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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 Edge Hill  
other names/site number Kennedy Home, DHR# 043-0101

2. Location

street & number 1107 Greenview Drive not for publication X  
city or town Richmond vicinity X  
state Virginia code VA county Henrico code 087 zip code 23231

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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] Date 2/14/08  
Signature of certifying official  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

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

Signature of commenting official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

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

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

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  1  </u> buildings
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> structures
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> objects
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  1  </u> Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**   0  

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

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:   DOMESTIC   Sub:   Residence/single dwelling    
  DOMESTIC     Secondary Structure    
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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:   DOMESTIC   Sub:   Residence/single dwelling    
  DOMESTIC     Secondary Structure    
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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

  Mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century (Greek Revival)    
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**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation   Brick    
roof   Metal    
walls   Weatherboard    
other   Brick Chimneys  

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

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**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.
- 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.)

- 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 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance** c. 1852

**Significant Dates** c. 1852

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

**Cultural Affiliation** Undefined

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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(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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources,  
Henrico County Recreation and Parks Department

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**10. Geographical Data**  
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**Acreage of Property** 3.03 acres

**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing									
1	18	287552	4	18	287549	3	18	287635	4	18	287639
		4153215			4153061			4143061			4153215

\_\_\_ 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.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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name/title Ashley Rowland Goodwin (owner)  
organization N/A date September 20, 2007  
street & number 1107 Greenview Drive telephone 804/288-0132  
city or town Richmond state VA zip code 23231

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**Additional Documentation**  
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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)

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

name Kenneth W. Hopson and Ashley R. Goodwin  
street & number 1107 Greenview Drive telephone 804/288-0132  
city or town Richmond state VA zip code 23231

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**Location:**

Based on the proximity of Edge Hill to highly populated surrounding areas, we request that the location of the property not be published in the register, or in publicly accessible materials. We make this request based on the location of the house as relative to the directly adjacent known remains of Civil War "Battery No. 2" and its breastworks. Since purchasing the property in 2006, we have experienced many uninvited citizens attempting to survey our grounds and fields with the assistance of metal detectors.

Because the grounds also contain outbuildings currently under restoration, as well as other potentially hazardous open outbuilding foundation "pits", we would like to limit the possibility of potential injury to trespassers. For this reason, we request that any reference to our location relative to that battery, our address or street name, the name of our neighborhood (Marion Hill), or general area within the county (Eastern Henrico, or Varina), and any images of the north, street-facing elevation of the house also not be published or made publicly accessible. We appreciate your understanding in these regards.

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**Narrative Description**

**Summary Description**

Edge Hill, in eastern Henrico County, is referred to in Jeff O'Dell's *Inventory of Early Architecture and Historic Sites, County of Henrico Virginia* as "the only surviving example in the County of the 'raised cottage.'" The one-story frame dwelling features pine weatherboard siding, a hipped metal roof, and four high interior end chimneys. The five-bay house features a double-pile, center-hall plan, set above a high brick English basement. The English basement features a built-in Gothic cast iron cook stove and oven, built by the Moses Pond Company of Richmond in 1860.

The house is located in the neighborhood of Marion Hill, just north of Route 5, and faces south. From the northern property edge along Greenview Drive, the driveway rises slightly between three mature trees to the home's original rear entrance, which features a raised porch with a low pitched hipped roof. The façade, which was the original front entrance, is on the home's south side, and is surmounted by a raised pedimented portico. The view from the portico is of a line of three mature magnolia trees. Beyond these trees, the lawn drops off slightly towards the rear property line, and faces open farmed fields beyond. A small non-contributing corrugated metal shed to the east of the house was built during the late 1960s to shelter the brick foundation of the original springhouse.

O'Dell also wrote that "Edge Hill is believed to be the first dwelling in Henrico County to have water conducted into the house by force of gravity. Originally a ram located at the springhouse forced the water into an elevated water tank, and the house was supplied by the gravitational flow from the tank. " The water tower is no longer standing, but the foundation of the springhouse remains.

**Detailed Description**

**Main House**

Edge Hill features a double-pile, center-hall plan main floor, set above a high English basement also on the center-hall plan. The exterior is comprised of pine weatherboard above a brick foundation, the majority of which is laid in 5:1 American bond. This red painted brick foundation rises approximately seventeen courses above ground level, and holds nine windows, one casement and eight three-over-three double-hung sash. These double-hung basement windows are vertically aligned below eight six-over-nine double-hung eight-foot sash windows, four on each of the north and south walls.

