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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Clarke	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-10-45-0040	DATE 10/1/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Long Branch

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Long Branch

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .1 mi. N of Long Branch, .8 mi. SW of Rt. 626, .1 mi. W of intersection of Rt. 626 and Rt. 624.

CITY OR TOWN:
Berryville vicinity Millwood

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Clarke CODE: 043

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"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <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 checked="" 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:
~~Abram Stevens Hewitt~~ Norman Hicks

STREET AND NUMBER:
Long Branch

CITY OR TOWN: Millwood STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clarke County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Berryville STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 545.35 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #21-95
1968 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45

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 type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Long Branch is a rectangular two-story brick mansion with seven bays on both its front and rear facades. The front facade has a tetrastyle two-story pedimented portico of the Greek Ionic order with a recessed porch, while the rear facade features a tetrastyle two-story pedimented portico of the Roman Doric order. The building is crowned by a simple molded cornice and a shallow deck-on-hip roof. The deck is surrounded by a balustrade which encloses a central rectangular lantern. The east side of the house features a one-story service wing which was originally fronted by an open loggia. The loggia was enclosed in the 1840's. It is not certain whether or not the battlemented roof of the wing is an original feature.

At about the same time the loggia was enclosed, the interior of the house was almost completely retrimmed, causing the loss of the original elegant but restrained Regency style decoration. Fortunately, however, the southeast corner bedroom escaped the retrimming and retains its original Traquair-type marble mantel and French landscape wallpaper. The remainder of the interiors were decorated with rather heavy Lafever type Greek Revival woodwork. Even the spiral staircase was rebuilt, and the original supports in the hall screen were replaced by Greek "Corinthianesque" columns. Despite its retrimming, Long Branch's interior with its large finely proportioned rooms possesses a harmonious grandeur.

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Long Branch property description

Property is bounded on the east by State Route 624, on the south by State Route 622, and on the west and north by State Route 626.

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)

ca. 1710

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

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

Long Branch is one of only four houses standing in the country known to have been designed by Benjamin Latrobe, America's first professionally-trained architect. Built for Robert Carter Burwell, the house apparently had already been begun by 1811 when Latrobe was consulted on the design. Unfortunately the drawings which Latrobe sent to guide Burwell's builder have not survived; thus it is difficult to establish precisely Latrobe's full contribution to this stately edifice. It is known, however, that he is responsible for the addition of the service staircase. Also, many of the other architectural features such as the shallow hipped roof, the simple projecting eaves, the Greek Ionic portico and the spiral staircase are typical of Latrobe's work.

One of the more famous guests at Long Branch, Washington Irving, paid tribute to the house by writing, "We had glorious quarters that night." Even in its somewhat altered state, Long Branch is an excellent example of the American neo-classical style. In his biography of Latrobe, Talbot Hamlin, the noted architectural historian, said of Long Branch, "as one of the few existing houses Latrobe is known to have designed, (it) is an important monument in American architecture".

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Statement of Significance

Long Branch was built ca. 1810 by Robert Carter Burwell near Millwood, Clarke County, Virginia. It would appear from extant correspondence between Robert Burwell and the architect, Benjamin Henry Latrobe that Latrobe was asked to comment on Burwell's plans and to suggest improvements. The extent to which Latrobe influenced the design of the two story, hipped roof brick house, already under construction, is open to discussion since his drawings for it are lost. In addition the house was retrimmed extensively on the interior in the Minard Lafever style ca. 1845. This work included the complete renovation of the entrance hall and replacement of the stair. It is also probable that one, if not both of the classical porticoes have been replaced.

In its present form the house gives a dignified and impressive appearance, however its development is as yet too unclear to place too much confidence in its being a major work of Benjamin Henry Latrobe.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lancaster, Robert A., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott, 1915.
 MacDonald, Rose M. E., Clarke County, A Daughter of Frederick, Berryville, Virginia: 1943.
 O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia, New York: Walker and Company, 1968.
 Wayland, John W., Historic Homes of Northern Virginia, Staunton, Virginia: 1937.

