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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Woodberry

AND/OR COMMON

The Residence (Preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Woodberry Forest School

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Woodberry Forest

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7th (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Madison

CODE

113

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Woodberry Forest School. c/o Headmaster

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Woodberry Forest

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 22989

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Madison County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Virginia 22727

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23213

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Residence, a one-and-a-half-story, wood-frame Federal House is set on the grounds of Woodberry Forest School in Madison County. Erected in 1793 by William Madison, the house was reputedly built after the plans of Thomas Jefferson. In 1884 the house was extensively enlarged and altered to accommodate the needs of its owners, Captain and Mrs. Robert Walker. Although the present house belies Madison's Palladian-inspired dwelling, sufficient fabric remains to suggest the appearance of the 1793 design.

The western facade is dominated by a pedimented Tuscan portico. Supported by two original stuccoed columns, the present pediment was added in 1884. The tympanum is pierced by a semicircular lunette. The main entrance to the house, located under the portico, consists of a paneled door capped by a pedimented four-light transom with complementing sidelights. The entry is flanked by pedimented 4/4 hung-sash windows; the pediments and sash were added in 1884. Further alterations include the bay windows flanking the portico and two wings, added to the north and south. The house is covered with weatherboarding and is topped by its original hipped roof now sheathed in standing-seam sheet metal. The original brick foundation remains.

The east (rear) elevation is dominated by a one-and-a-half-story, projecting gabled pavilion that replaces an earlier porch. A semicircular lunette, similar to that found on the west elevation, is contained within the tympanum above the rear entrance. The entrance consists of a paneled double door contained within a pedimented wooden architrave. Fenestration on the east elevation consists of 4/4 hung-sash windows, that are capped on the northeast by pediments. As part of the 1884 enlargement, a one-story wing and octagonal pavilion were added to the rear of the 18th-century house.

The plan of The Residence consists of a central entrance hall and rear parlor, flanked by paired bedrooms to the north and south. The bedrooms are connected by lateral passages which extend into the north and south wings. With the exception of the wings and rear parlor, which was enlarged and altered in 1948, the plan of The Residence follows that of Edgemont in Albemarle County, designed by Jefferson in 1806. In 1884 the original basement was dug out, and two courses of brick were added to the original foundation. This led to the creation of a dining room and kitchen. A formal basement stair was added along the south wall, evidenced by a sawn balustrade. The focal point of the hall is a handsome Federal mantel, original to the house. Set upon a simply executed architrave, the mantel frieze contains applied ovals alternating between reeding. The shelf is reeded. Recessed paneled wainscoting embellishes the hall, added in the 1884 expansion. Simply executed mantels and wainscoting are preserved throughout the original rooms of the house. The house retains its original king post roofing system.

A smokehouse, the only original outbuilding, survives to the rear of a newly landscaped lawn.

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BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property for The Residence includes approximately two acres of land bounded by three roads at Woodberry Forest, the southern boundary drawn to separate the residence from a neighboring farm complex on the Woodberry Forest School Campus. The two acres comprise an area that encompasses a plateau upon which the house sits and are a fraction of the original land holdings of William Madison that totaled 1300 acres in 1796. The nominated property includes most of the plateau and is drawn to exclude the neighboring 20th-century farm complex.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1793; alteration 1884 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Jefferson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Residence is a small Palladian-style dwelling erected in 1793 for William Madison, brother of President James Madison, after suggestions by Thomas Jefferson. Dominated by a remodeled portico supported on the original Tuscan columns, the structure is set within a grove of trees on the Woodberry Forest School campus in Madison County. While later additions and alterations have modified the house's original plan and exterior appearance, a sufficient amount of the original fabric remains to portray the intentions of the builder. In its original form, The Residence probably closely resembled Edgemont, Albemarle County, a small, but formal frame house designed by Jefferson in 1806.