The porch on the north elevation has a hipped roof, while the original front portico on the south façade features a gabled, pedimented roof. Both porches span the three central bays of each elevation and shelter a centrally located main door. Both doors are capped with a three-light transom, and the original front door on the south façade is flanked by five-light sidelights. Four wooden box columns, and two square wooden wall-mounted pilasters support each of the porches.

The front door enters into a central hall, eight feet in width, that runs the depth of the house. The floors throughout the main floor are of original heart pine floorboards, which have been refinished during the last five years. The ceilings on the main floor are eleven and a half feet in height, and all doors and windows retain original (or appropriate) wooden moldings. The doors and windows each are capped with simple reverse bull's-eye corner blocks. The main hall is divided in two, and separated from the rear hall by double paneled wooden double doors. The front hall measures

seventeen feet in depth, and the rear hall measures eleven feet in depth, and contains a narrow closed string stairway, leading to the English basement.

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**Detailed Description (continued)**

From the central hall, doorways lead into the master bedroom to the east, the rear hall, and the large double parlor to the west. Original features in the master bedroom include the eleven-and-a-half-foot ceilings and a Greek Revival mantel. The built-in closet to the south of this mantel is a later addition. A small dressing room connects the master bedroom with the bathroom, added sometime during the early 20th century.

To the west of the central hall is a large double parlor with original wooden pocket doors, which are nine feet in height, dividing the two rooms. Both parlors and the front hall retain their original plaster crown molding. The four-member molding on the ceiling surmounts a one-foot high cove molding over three-inch deep picture molding. Measuring eight feet from the floor, six-over-nine double-hung wood sash on the north and south walls of the house light the double parlor, along with six-over-six windows on the east wall.

Each parlor has an original mantel. The house has seven mantels and all are identical in appearance. Greek Revival in style, the mantels have plain pilasters, a wide, flat frieze and mantel shelf. The two parlor mantels and the master bedroom mantel all surmount highly decorated cast iron fire surrounds. Those in the parlors are Gothic Revival, while the master bedroom fire surround is comprised of rococo scroll work.

The last room on the main floor is located on the east side of the rear central hall. This narrow (10 x 14 feet) room has a corner fireplace that backs up to another corner fireplace in the dressing room off the master bedroom. Floor-to-ceiling six-over-nine windows on the north wall provide natural light. This is one of the two rooms into which the built-in cast-iron cook stove in the room below was vented for heat.

The floor plan in the basement mimics that above with four large rooms flanking a wide central hall. All of the floors downstairs are of commercial black and white color-core linoleum, laid out in a checkered pattern, though according to the 1937 WPA Virginia Historical Inventory Survey, the basement floors were then of wood. Off of the lower hallway are four large rooms, and a bath, which was added in the early 20th century. The north end of this wide hallway meets a partition wall containing a door, leading to a narrower closed hall and under-stair pantry, and ends at the north under-porch egress .

The two doors on the west side of this lower hallway lead into the dining room and the kitchen. Both are one low wooden step down from the hallway. The dining room features an original floor-to-ceiling built in china cabinet with plank doors. This dentil-molding-capped cabinet is set between the mantel and the room's south wall. The dining room has two three-over-three, double-hung wood windows, set right above ground level, which look out over the north lawn. The kitchen was renovated during the 1990's and again during the last several years, and contains a butler's pantry built against the north wall. The room retains a Greek Revival wooden mantel and two three-over-three, double-hung wooden windows which look out over the south lawn.

The east side of the lower hallway opens onto three rooms. The northern-most room features a unique wood burning cook-top stove and oven built into the east wall, with vents leading to two upstairs bed- rooms, thereby serving as an early central heating device. The stove is labeled as having been manufactured by Moses Pond Company in Richmond, in 1860. The stove is of cast iron, with four gothic-arched doors across the top, and two more, one on either side of the oven door, in the bottom. This room also has two three-over-three, double-hung windows, set right above ground level,

which look out over the north lawn.

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**Detailed Description (continued)**

The central room on the east side of the lower hall is a bath/ laundry room, with a hinged casement window, under which there is a modern white porcelain sink set into a raised panel cabinet. Oral history indicates that this room and the master bath above it were divided from the main original four-over-four floor plan in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, thereby creating an eleven room plan of what once consisted of only eight. The lower bathroom is split from north to south by a rise in floor level of about ten inches, to accommodate more modern plumbing, and the appliances (washer, dryer, and heat exchanger) as well as the toilet, sit on top of this raised area, on the south side of the room.

