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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Orange	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
JAMES MADISON HOME

AND/OR HISTORIC:
MONTPELIER

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
4 miles west of Orange on Virginia Route 20

CITY OR TOWN:
Montpelier Station

STATE: Virginia 22957

CODE: 51

COUNTY: Orange

CODE: 137

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Marion duPont Scott

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Montpelier Station

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
22957

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Orange County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Orange

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
22960

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: ^{ORIGINAL HOUSE BUILT BY FRANCES TAYLOR AND AMBROSE MADISON, GRAND PARENTS OF JAMES MADISON. HIS MOTHER HAD GONE TO VISIT HER PARENTS AND HE WAS BORN THERE.} Although he was not born at Montpelier, ^{there} James Madison spent 76 years of his life there and ~~came to consider it~~ ^{his home}. Born in King George County in 1751, ~~young James moved to Orange County, Virginia~~. His father built the central portion of the present house. Except during his periods of public service--notably as a member of the Continental Congress, 1780-83; as a member of the Congress of the Confederation, 1787; as a member of the Federal Congress, 1789-97; as Secretary of State, 1801-09; and as President, 1809-17--Madison remained at Montpelier. After he retired to private life, he and his wife, the vivacious Dolly Madison, held court at Montpelier for an unending succession of visitors, including the great and near-great, the humble and the curious. After 19 years of this not-so-quiet life, Madison died in 1836 at an advanced age. Dolly Madison moved away from Montpelier, but after her death 13 years later she was brought to rest beside her husband.

During his lifetime at Montpelier, Madison carried out the landscaping of the grounds around the mansion, which was enlarged by the addition of a huge Doric portico and one-room wings on each side of the original portion. The usual complement of outbuildings were constructed on the 4,500-acre estate.

Status: Montpelier is privately owned and is not open to visitors, with the exception of the Madison family cemetery. About 50 years ago the wings were enlarged and raised to the level of the central portion of the house. The grounds are beautifully landscaped and show signs of careful maintenance, as does the mansion.

b. BOUNDARIES: Consists of approximately 1,767 acres, about 200 of which are located on the north side of Route 20 and the remaining 1,567 on the south side.

Beginning at the junction of Routes 20 and 616, proceed south for approximately 8,000 feet; thence west for approximately 4,700 feet; thence north for approximately 1,000 feet; thence west for approximately 5,200 feet to Route 655; continue west for approximately 1,000 feet beyond Route 655; thence north for approximately 4,500 feet to Route 20; continue north for approximately 2,600 feet beyond Route 20; thence east for approximately 4,700 feet to Route 693; thence south along Route 693 to Route 20; thence east along Route 20 to point of beginning.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This important structure was the home of President James Madison for 76 years, including 19 years of his retirement after he served as President of the United States. Jefferson designed the portico for his friend, Madison.

PRESIDENT JAMES MADISON WAS THE GREAT GRANDSON OF COL. JAMES TAYLOR AND MARTHA THOMPSON. COL. TAYLOR ACCOMPANIED LT. GOV. SPOTSWOOD ON TRIP ACROSS BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS IN 1716 AND WAS ONE OF THAT FAMED BAND WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO HISTORY AS "THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE". HE RECEIVED CROWN GRANT IN 1721 AND RETURNED TO ORANGE TO BUILD "BLOOMSBURY", PRESIDENTS MADISON'S ANCESTRAL HOME STILL STANDING AND THE FIRST BUILT IN WHAT BECAME ORANGE COUNTY. COL. TAYLOR WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING MONTPELIER TRACK FOR HIS DAUGHTER, FRANCIS TAYLOR, AND HER BEAU, AMBROSE MADISON, AS THEY WERE PLANNING TO BE MARRIED AT THAT TIME. THEY NAMED THEIR SON, JAMES, FOR COL. TAYLOR. THIS WAS MADISON'S FATHER WHO BUILT THE PRESENT HOUSE USING MATERIALS TAKEN FROM THE HOUSE BUILT BY FRANCIS TAYLOR AND AMBROSE MADISON.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Irving Brant, James Madison (3 vols., Indianapolis, 1941-50); Adrienne Koch, Jefferson and Madison (New York, 1950); William E. Carson, Historic Shrines of Virginia (Richmond, 1934).

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38° 13' 40"	78° 11' 32"		6	0	
NE	38° 14' 11"	78° 09' 22"				
SE	38° 12' 35"	78° 09' 06"				
SW	38° 12' 12"	78° 11' 24"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1767

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

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

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

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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