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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Virginia
COUNTY:
Washington
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ENTRY DATE
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1. NAME
COMMON:
Montcalm
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
.2 miles west of Route 75.
CITY OR TOWN:
Abingdon
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Ninth (William C. Wampler)
STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 191

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Frank Goodpasture, Jr. (See Continuation Sheet)
STREET AND NUMBER:
21 Long Crescent Drive Mont Calm
CITY OR TOWN:
Bristol Abingdon
STATE: Virginia CODE: 51
24210
24201

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Washington County Court House
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Abingdon
STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
DATE OF SURVEY: 1957
Federal State County Local

6. DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Washington
STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

I. General Statement:

A. Architectural character: Montcalm is an architecturally sophisticated Federal style farmhouse for Southwest Virginia and is distinguished by finely detailed interiors. The house was extensively renovated in the early twentieth century.

B. Condition of the fabric: Good.

II. Description of the Exterior:

A. Over-all dimensions: The two-story, five-bay house is forty feet long and thirty feet wide. An original twenty-five foot ell extends to the south. A two-story addition on the west end of the main block dates from the first decade of the twentieth century, and a 1950's one room addition is just south of that.

B. Foundations: Rough-cut limestone.

C. Wall construction: The facade is laid in Flemish bond; the sides and ell are laid in five-course American bond; and the circa 1900 wing is laid in irregular American Bond.

D. Porches: A one-story shed porch with a roof balustrade covers the north facade of the main block, and is supported by six Tuscan columns and two engaged Tuscan columns. This porch was put on in the early twentieth century, replacing an earlier, but probably not original, one.

E. Chimneys: Interior chimneys placed at each end of the main block and at the end of the ell have brick stacks and corbelled caps.

F. Openings:

1. Doorways and doors: The main entrance doorway consists of a fanlight with radiating muntins surrounded by a broad architrave trim. The doorway beneath the fan has deeply fluted trim with corner blocks and bullseyes. Each of the double doors opening into the hall has four raised-panels.

2. Windows: The windows are surrounded by a broad architrave trim, and have nine-over-nine sash. The windows on the first floor of the facade have jack arches of soldier bricks. The remaining first floor windows have a jack arch of soldiers under a short course of rowlocks.

G. Roof: The gable roof is covered with sheet metal. The shallow entablature features mutules and short returns at the gable ends.

III. Description of the Interior:

A. Floor plan: At one time Montcalm exhibited a typical floor plan --- a central passage flanked by a room on either side. When the house was enlarged in the early twentieth century, the central hall plan was abandoned and an entrance hall occupying the north-west third of the original house was created. The west room addition with an arched doorway opens off this. The dining room occupies the south-west third of the house; the ell is entered from the dining room. The original east room was left unchanged.

B. Stairway: A circular free-flying stair with simple brackets ascends in the hall. The stair was placed in its present position in the early twentieth century remodeling.

C. Wall and ceiling finish: Plastered walls are either painted or covered with wall paper.

D. Doorways and doors: The doorways are surrounded with fluted trim, and have corner blocks and bullseyes, and fluted corner blocks. The

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sofits are paneled. The doors have eight panels. On the upper floor, the six-panel doors retain their original graining, and are surrounded by architrave trim.

E. Trim: The east room is the most elaborate with large scale window treatment from ceiling to floor. Paneling and reeding are featured under each window. The window trim is other wise similar to that on the doorways.

F. Heating: Modern central heating has been installed in the house, but the fireplaces and mantels remain in each room. The first floor mantels are replacements in the Greek Revival style. On the second floor, the mantels are in the earlier Federal style, with wide molded shelves, friezes with a projecting central block, plain or fluted framing pilasters, and architrave trim around the opening. The mantels on the finished third floor are similar to those on the second floor, but considerably smaller.

IV. Site:

A. General Setting: Montcalm is set on a hill just south of Abingdon in large shaded grounds. An old winding lane of maples approaches the house from the north, and a more modern straight evergreen lined lane from the west. Several of Governor Campbell's carefully nutured pine trees planted nearly 150 years ago remain on the grounds. The house faces north.

B. Outbuildings: Southwest of the house stands a wooden smokehouse with a pyramidal roof. This building features the same trim, symmetrically fluted with corner blocks, seen on the house. The slave quarters have a gable roof, exterior-end chimney and three-course American bond brick and stands south of the house. A small early-twentieth-century, one-story house with ell is east of the main house. The gable roof structure has six-course American bond walls, and the ell is weatherboarded. A shed porch shelters the north facade and is supported by Tuscan columns similar to those on the main house.

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)

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/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | <u>Local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Throughout its history, Montcalm has been one of the most important houses in the Abingdon vicinity. Since its construction in 1827, it has been the home of three influential Abingdon and Washington County families, the Campbells, the Cummings, and the Mingeas. Originally the house was a fine example of the traditional rural house highly embellished with ornament of the Federal period. The renovations undertaken in the early twentieth century made Montcalm appear more of a gentleman's estate, but did not obscure the graceful lines of the house.