The last room off of the east side of the lower central hallway is another bedroom. This is the only original room that lacks a mantel, but it does have a simple brick chimney with a capped stove plate. Two three-over-three, double-hung windows, set right above ground level, look out over the south lawn. The lower hallway finally ends in a second egress, under the front porch.

Contributing Site

A mid-19th-century random bond brick outbuilding foundation is located to the east of the house, under the shelter of a corrugated metal shed measuring 10 x 21 feet. The character and construction of this foundation match that of the brick retaining walls beneath the north and south main house porches. The Michie Map of 1865 shows the house when owned by Captain Peter Freeman Kennedy, with three outbuildings to its east. The location of the current springhouse foundation is in line with those outbuildings.

The outbuilding foundation is approximately four feet deep, and is comprised of a lower ten course section measuring one brick thick, and the upper portion of five courses measuring half a brick in thickness; the perimeter measuring 10 x 16 feet. Of the four foundation walls, three are in good condition, leaving the fourth (north) foundation wall to be rebuilt at some time in the near future.

During the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, water was ram-forced from a spring one thousand feet to the east to a water tower near the springhouse via overland pipes. From the tank, the water was delivered into the house by means of gravity. Benjamin G. Garner's 1937 WPA Virginia Historical Inventory survey of the house and grounds reported that the brick springhouse was still standing at that time.

Long-time local residents report that their relative, and former Edge Hill owner, John Shobe replaced the above ground portion of the brick springhouse with the current corrugated metal shed, sometime during the 1960s. At that time, Mr. Shobe also removed the water tower due to decay, and the overland pipes from the spring were dismantled. He then replaced the old system with an electric pump, which moved water from a large nearby holding tank into the house. Future plans include cladding the two outbuildings in board and batten siding.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

**Summary Statement of Significance**

Edge Hill is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. This elegant, one-story, frame dwelling was built on a formal double-pile, center-call plan circa 1852. Set on a high brick basement, it was reported in the 1970s to be the only surviving example in Henrico County of the "raised cottage" form (O'Dell, *Inventory of Early Architecture and Historic Sites, County of Henrico, Virginia*). The house possesses such formal characteristics as a hipped roof, floor-to-ceiling windows, and four high interior end chimneys. Its signature interior features include large, well-proportioned rooms and boldly austere Greek Revival moldings. Edge Hill retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and is an intact example of an architectural form that is not well represented in Henrico County.

The Greek Revival style was popular in Henrico, as it was across central Virginia, from the 1830s through the end of the Civil War. The raised cottage form was built primarily during the decade before the War, but it never boasted the popularity in Virginia that it enjoyed in the Deep South. Examples tended to be located in rural areas as anchors for modest family farms and plantations. The raised cottage was likely to feature simplified Greek Revival details, and Edge Hill is representative of this trend. The pedimented front porch, floor to ceiling windows, and double parlor lend the house a Greek Revival elegance, but simple box columns, restrained mantels, and modest moldings avoid pretension. Other examples of the raised cottage are believed to have existed along the James River, but no other surviving examples of the type are known to exist in Henrico County. Edge Hill has escaped major alteration and has suffered no additions that would disrupt its symmetry. Slight modifications to the floor plan to allow for the installation of indoor plumbing have not disturbed the primary spaces.

The cast-iron stove found in what was presumably the original kitchen on the ground floor is an interesting feature. The stove is marked "Moses Pond & Co. Double Oven Range" "Manufactured by C.D. Yale & Co., Richmond" "Superior No. 2 1860" and provided both a cooking surface and a heating source. Vents in the floors above allowed the heat from the stove to warm the east rooms of the first floor.

Edge Hill and the remains of its springhouse foundation present a portion of the 19<sup>th</sup> century complex shown on the Michie Map of 1865, and the Willey Map of 1871, during the time when it was operating as a farm. On these maps, the raised cottage is shown surrounded by outbuildings that give evidence to its agricultural past. During the time the house was owned by Robert Styll, and then Peter Kennedy, the farm totaled sixty-three acres. By the early 20th century, these holdings had diminished to a little over three acres, though this land was still farmed by the family next door. To this date, Edge Hill's open southern acreage, along with adjoining properties, provide seasonal harvest of varied rotating crops, as well as a panoramic view of agricultural fields.

