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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 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

other names/site number Earhart Farm #2, Walters Farm: 60-380

2. Location 3/10 of a mile west of the junction of VA Routes 723 and 6-3 on the street & number west side of VA Route 723 city, town Ellett state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24960

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, as amended, 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.

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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

Domestic: secondary structures

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Domestic: secondary structures

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: center-passage plan

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls wood: weatherboard

roof metal: tin

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two-story house is located on a knoll on the west side of VA Route 723 between Ellett and New Ellett. It is not far from Trinity Church (60-383) and the Virginian Railway Underpass (60-573), both on Virginia Route 723 and part of the multiple property nomination. The well preserved center-passage-plan house which dates from the mid-1850s, has an integral two-story ell to the rear (west), and has a standing-seam metal hipped roof. The house and the ell have two-story brick shouldered chimneys with coursed rubble bases and the chimneys interrupt the cornice. Both the house and ell have corner pilasters with molded caps, a molded frieze board which is cut into by the second-story windows, and six-over-six sash windows with original louvered blinds. The principal entry has a grained and regrained door, pilastered surround, and sidelights. The second-story central window has sidelights, cornerblocks, and narrow shutters.

The one-story porch to the front (east) has a hipped roof supported by square columns with molded caps, a latticed balustrade and screen at each end, and poured concrete steps. The wall under the porch is plastered above a paneled wainscot with a bull-nosed chair rail.

The two-story hip-roofed integral ell has a two-story, two-level porch on the south side with narrow Doric columns below and heavier ones above, turned balusters above and sawn balusters below, and a flush-board roofed end. An added one-story bay window is located on the south end of the main house on the east side of the chimney. A one-story addition on the north side of the ell has a hipped roof and contains a modern kitchen.

A one-and-one-half-story v-notched log house or kitchen dating from the mid-nineteenth century sits at the southwest corner of the ell. It has a corrugated metal gable roof and a coursed rubble foundation with a cellar access on the south side. The building has a brick chimney at the west end with a coursed rubble base and a stepped shoulder above the first-floor fire box. The exposed log walls have mud and wood chinking and traces of exterior whitewash. The gables are weatherboarded. A one-

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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. 1856

Significant Dates

ca. 1856

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 house is significant under criterion C as an important and well preserved dwelling representing the regionally-recognized vernacular center-passage form. Twenty frame, eight brick, and one log two-story single-pile examples of this form have been identified from the mid-nineteenth century. The house is associated with the locally prominent Earhart family. The house has several significant characteristics notably the plastered and paneled wall under the porch, very much like that at Solitude (listed in the National Register in 1988) in Blacksburg, corner pilasters, and a fine collection of outbuildings. The surviving log house or kitchen adds much to the significance of the property. The addition to the rear of the house has been done in such a way that it does not effect the visual integrity of the house from the road.

The house is located on land on the North Fork of the Roanoke River which was owned by George Earhart (born ca. 1793) during the 1830s and 1840s. Earhart built a house (60-300, part of this submission) in ca. 1840 on a nearby 537-acre farm. A 175-acre tract seems to have been used by his son Henry (born ca. 1838) as he came of age, for in 1856 the tract acquired improvements valued at \$2,000, more than the then current value of George Earhart's homeplace (which was mentioned above). Whether the house was built for Henry Earhart or another individual, the farmhouse was listed in George Earhart's name as late as 1874. By 1880, when George Earhart was living with Henry, he was taxed only on the homeplace (given to his daughter Margaret in 1877) and Henry paid taxes on the 175-acre property.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Montgomery County Deed Books.

Montgomery County Land Tax Books.

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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 # _____

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

Richmond, Virginia 23219

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre.

