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United States Department of the Interior National Bark Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Earhart, George House
other names/site number Arrington House, Miller House ; 60-300

2. Location

street & number East side VA Rt. 712, 1/5 mi. north of junction of VA
city, town New Ellett Rt. 723
state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24060

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Prehistoric and Historic Resources of Montgomery County
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Signature of commenting or other official

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
entered in the National Register.
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other. (explain:)

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: two-room plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: limestonewalls BRICKroof METAL: tin

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The George Earhart House stands on a hill in the valley of the North Fork of the Roanoke River and overlooks the river. The house is a two-story brick house with a Flemish-bond principal (east) facade and five-course American-bond sides and rear. It incorporates a one-room one-story integral ell and an added two-story modern brick bath tower in the reentrant angle of the ell. There is an exterior shouldered chimney at each of the three gables. The chimneys on the main house are flanked by garret casements at each end. The cornice is a corbeled and molded brick cornice. The house has tapered rake boards, square window trim, six-over-six double-hung sash windows, and a four-panel door in the south central bay of the four-bay principal facade. The adjacent central bay has been converted from a door into a window. Traces of a wide hip-roofed porch extend across the principal front of the house. The house is built into a bank so that to the rear (west) the basement windows and vents are exposed as in an English basement, while at the front the doors open on grade. The windows are headed with soldier courses and the second-story windows are not as tall as those on the first floor. A door opens in the first bay of the two-bay north ell wall.

On the interior the house is divided into two equal rooms with a central brick partition. Doors open between the rooms near the front and rear walls. A stair with a square newel and balusters and molded stringer rises on the south side of the central partition from just inside the remaining east door. The south room incorporates a modern molded baseboard, chair rail, and crown mold. The mantel takes a Federal form with plain pilasters, a frieze with central tablet, end blocks, and panels between. The mantel in the north room is similar but has reeded pilasters. Both fireboxes have been rebuilt. The door that leads into the new bathroom addition (formerly to the exterior) retains its original six-panel "cross-and-bible" door. The bathroom addition was carefully built utilizing specially made molded cornice bricks to blend with those of the existing house. The house has been well maintained and preserves many original features.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance  
ca. 1840

Significant Dates  
N/A

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The George Earhart House is significant under criterion C as a good example of a variation of the popular hall-parlor form in which there are two equal-sized rooms. The Earhart House is one of only four known examples of the form in Montgomery County, one of which is built of framed timber and the rest of brick. It has been carefully preserved and additions have been made with attention to the existing form and detail of the house. The four-bay symmetrical facade is characteristic of the brick houses of the type.

The house is located on land which was part of George Earhart's 537-acre farm on the North Fork of the Roanoke River, acquired from Isaac Dennis in 1833 (D.B.L, p.126). The land tax records from 1833-1838 show that Earhart had only \$200 worth of buildings on the land. Tax records for 1839 are incomplete, but by 1840 a value of \$2000 in buildings is recorded, indicating the construction of this house in the previous year. George Earhart was forty-seven years old in 1840 (1880 census) . His son Henry was two years old. Earhart had numerous holdings in the area, including a tract of 175 acres, which in 1855 is listed without improvements. In the following year the buildings on the 537-acre tract, always listed first, were valued at \$1,600, while new buildings on the 175-acre tract were valued at \$2,000. Whether George Earhart built a new house for his son Henry ( by then eighteen years old) or for another individual, both farms show up under Earhart's tax liability as late as 1874.

By 1880, when George Earhart, eighty-seven years old, was living with Henry, he was taxed only on what was now a tract of 494 acres, still carrying the \$1,600 building value, while Henry had the 175-acre tract (probably the Earhart Farm, 60-380, part of this submission). In 1877 a deed from Earhart to his daughter Margaret J. Miller gives her the tract of 494 acres, although it continues to show up under his name for some years. In 1885 the property was traded by Charles and Margaret Miller for land near Blacksburg. The new owner, Burgess R. Linkous, was a partner of Charles Miller in several ventures in the county (D.B. 27, p. 302). B.R. Linkous persuaded the Trustees of Montgomery County to exchange the farm for the old poor farm south of Christiansburg(D.B.39, p.139). The county apparently used the farm as a "Poore-House Farm"(D.B.49, p.254) for about a decade, but sold it at auction in 1902. The house passed through eleven owners until 1971, when it was purchased by the current owner as part of a parcel of  See continuation sheet forty-six acres. At this time he has owned it longer than any owner since 1877.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Confederate Engineers Map, 1864.

Montgomery County Deed Books .

Montgomery County Land Books .

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
221 Governor Street

**10. Geographical Data**

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Acreage of property one acre.

