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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Staunton (City)	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
WOODROW WILSON BIRTHPLACE

AND/OR HISTORIC:
THE MANSE

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
24 North Coalter Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Staunton

STATE: Virginia 24401 CODE: 51 COUNTY: Staunton (City) CODE: 799

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER:
24 North Coalter Street

CITY OR TOWN: Staunton STATE: Virginia 24401 CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Staunton STATE: Virginia 24401 CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE: Virginia

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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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Woodrow Wilson Birthplace is a fine, two-story Greek Revival mansion which was built in 1846 as the manse of the First Presbyterian Church in Staunton. The house, brick painted white, sits on a hill that permits a ground-level first floor with two stories above. There are four rooms at each level. The house is in excellent condition and is well maintained. A lovely garden and well kept grounds are to the rear of the house facing Mary Baldwin College; this, however, was originally the front. The garden was landscaped to conform to the old pattern and was restored by the Garden Club of Virginia.

The Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation acquired the home in 1933 at the successful conclusion of a campaign dating back to 1922. The Foundation has furnished the house in the period of its occupancy by the Wilsons; some of the furniture belonged to the family. A room to the rear is furnished with desks and memorabilia from Wilson's later years.

b. BOUNDARIES: The Woodrow Wilson birthplace is located on the southeast corner of North Coalter and Frederick Streets, Staunton, Virginia. Specific address is 24 North Coalter Street. Main entrance is from North Coalter Street. The lot is approximately 173 feet wide (along Coalter Street) and has a depth of about 295 feet (along Frederick Street).

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

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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

Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States, was born in this Greek Revival manse in 1856. Before becoming President he served as a professor of history and government and as president of Princeton University. The political and economic reforms enacted at the request of Wilson's administration and his leadership of the country through the First World War cause many to regard Wilson as the President who led America politically into the 20th century. For his work in establishing the League of Nations, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1919. Among the Wilson possessions on display here are the family Bible and the bookcase which Wilson bought with his first earnings.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arthur S. Link, Wilson, The Road to the White House and Wilson, The New Freedom (Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1947 & 1956); Charles Seymour, "Woodrow Wilson," Dictionary of American Biography, XX (New York, 1946); William E. Dodd, Woodrow Wilson and His Work (New York, 1920); William Allen White, Woodrow Wilson and Man, His Times and His Task (New York, 1924).

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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38°	09'	01"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		79°	04'	08"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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

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 _____

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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