

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Clover Mount (preferred)

and/or common Tate House; Stone House Farm

2. Location

street & number State Route 674 n/a not for publication

city, town Greenville X vicinity of congressional district Sixth (M. Caldwell Butle

state Virginia code 51 county Augusta code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Robert and Peggy Lynch

street & number Route 1, Box 447

city, town Greenville n/a vicinity of state Virginia 24440

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Augusta County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Staunton state Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date December 1979 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

city, town Richmond state Virginia 23219

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____ n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Clover Mount, one of several early stone houses in the central section of the Valley of Virginia, is situated among the rolling hills along Broadhead Creek at the headwaters of the South River in southern Augusta County. The cut limestone construction illustrates the rich local masonry tradition that developed in the Valley in the late 18th century. Stone jack arches adorn the window openings and transom-lighted front entrance. The one-story, three-bay, frame porch, which now interrupts the front door arch, dates to the mid- to late 19th century.

This five-bay dwelling was constructed in two stages--the three-bay rectangular block to the north was built first and was enlarged soon afterwards by a two-bay lateral addition on the south gable end. The measurements in the Mutual Assurance Society records of 1803 reveal that the addition had been made by this date, and the sketch of the house illustrates its unusual form with a slight projection off the west end. The original south gable wall was removed with the enlargement, but the first-story basement sills and the double-rafter roof system clearly indicate that the house was built in two stages.

The first structure, measuring 30' by 20', contained a two-room, hall-parlor plan. Although this was a popular plan for log houses throughout the 19th century, Clover Mount is the area's only known surviving example in stone construction with a full two-story elevation. Like most two-room plans in the area, the main entrance was located in the center of the three-bay facade. A chimney on the north wall served the larger north rooms on both levels, while the south rooms remained unheated. The present partition was moved several feet to the south when the house was enlarged before 1803.

The single-cell, double-pile addition transformed the more traditional design into a variation on a new "popular" "I"-house model. This involved creating a central passage out of the smaller south room and adding the double-pile addition on the other side of the passage. Several other early stone houses in this area, probably built about the same time as the enlargement of Clover Mount, display variations of a three-room, central-passage plan. The corner fireplaces in the two-room addition were a popular feature in these early double-pile designs.

Most of the woodwork and trim throughout the house dates to the period of enlargement before 1803. The corner staircase retains the traditional winder design, finished with three turned balusters per tread, molded handrail, carved stair brackets, and a square newel post. Original mantels are found in the north rooms on both floors and in the first-floor southeast room. The fireplaces in the north rooms are enclosed by shouldered architraves with ovolo profile moldings and are topped with fluted end blocks and dentil cornices. The first-floor southeast mantel reveals a more original design with tall flat pilasters pushed out to each side of the simple architrave molding and shallow cornice shelf. A German iron stove plate was recently discovered in the first-floor north fireplace.

The original chair railing on both floors and the first-floor hall cornice moldings were removed when the rooms were wallpapered, but portions of the chair railing remain below the windows on the second floor. Raised six-panel doors enclosed with ovolo architrave molded trim survive throughout the house. Mid-19th-century Greek Revival-style alterations include the addition of a mantel in the southwest first-floor room, full wooden cupboards east of the first- and second-floor north fireplaces, and new door frames and double doors for the first-floor passage entrances.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

9. Major Bibliographical References (See Continuation Sheet #2)

Augusta County Deed Books 1, 8, 21, 66, 84, 85, 86, 105, 183, 281, 382, 410, 444, 547, 751.
Land Books 1792-1800; 1820-1860.
Personal Property Tax Books 1815.
Will Books 18, 34, 41, 42, 43.
 Hotchkiss, Jed. "Map of Riverheads District." Historical Atlas of Augusta County. 1885.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8 acres
 Quadrangle name Greenville, Va./Vesuvius, Va. Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point on the W side of VA 674, about 2300' N of the intersection with Va 675; thence extending about 300' SW to 1900' contour; thence about 600' NW; thence about 550' NE to W side of VA 674; thence about 750' SE along said side to point of origin. See continuation sheet # 1 for justification.

state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff
 organization Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission date June 1981
 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature H. Bryan Mitchell
 H. Bryan Mitchell, Executive Director
 title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission date MAY 10 1982

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 date _____
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

