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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

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: Dinwiddie	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Mayfield Cottage

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mayfield

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Petersburg vicinity, on Central State Hospital Grounds, .1 mi. N of Cattail Branch, S side of Rt. 1 (Rt. 460), .5 mi. E of inter-CITY OR TOWN: section of Rt. 1 and Rt. 460.

STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Dinwiddie	CODE 053
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Historic Petersburg, Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 267

CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Dinwiddie County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square

CITY OR TOWN: Dinwiddie STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #26-27

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond, STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

STATE: Virginia

COUNTY: Dinwiddie

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>			Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in the mid-eighteenth century, Mayfield survives as one of the architecturally outstanding colonial plantation houses of Virginia. It is unusual as an example of a story-and-a-half house built on a mansion scale of the finest quality workmanship and materials. Mayfield's Flemish bond brickwork with its gauged flat arches, beveled water table, and rubbed brick dressings is a classic example of colonial Virginia masonry. The jerkin-head roof crowning the house is a distinctive and infrequently found architectural feature, and it contributes to the structural appearance of solidarity and massiveness.

Mayfield's interior paneling is of first quality workmanship. At least two of the first floor rooms were fully paneled before the removal of some of the interior partitions. Its central hall, running the full depth of the house, with the stairway in its own separate room, are features typical of smaller houses of the area but one rarely found in a house on the scale of Mayfield.

Despite the regrettable loss of some of the interior partitions, Mayfield survives amazingly intact for a structure of its age. The only other significant alterations include the change of the sash in the south front windows and dormers, as well as the addition of simple covered stoops over the main entrances.

Overlooked for many years by historians and architectural historians because it was hidden from view by adjoining institutional buildings, Mayfield's recent rediscovery has finally brought this significant structure the attention it richly deserves.

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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)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input 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"/>	_____
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Mayfield is believed to be the oldest existing brick house in Dinwiddie County. The first owner who can be positively ascertained was Robert Ruffin who lived at Mayfield until 1769 when he moved to King William County. Due to the destruction of many of the Dinwiddie County records, it is difficult to trace title in its entirety to Mayfield. Whether Robert Ruffin sold Mayfield in 1769 or retained it until his death cannot be told. The next discernible owner was Thomas Tabb Bolling, It is assumed that Bolling owned Mayfield until his death in 1810, for the records indicate that his son Thomas Redford Bolling, who was born at Mayfield in 1797, continued to live at Mayfield after his father's death and probably inherited the property. In 1816 Mayfield was insured for \$3000 by the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia by Edward Osborne Goodwyn, so it can be assumed the property had passed from the hands of the Bolling family by this date. Edward Osborne Goodwyn conveyed the property to his sister, Eliza Harrison Goodwyn, who became the wife of Captain Thomas Whitworth. At her death in 1847 Mayfield was left to her daughter, Eliza, the wife of Henry Chamberlyne Willson. In 1882 Willson and his wife sold Mayfield with 290 acres and a granite quarry to the City of Petersburg for \$15,000. At the same time, in accordance with a special act of the General Assembly, the property was accepted by the board of directors of Central Lunatic Asylum as the site of their future hospital. In August of 1882 the City of Petersburg transferred the property to the Commonwealth of Virginia to be used for Central State. Since that time the property has been used by Central State for its headquarters and the original Mayfield house became part of the hospital complex.

During the War between the States Mayfield played a role during General Lee's last ditch attempts to defend Petersburg in 1865. On the Mayfield property two defence lines, Fort Whitworth and Fort Gregg, were maintained, and on April 2, 1865, they fell to the Federal troops after stiff fighting. General Lee had left Edge Hill earlier in the day and viewed the battle from the Mayfield property. The Union troops began their attack on the Mayfield defences around one o'clock and, as Douglas Southall Freeman has so vividly written, Lee "was standing at the time on the bluff above Town Creek in the thickest of the fire, near the Whitworth home (Mayfield), but, as always, he seemed oblivious to the danger." From this point, General Lee went to Cottage Farm for the night where he planned the final details of the evacuation and began the journey that was to lead to Appomattox.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and plats in Dinwiddie County Court House, Dinwiddie, Virginia; Dinwiddie County: "The Countrey of the Apamatica" (Dinwiddie County School Board, 1942); Tyler's Quarterly, vol. 9, p. 67; William and Mary Quarterly, series one, vol. 18, p. 252; WPA records regarding Captain Thomas Whitworth and Fort Gregg; Acts of Assembly, 1881-82, p. 343; Mary Carter Thurber, comp., The Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas Tabb Bolling and Seignoria Peyton (1909); Douglas Southall Freeman, R. E. Lee: A Biography, vol. IV (New York, 1945). Edward A. Wyatt, IV, Plantation Houses Around Petersburg (Petersburg, 1955).