The Michie map shows Edge Hill at the end of a long tree-lined carriage drive, surrounded by a grove of mature trees. Many of these large deciduous trees remain today. On nearby adjacent property, a magnificent "witness tree" still stands, under which Peter Kennedy was first buried in 1871, until he was later disinterred and moved to Oakwood Cemetery, at 3101 Nine Mile Road in Richmond. Though surrounded by both actively farmed land and developing

neighborhoods, Edge Hill's extant landscaping and rural surroundings are buffered by a tree line to the west, and still provide a hint of the property's former rural setting.

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**Historical Overview**

Henrico County Recreation and Parks archival records show that deeds pertaining to the property and associating it with the name Edge Hill have been found dating to 1793. County records from that year show the property totaled four hundred acres and was owned by Charles and Susannah Lewis, who left it to their son, Wiltshire Marion Lewis. In Charles Lewis's will, dated May 6, 1793, he leaves to his son Wiltshire: "...Four hundred acres, be the same more or less, lying on the James River adjoining Miles Selden and William Mayo, reserving to themselves the use of the said land during their natural lives."

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1815, the lands of Wiltshire Marion Lewis were sold at auction by his heirs to Neil McCoul. (Henrico County Deed Book 10 . 255- 257). McCoul then drew up a plat of a town upon it in 1819, calling it "Marion Hill". McCoul died intestate during this venture and the lands were embroiled until the case was settled. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1847, Neil McCoull's son Charles conveyed forty acres and five eighths of an acre of the Marion Hill tract to Edward Cox (Henrico County Deedbook 52 pp. 132-134 ). Cox, in turn, sold the land he purchased of McCoul to Elizabeth Frayser on February 7, 1849 (Henrico County Deedbook pp. 378-379). Frayser subsequently purchased a little over 22 acres of land comprised of three separate parcels adjacent to those she had purchased of Cox. Mr. Cox had previously sold these separate lands to Martin Loughnane. Frayser's transaction with Loughnane took place on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1849 (Henrico County Deedbook 54 p. 459), and five days later, it is recorded that she left the sum of these lands in a trust for her daughter, Mrs. Emily Boswell (Henrico County Deedbook 54 pp. 477-478).

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1852, Mrs. Boswell conveyed those sixty-three acres and the house to Robert H. Styll (Henrico County Deedbook 61 pp. 386-388). To this deed is annexed a plat of surveyor Joseph J. Pleasants, wherein the house is illustrated in elevation, just as it looks today, facing south with a pedimented porch and four high chimneys surmounting a hipped roof. Chris Gregson's 1998 Inventory of Early Architecture, County of Henrico, Virginia states "the house may have been built by Robert Styll," though it is depicted in Pleasants' plat as existing on the land sold to Styll by Mrs. Boswell. Mrs. Boswell held the land for a little over three and a half years, though there are no known records of the builder or architect.

The Styll family actively farmed the property and participated in local government during their tenure at Edge Hill. The Civil War must have caused substantial disruption to their daily lives, as documentary evidence indicates that a portion of the property was requisitioned for the construction of the Richmond defensive line and the family's livestock and crops were stolen. The Library of Virginia's Map Collection holdings include a plat of "1861 or 1862" detailing the portion of Robert Styll's land requisitioned for Battery no. 2 (Marion Hill). The plat shows nearly four acres of Styll's land, directly adjacent to the main house at Edge Hill, was requisitioned for use as the location of the battery.

An article from the Richmond, Virginia "Daily Dispatch" on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1862 reported Mr. Styll's involvement as a fundraiser and supporter of soldiers home on furlough. Minutes of the Henrico County Monthly Court dated Wednesday, August 6, 1862, show Robert Styll as having been bonded as "security" for George D. Pleasants, who had been elected as Henrico County Sheriff that year. In the Richmond, Virginia *Whig* (January 5, 1864, p. 1, c.3) it was

reported: "...we find that Mr. Robert H. Styl, of Marion Hill, has been robbed thrice within two weeks. First, all his poultry were taken, then a fine fat beef was stolen, and finally all his corn was carried off, and his barn and stable, with all their contents, burnt to the ground by an incendiary. All this within two hundred yards of Battery No. 2."