William Madison was born May 1, 1763, at Montpelier in Orange County, the sixth child of James Madison, Sr., and Eleanor Rose Conway. Madison was educated at the College of New Jersey (now Princeton), Hampden-Sydney, and the College of William and Mary. He served as a lieutenant during the Revolutionary War and was a member of Captain Whitehead Coleman's company during the siege of Yorktown. After the war, Madison elected to study law under Thomas Jefferson, a course interrupted by Jefferson's departure to England as a peace negotiator. To what extent Madison pursued legal work after Jefferson's departure cannot be determined.

Madison's financial position was stable enough by 1783 to marry Frances Throckmorton of Culpeper County, where he became commissioner of the peace in 1791. His affairs prospered and he was elected to the Virginia legislature as a delegate from Culpeper from 1791 to 1793. He later served seven consecutive terms (1804-1811) as a delegate from Madison County (formed from Culpeper in 1792). While actively pursuing his political career, Madison was also engaged in the acquisition of land.

In 1777 James Madison, Sr., the father of William Madison, purchased from the heirs of John Grymes 2301 acres of land in what was then Culpeper County. Madison retained possession of the land until 1784, at which time he gave 1000 acres to his son Francis who farmed the property. In 1791 Francis sold 40 acres to his brother, William, who acquired an additional 1300 acres in 1796 through the will of his father. It was on his first acquisition of 40 acres that William built his "mansion house". Jefferson wrote from Philadelphia, on May 19, 1793, to James Madison in Orange, offering advice in planning the renovation of Montpelier and suggesting a general design for his brother William's house:

. . . I have scribbled on a separate paper some general notes on the plan of a house you enclosed, I have done more. I have endeavored to throw the same area, the same extent of walls, the same number of rooms & of the same sizes, into another form so as to offer a choice to the builder. Indeed, I varied my plan by showing what it would be with alcove bedrooms to which I am much attached.

On June 19, 1793 Madison wrote Jefferson that "your plan is much approved and will be adopted by my brother."

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

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In his later years, Jefferson wrote that "architecture is my delight and putting up, and pulling down, one of my favorite amusements." It was perhaps in this spirit that Jefferson designed a house for his former law student, William Madison. The financial resources of his client may have imposed definite restrictions on the finish of the Madison County House; nonetheless, many Jeffersonian features are discernible in the design of The Residence. These features include the Tuscan order of the house's portico, later to be popularized on the Lawn of the University of Virginia; the entrance flanked by large windows, as at Monticello; and the use of a hip roof to give a sense of monumentality to an otherwise small one-story house.

The prosperity that would have enabled Madison to formalize his residence was not forthcoming. The needs of a large family, coupled with severe agricultural depressions, limited Madison's financial resources. At the time of his death Madison has little more than his land and fine house to leave his heirs.

The Residence passed out of the Madison family in 1870, when its acquisition by John S. Walker was formally recorded. Walker gave the property to his son, Captain Robert S. Walker, and his daughter, Miss Sallie Walker. Captain Walker married Anne Carter Goss of Somerset, who bore him six sons. A tutor, Thompson Brown, was hired for the sons' education, which resulted in the establishment of Woodberry Forest School, a nationally recognized preparatory school for boys. Long the home of the headmaster, The Residence presently serves as the school's guest house.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Archives.

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres QUADRANGLE NAME Rapidan, Va.

UTM REFERENCES QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

A	1, 7	7, 5, 1, 9, 7, 0	4, 2, 4, 1, 9, 7, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point at the intersection of a campus drive and an unimproved road, 3900' S of State Route 671 and 1800' N of the Rapidan River; thence extending 200' SSE along southern side of unimproved road; thence extending 400' SSW to campus drive; thence extending 200' NW along said drive; thence extending 350' NNE along southeastern side of campus drive to point of origin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE January 1979

STREET & NUMBER 221 Governor Street TELEPHONE (804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN Richmond STATE Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE FEB 20 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

