional Flemish bond pattern. The linear brick elevations are complemented by the use of a contrasting limestone used for the watertable, beltcourse, windowsills, and cornice.

The focal point of the west elevation is the building’s main entrance, which is oriented facing the main hospital. An unpedimented entablature supported by flat pilasters surround a paneled, double-door entry that has a rectangular transom and six-over-nine double-hung sidelights. The entrance is further emphasized with decorative granite steps that lead to the raised entrance platform paved with Tennessee Sandstone. Windows with eight-over-twelve double-hung sashes are typical on the first floor, and eight-over-eight double-hung sashes are typical on the upper stories. All first floor windows surrounds are accentuated with wood raised panel aprons. Two three-story wings on the building’s north and south elevations accommodate the interior stairwells and emergency exits, while the building’s mechanical systems are concealed within a monitor-like structure on the roof. Each of these secondary building components is similarly detailed to the main building.

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Original Paragraph from 2001 Statement of Significance:

The Laburnum Park Historic District in Richmond, Virginia is significant both for its status as one of the city’s early “streetcar suburbs” and as home to several important local institutions. The 16-block area located in Richmond’s “North Side” is home to an outstanding collection of middle- and upper class residential architecture of the 1910s, 1920s, and 1930s. The district is also associated historically with several important public service institutions. These include the first nursing home established by the Methodist church in Virginia, the Presbyterian church’s first secular training academy in the state, and the Richmond Memorial Hospital complex, built as the city’s official World War II memorial dedicated to those who served and died in that war. Laburnum park, therefore, derives its significance from its distinctive collection of early 20th century residential buildings set within a designed suburban landscape (Criterion C), its historic relation to the broad suburban development patterns of the early decades of the 20th century (Criterion A), and its connection to several institutions of both local and statewide significance (Criterion A). As Richmond’s only official World War II memorial, the Richmond Memorial Hospital (1954-1957) is of exceptional local importance. Thus, it meets the additional standards set forth for properties that are less than fifty years of age (Criteria Consideration G).

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Additional Historical Information documented in 2003 for the Richmond Memorial Hospital complex to be added in 2006 after the Original Page 79 of Section 8:

Facilities for the Richmond Memorial Hospital Nursing School were planned from the earliest days of the hospital. As early as 1956 and prior to the opening of the hospital, senior staff was informed that there would be a nursing school established soon after opening the hospital. It was originally the intention of the hospital to use the seventh floor of the building for the nursing school student dormitory; however, when the hospital filled to capacity so soon after opening that ceased to be an option. In February of 1960, authorization was given to proceed with the building design conceived by local architects Baskervill & Son. To help pay for construction of the new nursing school, which would cost approximately \$700,000, the Commonwealth of Virginia generously bestowed a grant of \$125,000 to the hospital.

The Richmond Memorial School of Nursing was officially dedicated on November 19, 1961. The nursing school's philosophy was to provide graduate nurses who are a credit to themselves, their profession, their school, and their community. It was the last diploma or hospital-based nursing school to open in the state of Virginia. Despite having been constructed separately of the main hospital building, the Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing functioned as an integral part of the hospital's operations and was unique because it was part of a memorial hospital honoring war heroes. Interestingly, the school's identity was so closely associated with the main hospital that the nursing school chose for its school crest an illustration of the hospital's most identifying feature—the memorial chapel.

Today, the Richmond Memorial Hospital Nursing School building looks indistinguishable from its original appearance in 1961, and the School of Nursing continues to operate as the Bon Secours Memorial School of Nursing in a new Henrico County location. Although it is less than 50 years of age, the former Richmond Memorial Hospital Nursing School building is a contributing structure within the Laburnum Park Historic District. It is significant under Criterion A for its role in the areas of Health/Medicine and Education within Virginia and the City of Richmond, and under Criterion C as a pristine example of mid-twentieth-century Colonial Revival institutional architecture designed by locally prominent architects Baskervill & Son.

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Original Rendering of the Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Building by Baskervill & Son, 1960.