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff of Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: 7 April 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
Ninth Street Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

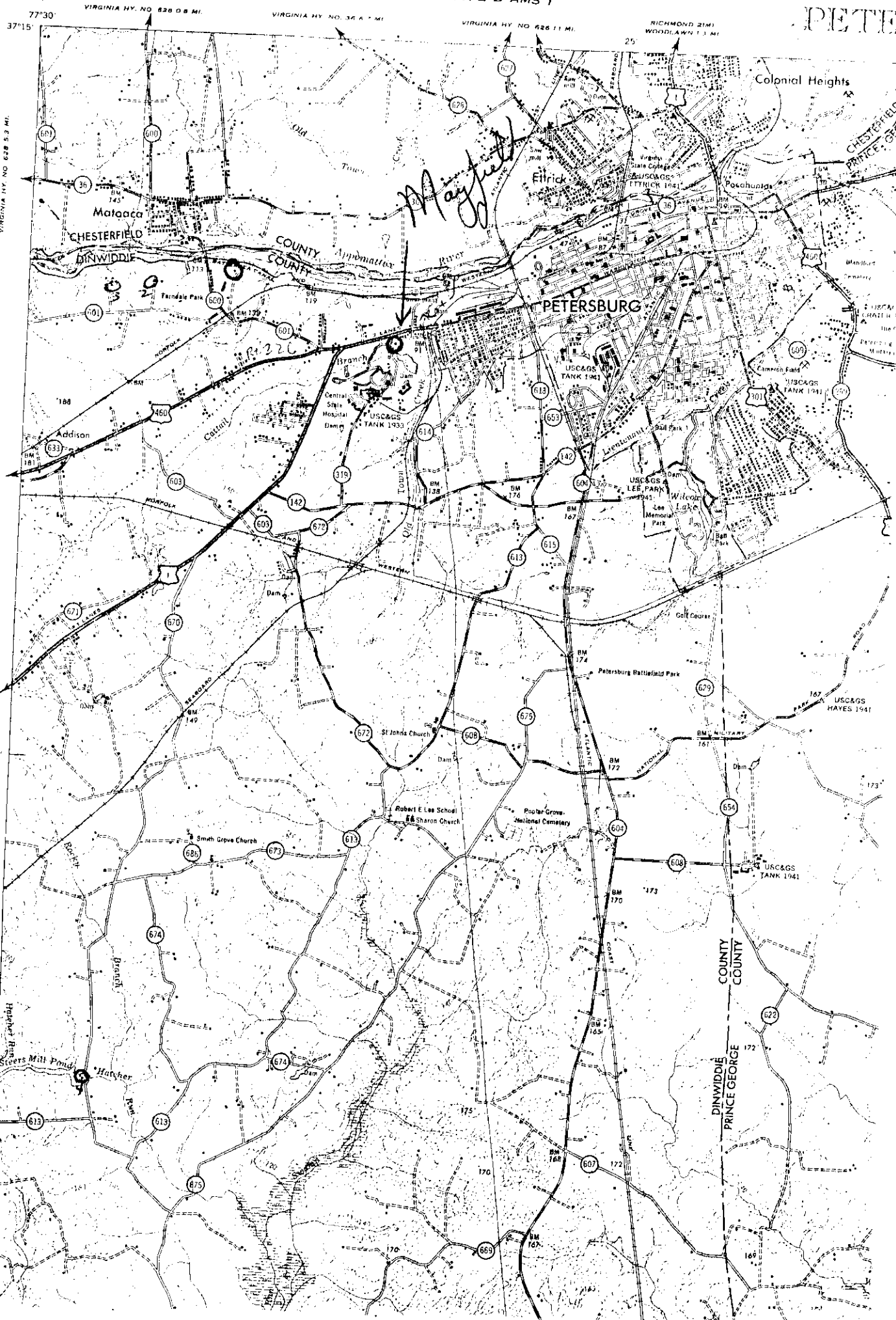
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



- BURLINGTON
- 1 SYSONBY
- 2 MAUSFIELD
- 3 Mayfield
- 26-27
- MILTON
- (174-177)
- SMITH PLACE
- (174-178)

STEERS MILL

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