**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries — complete applicable sections)

1. **NAME**
   - **COMMON:** Malvern Hill
   - **AND/OR HISTORIC:** Malvern Hill

2. **LOCATION**
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** .2 mi. N of Turkey Island Creek, .5 mi. NE of Rt. 5, 1.2 mi. SE of intersection of Rt. 5 and Rt. 156, 14.5 mi. E of Richmond.
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Richmond

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - **CATEGORY (Check One):**
     - District
     - Site
     - Building
   - **ownership (Check One):**
     - Public
     - Private
     - Both
   - **STATUS:**
     - Occupied
     - Unoccupied
     - Public Acquisition: In Process
     - Being Considered
   - **ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:**
     - Yes:
     - Restricted
     - Unrestricted
   - **PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**
     - Agricultural
     - Industrial
     - Park
     - Private Residence
     - Religious
     - Ruins
   - **Transportation**
   - **Other (Specify):**
   - **Comments**

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
   - **OWNERS NAME:** Mr. William H. Ferguson
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** New Market Road
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Richmond
   - **STATE:** Virginia

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:** Henrico County Court House
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** 22nd and Main Streets
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Richmond
   - **STATE:** Virginia

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - **TITLE OF SURVEY:** Historic American Buildings Survey
   - **DATE OF SURVEY:** 1941
   - **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:** Library of Congress
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Washington
   - **STATE:** D. C.
Malvern Hill is situated on a high bluff overlooking the James River. All that remains of the house are the foundations and the east gable end wall which incorporates one of the massive end chimneys, ornamented with lozenge or diamond-shaped patterns of glazed bricks known as diaper work. This end chimney probably belonged to an earlier structure as it is not bonded with the end wall, and the brickwork of the chimney and end wall is of different workmanship as well. Architectural investigation of the ruins has shown that the chimneys of the house may have belonged to a wooden structure built perhaps as early as 1662. The wooden house was probably destroyed by fire and the chimneys were incorporated into the brick structure. The date of the rebuilding is uncertain but scholars generally agree that it was done circa 1690-1700.

Fortunately the appearance of the house before the fire, circa 1905, can be determined from a number of photographs. It was a one-and-a-half story structure with a cruciform plan, covered by a steep gable roof with a rake at the modillion cornice. On the river front there was an open porch chamber with side round arches on the front and sides. The arm of the cross on the rear contained not a stair tower as would be expected, but a twelve foot square parlor. On both the river front and rear, the walls are laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers both above and below the high water table with rubbed brick employed in the flat arches of the windows.

According to a former occupant of Malvern Hill, the interior of the house featured "a staircase in the corner of the great hall /which/ rose to a landing about four feet above the floor, then turned and led to a dark upstairs passage and four bedrooms. Off the great hall was the 'East Room', used as the dining room, and entered from a basement kitchen by a small winding staircase tucked away beside a towering chimney." Unfortunately little attempt has been made to stabilize the remaining wall and end chimney, and the brick is badly deteriorated on the interior.
1967
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Code: 760 45
Malvern Hill was built by Thomas Cocke (1639-1697), high sheriff of Henrico and a member of the House of Burgesses, who was the son of Richard Cocke (1600?–1655), progenitor of the Cocke family in Virginia. The Cocke family owned the property until the late-eighteenth century when James Powell Cocke sold it to Robert Nelson. The house derives its name from the Malvern Hills in England.

Unfortunately the house was destroyed by fire circa 1905, and only one end wall remains standing. Although it is in ruins, Malvern Hill is significant architecturally as being one of the few known cruciform-plan houses in Virginia. In addition, on the one surviving chimney is perhaps the finest example of seventeenth-century diaper brickwork in the state.

Historically, Malvern Hill has been the scene of war on at least three occasions. Lafayette encamped on the property in July and August of 1781, and the Virginia Militia made camp there during the War of 1812. However, Malvern Hill will always be associated with the fierce battle between Lee and McClellan on July 1, 1862, which centered around the bluff on which the house is located.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vols. III and IV.


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director
ORGANIZATION Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond
STATE: Virginia

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 [x] Local [ ]

Name: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
Title: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Date: June 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: NOV 12 1969

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 23 1969
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

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(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE
SOURCE: 7½' quadrangle Dutch Gap
U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle Roxbury

SCALE: 1:24000

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4. REQUIREMENTS
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
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Dutch Gap, Va.
(1952)

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(1965)
H34-HR

Hon. Harry Flood Byrd, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Byrd:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Virginia and have been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places."

Senator William Spong, Jr. and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Enclosures

cc:
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, Room 1106, State Ninth Street Office Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Hon. David Edward Satterfield Hon. Richard H. Poff
Hon. William Whitehurst Hon. John O. Marsh
Hon. William Lloyd Scott Hon. Watkins M. Abbitt
Hon. W.C. (Dan) Daniel

10/6/69
Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

VIRGINIA

Little Cherrystone (Pittsylvania County)
Danville Public Library (in city)
Green Hill (Campbell County)
Battersea (Petersburg)
Belmead/St. Emma's Industrial & Agricultural School (Powhatan County)
Buckingham Court House Preservation Zone (Buckingham County)
Mayfield Cottage (Dinwiddie County)
Brandon (Prince George County)
Briery Church (Prince Edward County)
St. Mary's Whitechapel (Lancaster County)
Old Mansion (Caroline County)
Chelsea (King William County)
Blandfield (Essex County)
Greenway (Charles City County)
Camden (Caroline County)
Saline Hall (Richmond County)
Old Hotel (Prince William County)
Oatlands (Loudoun County)
Nanzatico (King George County)
Charles City Court House (Charles City County)
Aquia Church (Stafford County)
Elsing Green (King William County)
Yeocomico Church (Westmoreland County)
Eppes Island (Charles City County)
Fincastle Preservation Zone (Botetourt County)
Fotheringay (Montgomery County)
Smithfield (Montgomery County)
Poplar Forest (Bedford County)
Carlyle House (Alexandria)
Abingdon Bank (Washington County)
Norfolk Academy Building (in city)
James River and Kanawha Connection Locks (Richmond)
Malvern Hill (Henrico County)
Eppington (Chesterfield County)
Hollywood Cemetery (Richmond)