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RMH School of Nursing, West Elevation



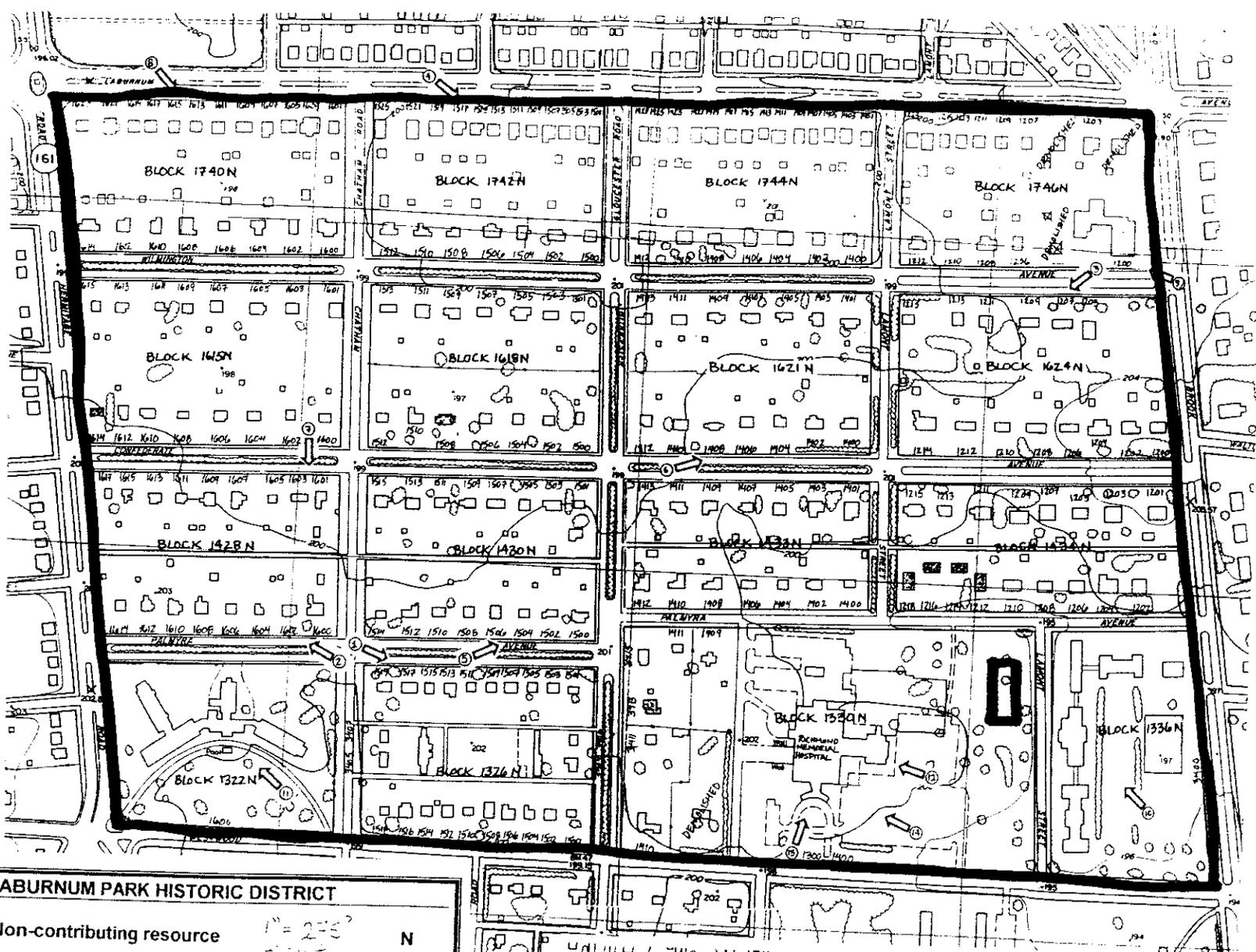
RMH School of Nursing, East Elevation



RMH School of Nursing, South Elevation



RMH School of Nursing, North Elevation
Main Entrance



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