

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Goochland	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Woodlawn

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Woodlawn

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
N side of Rt. 250 at the intersection with Rt. 612

CITY OR TOWN:
(Oilville vicinity)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Goochland CODE: 075

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Kennedy

STREET AND NUMBER:
Woodlawn

CITY OR TOWN: Esbat STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Goochland County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Goochland STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This imposing late-eighteenth century house has long been a familiar landmark along the old Three Chopt Highway and later U. S. Route 250. The two-story, five-bay brick structure stands in an informally planted yard at an angle to the highway. To the west of the house is a modern geometric boxwood garden. The chimneys and all four walls of the house are laid in even-colored Flemish bond with thin mortar joints. Repointing in various places has marred the consistency of some of the brickwork, however. Prominent features of the house are the two-story pent closets that are structurally incorporated into the pairs of external end chimneys. Both cornices and end boards of the broad gable roof are ornamented with dentils and drilled work. All the windows on both the front and rear elevations are topped with whitewashed stuccoed jack arches; those on the ends are plainly treated. Most of the windows retain their early sash and louvred shutters. The front entrance is sheltered by a small porch supported on four evenly-spaced square columns with Ionic capitals. This part is thought to have been added around 1810. The only recent exterior additions are the one-story frame kitchen on the east end, and a long frame porch on the rear, both added in 1937.

The first floor plan of the house consists of a wide central hall with two rooms on each side. An enclosed stair ascends along the west side of the hall and a very narrow secondary or "secret" stair ascends from the dining room through the western pent. The second floor contains six rooms along an irregular transverse hall. In the large unfinished garret the interesting original roof structure is quite evident.

Woodlawn's interior retains nearly all of its original woodwork which is well proportioned but not elaborate. The principal rooms are outfitted with chair rails, baseboards, raised panel doors, but no cornices. The rooms also have simple Federal-style mantels that vary in form. The mantel in the first floor northeast room is decorated with three carved mill stones, demonstrating the builder's interest in milling. The doors in the hall and the two first floor east rooms have "dog-eared" architrave surrounds. The rooms throughout the house are much enhanced by the present owners' fine collection of antique furniture.

The house stands in excellent condition having been expertly restored in 1937 under the direction of the late owner, Mrs. Flora Newby Billet.

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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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | <u>County 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- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The construction date of Woodlawn is uncertain, but it is probable that the house was built by Elisha Leake (1739-1806) in the years following the Revolutionary War. Leake had apparently owned the land on which the house stands since the early 1770's, but, since he served as a Captain in the Revolution, it seems unlikely that he would have built the house until he returned from the War. The Federalist style of the house further attests to a late-eighteenth century construction date.

Both Elisha Leake and his brother Josiah were prominent millers in the area. Elisha owned two grist mills: one a short distance from Woodlawn, and another on Big Tuckahoe Creek. The Leake interest in milling is demonstrated by a mantel in the house which has three mill stones carved in it as decorations. Following Leake's death the house and 284 acres of land were claimed as dower rights by his widowed daughter, Kitty Leake Owen. The widow soon leased the house to John Trevillian, who operated it as a tavern. The house is shown as "Trevillian's Tavern" on the Goochland County map of 1820.

Woodlawn eventually reverted to the ownership of Richard Leake, who sold it with 675 acres to Wilson Bracket of Richmond in 1832. In 1834 Bracket sold Woodlawn to Colonel Thomas Taylor of Goochland, famed for his part in placing the flag of the United States on the ramparts of Chapultepec Castle during the Mexican War. Colonel Taylor's son, Americus Vespuccius Taylor was the next owner-occupant of Woodlawn. Americus Taylor served with distinction in Guy's Battery of the Confederate Army, and his grave is marked in the old Leake graveyard near the house. Woodlawn remained the Taylor family home until 1937 when the house, with a few acres around it, was sold to Mrs. Flora Newby Billet who immediately began its restoration.

In addition to its association to prominent families and individuals of the region, Woodlawn stands as an impressive example of rural Federalist architecture. The house is made visually distinctive by the use of the two-story pent closets on either end. These closets are an unusual feature and give the house a picturesque aspect. The architectural interest of the house is heightened by the survival of nearly all of the structure's original fabric. The visual quality of the house, along with its close proximity to a main highway have contributed to making Woodlawn one of the most familiar landmarks in Goochland County.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Agee, Helene Barret, Facets of Goochland County's History, Richmond: The Dietz Press, Inc., 1962.
 Weeks, Elie, "Woodlawn," Goochland County Historical Society, Vol. 1, no. 2;

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 10 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director
 ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **May 27, 1971**
 STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street Office Building
 CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

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 _____

Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman

Title **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission**

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 _____

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U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24,000)
Hylas, Va. 1963

Woodlawn
Latitude
37° 41' 05"

Longitude
77° 44' 12"

77° 45'
37° 42' 30"

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(PARKINSVILLE) OILVILLE 2.4 MI.

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37-35)