The site of Montcalm was part of a grant from King George II to Thomas Walker in 1752. David Campbell acquired the land in 1809, sold it in 1819, and subsequently reacquired it in 1822, moving into his new house in October, 1827. David Campbell was an outstanding citizen of Southwest Virginia, serving his state as a colonel of the Third Virginia Cavalry, Clerk of the Court of Washington County, State Senator, and Governor of Virginia from 1837-40. Governor Campbell stands out for his early recognition of the need for and endorsement of a widespread program of public education.

After Campbell's death in 1859, his heirs sold Montcalm to Colonel Arthur C. Cummings, although the deed was not recorded until 1883. Cummings, a Mexican War veteran, commanded a regiment of the Stonewall Brigade during the War Between the States, and later was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for several terms.

Montcalm was sold to Mrs. Frances T. Mingea after Colonel Cummings' death in 1904. She and her husband, Wilton E. Mingea, Sr., renovated the house and established it as the Mingea family estate. Mingea was involved in the lumber industry in Southwest Virginia, and he also developed the Virginia-Carolina Railroad, known locally as the "Virginia Creeper" which ran from Abingdon to West Jefferson, North Carolina. Today Montcalm is owned by the heirs of Mrs. W. E. Mingea, Jr.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission files.

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	36° 42' 33"	81° 58' 34"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	36° 42' 33"	81° 58' 18"				
SE	36° 42' 18"	81° 58' 18"				
SW	36° 42' 18"	81° 58' 34"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **18 acres.**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **November, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** 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 _____
Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Title _____

Date _____

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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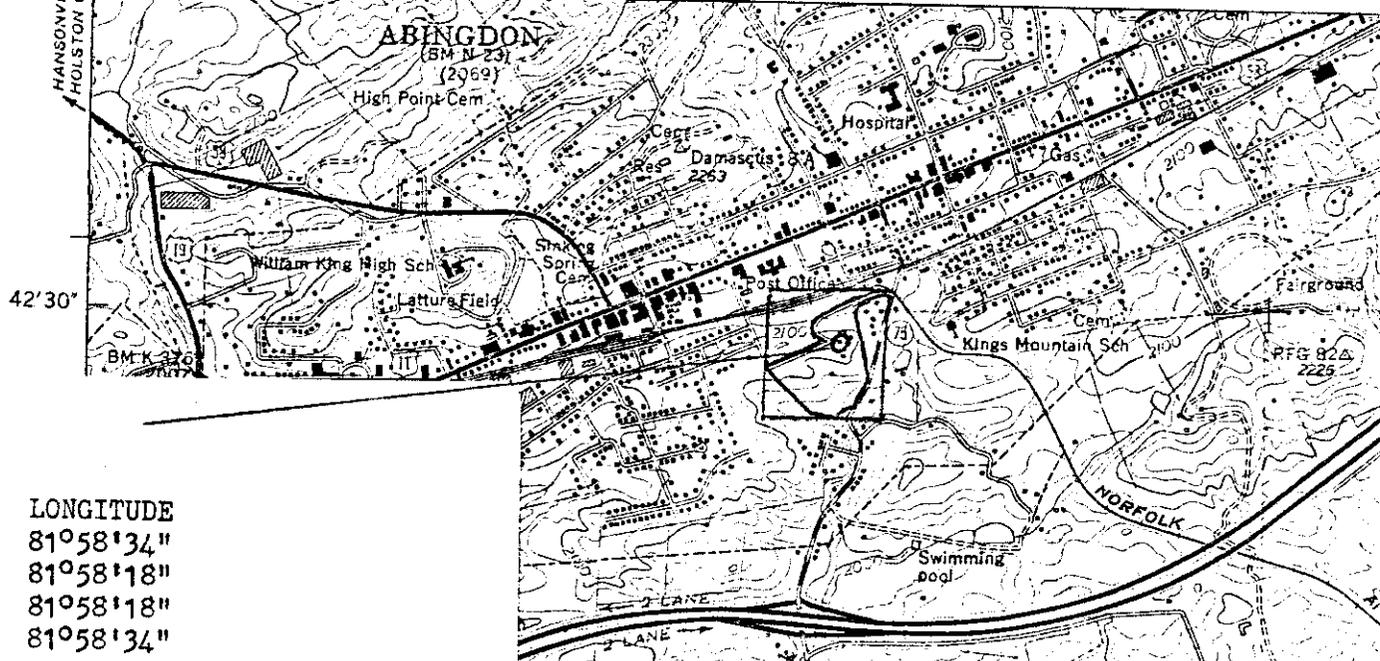
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4. Mrs. Hynson Brown
425 E. 86th Street
Apt. 5A
New York, New York 10028

Mrs. Lewis R. Prosser
537 Slattery Blvd.
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104



MONTCALM

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
NW36°42'33"	81°58'34"
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SE36°42'18"	81°58'18"
SW36°42'18"	81°58'34"