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39°	02'	28"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		78°	03'	21"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April 24, 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 Edward P. Alexander, Jr.
 Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date June 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

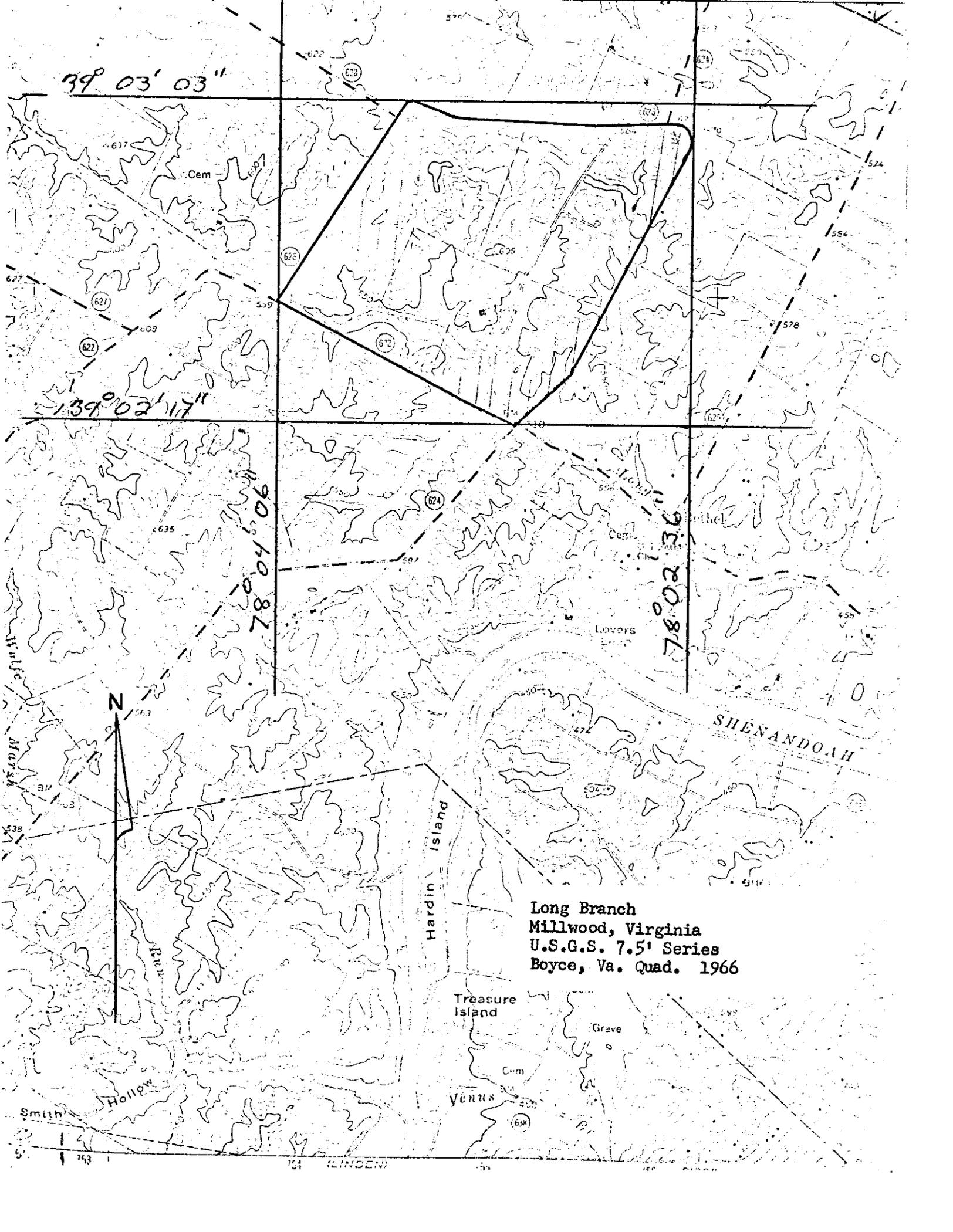
Edward Allen Cawwally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date OCT 1 1969

ATTEST:
William J. Houtch
 Keeper of The National Register

Date SEP 2 1969

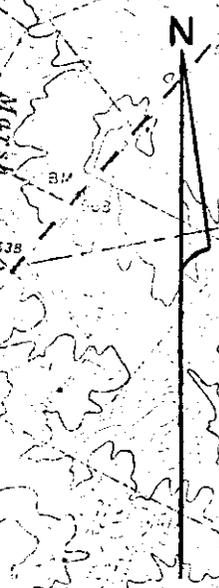
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Smith

Cem

Cem

Hotel

Lovers

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