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The Styls sold the house and seventy nine and three tenths acres of land to Peter Freeman Kennedy and his wife Caroline (nee Caroline Patrick Burnett) on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1865 (Henrico County deed book 82 p 144). The Kennedys purchased the house soon after arriving in Richmond after the end of the Civil War. Peter Freeman Kennedy, a sea captain, was referred to as "Captain Kennedy", as he helmed the steamship "Fanny" for many years prior to arriving in Richmond. On the Michie Map of 1865 the property is labeled "Kennedy" and the main house is shown with three small outbuildings located immediately to the east. Battery No. 2 is shown immediately to the west of the main house and a drive appears to run from the main house to the battery and down to Route 5. Another drive accesses the main house from the north and is lined with trees.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of July 11, 1866 provides interesting insight into the Richmond area's recovery from the war:

"Farmers outside of the city are busily engaged in leveling the works upon their land, and they seem determined to make use of every available foot of ground. Captain Kennedy, of Marion Hill, on whose land was raised the first of the works which defended Richmond so well, is rapidly placing his fine farm in order; and those old soldiers who took part in its erection will not long be able to point out the spot where once their battery stood."

The Kennedy's property is also shown on the 1871 Willey Map (a locally owned period copy of the '1871 Pleasants-Turner Map' of Marion Hill and its environs). On the Willey Map, the Edge Hill property is labeled "Edge Hill" and "P.F. Kennedy." This map of the property exhibits several interesting differences from the Michie Map drawn in 1865. In 1871, the house is shown surrounded by five unusually large outbuildings. While it is understood that the buildings shown on this map are not drawn to scale, it is assumed that they are scaled proportionate to each other, and two of the barns flanking what is presumed to be the main house at Edge Hill are shown about five times as large as the house. Judging by the number and size of the barns, whatever operation Mr. Kennedy was conducting on his property at Edge Hill must have been prolific. The other major difference between the Michie Map and the Willey Map is that by 1871 the location of Battery No. 2 is no longer indicated. This suggests that the efforts of Captain Kennedy and his neighbors to reclaim their farms, as noted above, were quite successful.

Kennedy died on the 30th of December, 1871, leaving his wife Caroline a widow. The 1880 U.S. Census indicates that she was a Henrico County resident, had two sons, then 8 and 13 years old, and was that she was serving as "head of household" at that time. She also then housed James Roper, 37, as "farm manager", Henry Washington, 15, as a "farm laborer", and Ella Branch, 16, as "house servant". The census lists Mrs. Kennedy's occupation as "keeping house", and Henrico County records indicate that she lived there until she sold the property in 1902. Her great, great granddaughter, still living in Richmond, offered family history of Edge Hill's use as an extensive farm during Kennedy ownership.

Both the farming operation and the Civil War are likely to have left archaeological remains. Though no formal survey of the property has been done, the property owners have found numerous artifacts on the property and the Archaeological Society of Virginia has identified the possible locations of former outbuildings. Once the center of a thriving farm, the

acreage has dwindled to three acres and the property is bounded by residential development. In fast-growing Henrico County, historic properties such as Edge Hill are important reminders of the County's rich architectural heritage.