UTM References

A 17 556230 4116550
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A on the east side of VA Route 723 1,400 feet north of the intersection of VA Route 723 and VA Route 603, proceeding west 220 feet along a dirt road to point B, thence north 230 feet to point C, thence east 150 feet to point D, thence south 205 feet along the west side of VA Route 723 to point E, thence east 40 feet to point F, thence south 30 feet to the point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

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

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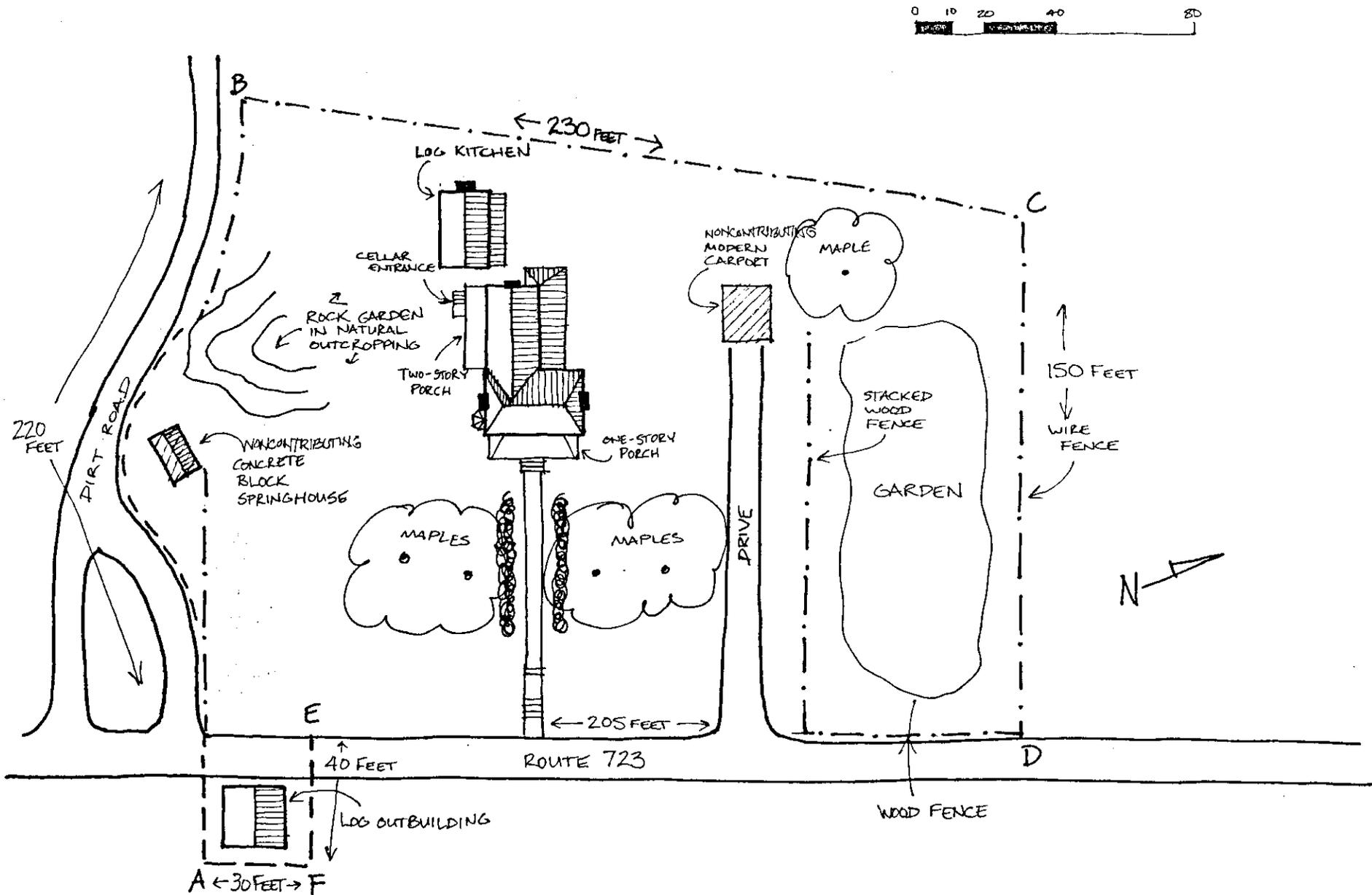
story porch on the north side is at ground-level and has log posts and a poured concrete floor. Other outbuildings include a noncontributing concrete block springhouse to the south of the house, a mid-nineteenth-century square, log outbuilding on the opposite side of the road to the east of the house, approximately eighteen by eighteen feet in size, and a noncontributing modern carport to the north of the house.

60-380

EARHART HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., VIRGINIA

G. WORSHAM, K. MARTIN 4/88



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

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