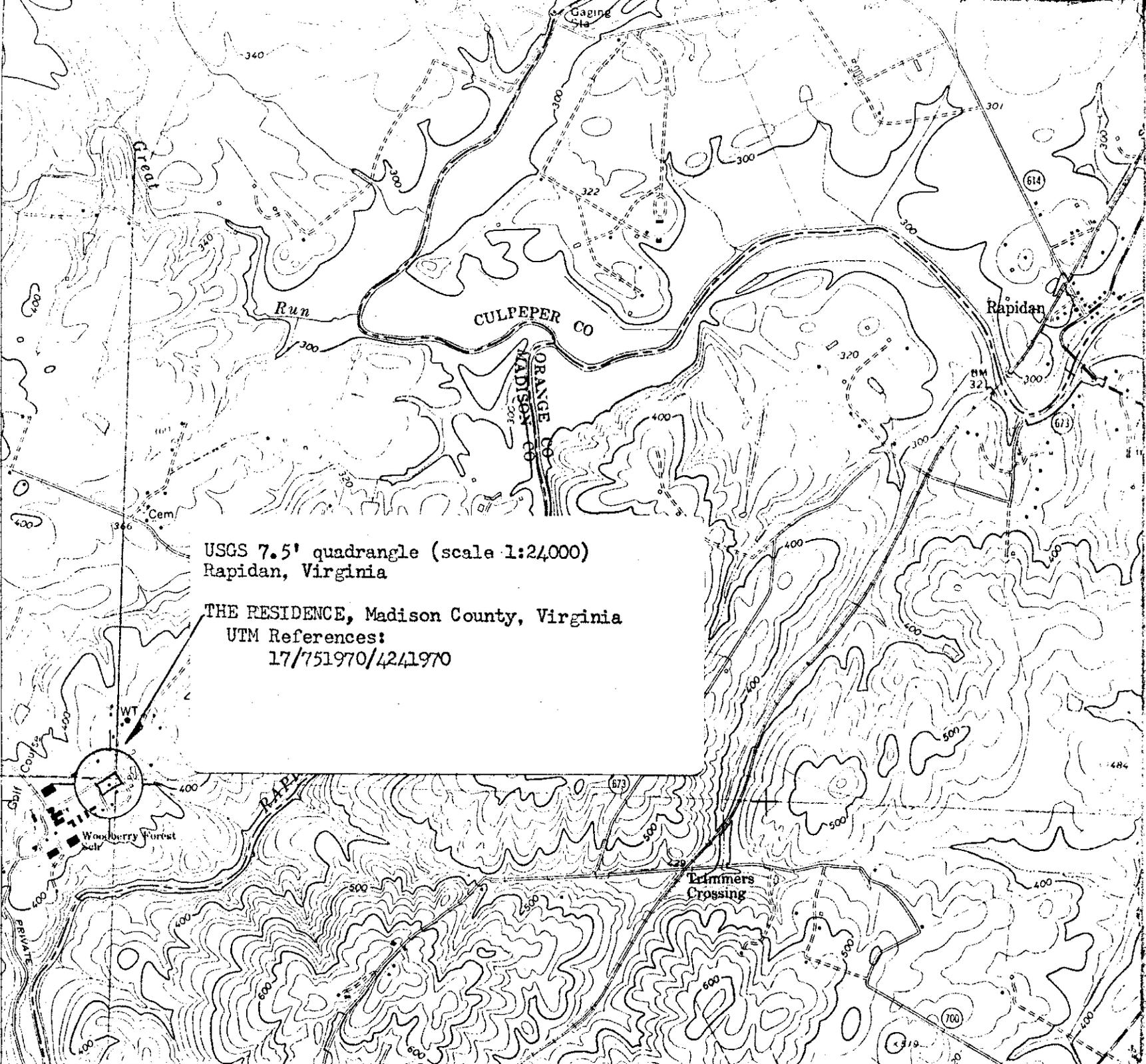
4245
5760 / SW
(MADISON MILLS)

4243

4242

17°30"

4241



USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale 1:24,000)
Rapidan, Virginia

THE RESIDENCE, Madison County, Virginia
UTM References:
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