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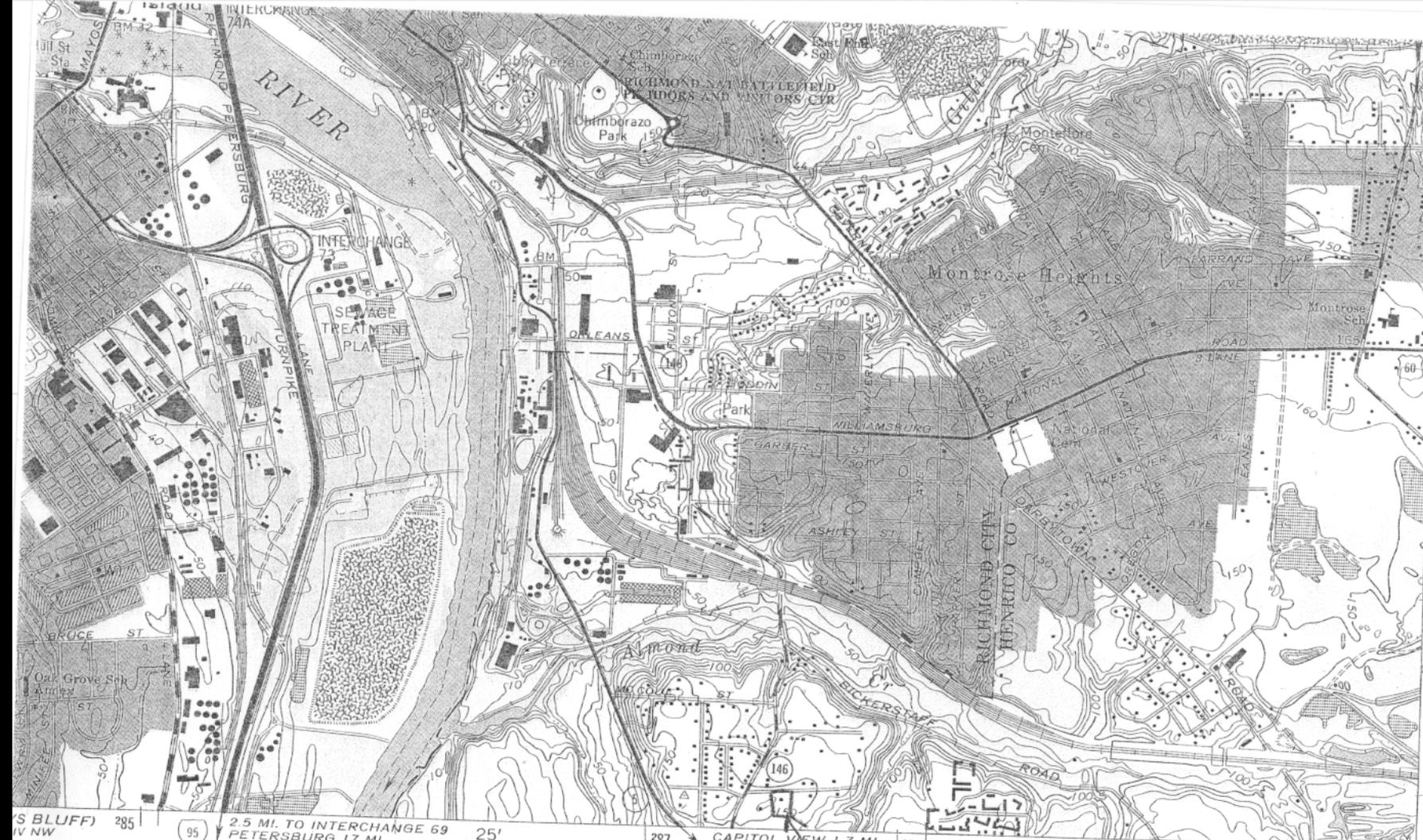
**Geographical Data**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The Edge Hill property is identified as Henrico County Tax Parcel # 801-707-1275 (for the street-fronting 1.528 acre parcel on which the house and springhouse foundation are located,) and Henrico County Tax Parcel # 801-707-1459 for the 1.502 acre connected plot of farmed land that creates the "view" from the façade. These parcels are reflected in the attached plat map dated 5/13/2002 surveyed in conjunction with Deed Book 2935, Page 866.

**Boundary Justification**

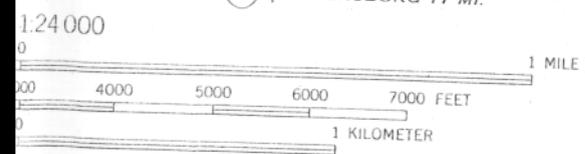
The boundaries selected reflect the present legal boundaries of the property. They encompass the original 3.03 acres of land that has comprised what is left of the original Edge Hill tract since the 1950's.



0.8 MI. TO INTERCHANGE 19  
WILLIAMSBURG (INTERCHANGE 238) 45 MI.  
4155  
SANDSTON 3.2 MI.  
WILLIAMSBURG 47 MI.

- "EDGE HILL"  
UTM REFERENCE
- ① 18 287552 E  
4153215 N
  - ② 18 287549 E  
4153061 N
  - ③ 18 287 635 I  
415 306 IN
  - ④ 18 287639 E  
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DUTCH GAP  
5558 N NE

25' 287 288 289  
2.5 MI. TO INTERCHANGE 69  
PETERSBURG 17 MI.  
CAPITOL VIEW 1.7 MI.  
CHARLES CITY 30 MI.



VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty \_\_\_\_\_ Light-duty \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium-duty \_\_\_\_\_ Unimproved dirt \_\_\_\_\_

○ Interstate Route    ◻ U. S. Route    ○ State Route

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SOURCES, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903  
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs  
taken 1989 and other sources. This information not  
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