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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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Walnut Hill  
other names/site number VDHR file no. 015-5012

2. Location

street & number Rt. 2 Box 303 (Lawyers Road; SR 683) not for publication N/A  
city or town Lynchburg vicinity X  
state Virginia code VA county Campbell code 031 zip code 24501

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 12/8/99  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is: Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  
  
entered in the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
determined eligible for the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
determined not eligible for the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_  
removed from the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_  
other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	buildings
2	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
5	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Subcategory
DOMESTIC	single dwelling
DOMESTIC	secondary structure
AGRICULTURE	animal facility
FUNERARY	cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Subcategory
DOMESTIC	single dwelling
DOMESTIC	secondary structure
FUNERARY	cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Georgian

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	Stone
walls	Metal (Aluminum)
roof	Metal
other	Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- \_\_\_ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
\_\_\_ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
\_\_\_ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- \_\_\_ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
\_\_\_ B removed from its original location.
\_\_\_ C a birthplace or a grave.
\_\_\_ D a cemetery.
\_\_\_ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
\_\_\_ F a commemorative property.
\_\_\_ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past fifty years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1802-ca. 1900

Significant Dates

1802

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Leftwich, William Edward, Jr. (rehabilitation)
Goad, Mr. (rehabilitation contractor)

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
\_\_\_ Other State agency
\_\_\_ Federal agency
\_\_\_ Local government
\_\_\_ University
\_\_\_ Other

Name of repository:

**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property approximately 195.67 acres**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	657360	4127200	3	17	658050 4126120
2	17	658110	4126710	4	17	658390 4125860

 See continuation sheet.**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town	<u>Lexington</u> state <u>VA</u>		

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name	<u>Helga N. Leftwich</u>	telephone	<u>(804) 821-4918</u>
street & number	<u>Rt. 2 Box 303</u>	zip code	<u>24501</u>
city or town	<u>Lynchburg</u> state <u>Virginia</u>		

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Continuation Sheet

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Walnut Hill  
Campbell Co., Va.

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## NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

### Summary and Setting

Walnut Hill is located in northern Campbell County, Virginia, among the fields, woods, and hillsides of the valley through which flows Flat Creek, a tributary of the Otter and Staunton (Roanoke) rivers. Samuel and Judith Clark Moorman were the home's original owners; later occupants included their son Samuel Tucker Moorman, daughter Lucy Frances Leftwich, and son-in-law Col. Joel Breckenridge Leftwich. The story-and-a-half dwelling was built in several phases beginning with the south wing, an 1802 log dwelling with an internal gable-end stone chimney. Slightly later, probably before 1820, a two-room-plan frame addition was built onto the north end of the log dwelling; this became the main or front section of the house. One-story frame additions were made ca. 1870, in 1948-1950, and again in 1984. The house has stone chimneys and foundations, metal-sheathed gable roofs, and aluminum siding over weatherboards. The early sections have Georgian interior treatments, winder stairs, and unusual batten doors with moldings applied to one face to give them the appearance of panel doors.

Next to the house stand two saddle/v-notched log outbuildings--a smokehouse and a chickenhouse--and a stone chimney that survives from a log kitchen and cook's dwelling. A small brook flows behind these resources; once it served them as a water supply. Situated on a ridge to the west of the house is the Moorman-Leftwich Cemetery, enclosed by a stone wall with an unusual cantilevered stile and containing a range of vernacular and professionally carved monuments. Walnut Hill's yard features old specimen trees including large cedars, a 1913 sycamore, a pre-1900 catalpa, and a pre-1900 walnut that is said to have inspired the property's name. Elevations in the nominated parcel range from just under 700 feet above sea level along Flat Creek, the southeast border of the parcel, to 861 feet at the crest of a hill that occupies the parcel's wooded northern end. The parcel's arable acreage, approximately a third of the total extent, is presently in hay. A portion of the low ground along Flat Creek at the southeast end of the parcel is identified as a drill field or muster ground that was used during the Civil War. The nineteenth-century course of Lawyers Road (SR 683), which connects Lynchburg and Evington, touches the parcel at its northern tip.

### Inventory

1. Walnut Hill. 1802; first quarter 19th c.; ca. 1870; 1948-1950; 1984. Contributing building.
2. Kitchen chimney. Early/mid-19th c. Contributing site.
3. Meathouse. 19th c. Contributing building.
4. Chickenhouse. 19th c. Contributing building.
5. Cemetery. Mid-19th c. through present. Contributing site.