UTM References

A 

1	7
5	5
6	5
9	0

4	1	1	7	8	1	0
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Zone      Easting      Northing

B 


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Zone      Easting      Northing

C 


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D 


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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A, at a point 130 feet east and 50 feet south of the southeast corner of the house, proceeding west 190 feet to point B, thence north 102 feet to point C, thence east 190 feet to point D, thence south 102 feet to point of origin.

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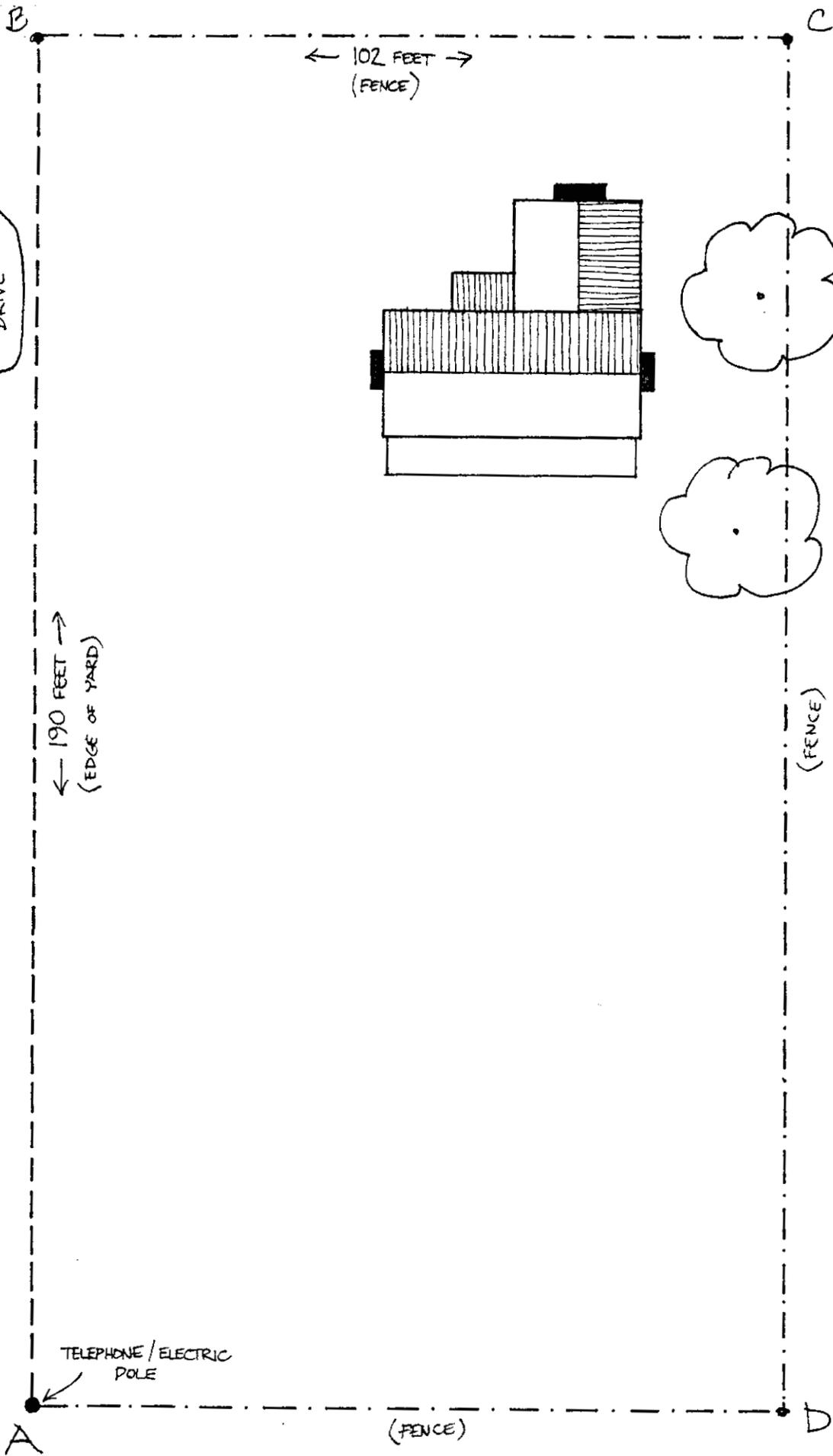
Boundary Justification

The boundaries were chosen to include the house and domestic-related space .

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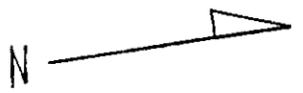
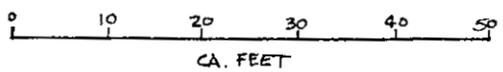
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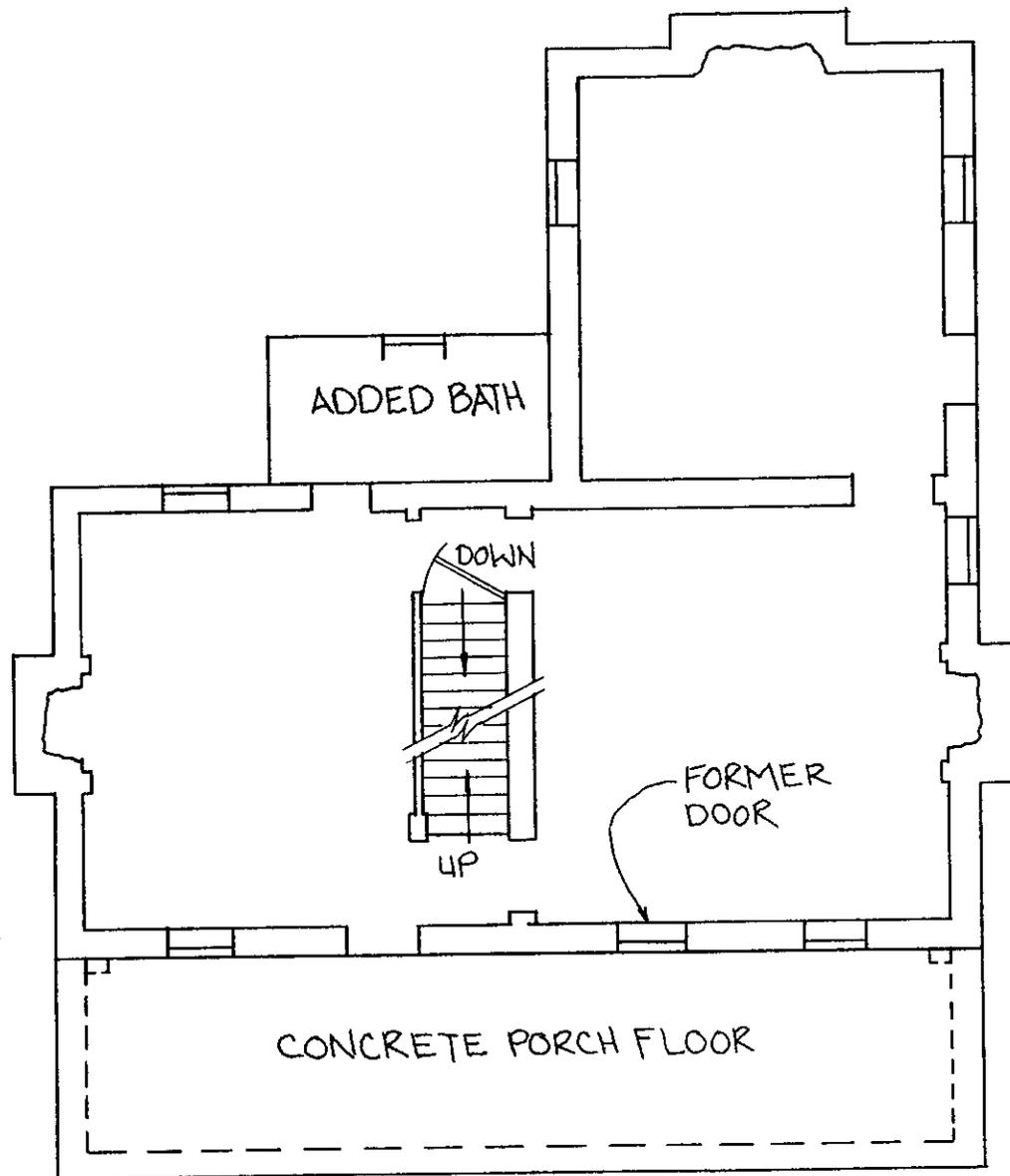
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 city or town Christiansburg



GEORGE EARTHART HOUSE  
60-300

G. WORSHAM  
K. MARTIN 10/87





GEORGE EARHART HOUSE. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
SURVEYED BY: G.W. APRIL 1986 DRAWN BY M.J.C.  
NO. 60-300

$\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$  0 2' 4' 6' 8' 10'

GEORGE EARHART HOUSE

17 556590 4117810

VIRGINIAN RAILWAY UNDERPASS  
17 556395 4116980

EARHART HOUSE  
17 556230 4116550

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
17 556060 4115760

BLANKENSHIP FARM  
17 556430 4115310

IRINTO  
QUAD

