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Form 10-300
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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: Chesterfield
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 1975

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 RECEIVED
 PLANNING DEPT.
 CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
 VIRGINIA

1. NAME
 COMMON: Richmond View
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Kingsland

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1608 Willis Road
 CITY OR TOWN: (Chimney Corner vicinity)
 STATE: Virginia
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Third (David E. Satterfield, III)
 COUNTY: Chesterfield
 CODE: 51

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: Brown Boveri Power Equipment, Inc.
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1200 Willis Road
 CITY OR TOWN: Richmond
 STATE: Virginia
 CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Chesterfield County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Chesterfield
 STATE: Virginia
 CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1974
 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 STREET AND NUMBER: 221 Governor Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Richmond
 STATE: Virginia
 CODE: 51

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

Richmond View is located near the confluence of Kingsland Creek with the James River just south of Richmond in Chesterfield County. The house is a story-and-a-half framed structure, 18 by 31 feet, with a one-story frame ell stretching 55 feet to the rear (north). The earliest portion of the house is set on English-bond brick piers which have been infilled to create a continuous underpinning. The whole building is now covered with asbestos siding, but earlier beaded weatherboards survive under it.

The original structure is three bays in length. The front and rear walls have large nine-over-nine sash with extremely wide muntins, and the east end wall has six-over-six sash dating from the early nineteenth century. There is a door in the center of the west gable end, but evidence indicates that it also had two windows at one time. The roof, the later porch, and the five pedimented dormers (three on the front and two on the rear) are all covered with sheet metal, and the whole is crowned by a central brick chimney which is set just behind the ridge.

The house plan is one rarely seen in Virginia. One enters through a vestibule located in front of the central chimney, with a single room to either side. A later central lean-to on the rear connects with the ell, containing two consecutive rooms with a chimney between.

In the west (left) room of the front portion is a very plain early-nineteenth-century mantel which is composed of a wide architrave surround crowned by a mantel shelf. A chair rail is carried around the room. The east room has the same sort of mantel and chair rail, and there is a closed stair in the northwest (inside rear) corner. It formerly rose and turned ninety degrees to ascend from this room, but was straightened when the lean-to was added, and is now entered from that room. Under the stair is a closet with a small four-panel, raised-panel door; another small door adjacent to it in the chimney wall opens into the space behind the chimney.

In the west chamber of the half-story is a plain Greek mantel and a fine beaded, vertical-board closet door. There are many other surviving details, including doors, latches and hinges, throughout the original portion of the house.

Sometime after the first structure was built, a small, plain lean-to room was added. In it are preserved the beaded weatherboards of the former outside rear wall of the building. Around the middle of the nineteenth century, the one-story ell was added behind this. In the southern of its two rooms is a Greek Revival mantel. In the northern (rear) room, the ell's brick nogging can be observed.

One early outbuilding survives--a large, square framed structure with a pyramidal roof. It may be a smokehouse, but the interior is inaccessible to examination.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Richmond View was part of Kingsland, an early-seventeenth-century grant to Christopher Branche. Connected with the Tazewell family in the nineteenth century, it is significant primarily for its extremely rare center-chimney house, a type not ordinarily found in Virginia at so late a date.

Christopher Branche's grant of 1635 consisted of 250 acres. The property descended in the family, and beginning in the 1760s, Branch Tanner, a grandson of Thomas Tanner and Elizabeth Branch, began adding to the holding, eventually accumulating an estate of 1979 acres. Tanner died in 1794, but the property remained in his estate until 1805, when it was listed in the tax records as being owned by Dr. William Tazewell "in the right of his wife", Tanner's daughter Mary. It was probably early in their tenure that the distinctive house was built.

In 1823 the property was valued at \$29,000 for the land, plus \$800 worth of improvements. Parcels of land were gradually sold, and by 1851, when Tazewell's widow sold the property, then called Richmond View, to Richard A. Willis, the holding had been reduced to 817 acres.

The house survives as one of the few known center-chimney dwelling houses of its period in the state. Although such houses are sometimes attributed to "Huguenot" cultural influences, it seems that, in this case at least, the house represents a survival of an earlier English prototype. As such, it is related to the center-chimney, single-pile New England house, though it is important to note that Richmond View is not in the pure New England form. Certain features, particularly the placement of the stair in one of the two rooms rather than in the entrance vestibule, set it apart from northern examples, as do the general proportions of the house. What seems most likely is that the building is a vestigial example of a type of center-chimney dwelling which archaeological evidence suggests many have been prevalent in the first half of the seventeenth century in Virginia, one which was derived from the same southeastern English sources as the New England house. Since building types tend to pass down the social and functional scale, this earlier building type may have been the inspiration for the many center-chimney auxiliary buildings--kitchens, laundries, slave quarters, and so forth--which were found in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Virginia. What is rare about Richmond View, then, is the use of the plan type, in a version probably close to its original, for the principal dwelling of a large plantation. It is also worth noting that the plan of the ell is similar to that of the front portion, being three-bays long with an exterior door leading into the space beside the center chimney.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Barley, M. W. The English Farmhouse and Cottage. 1961.
 Chesterfield County Land Tax Book and Deed Books
 Nugent, Nell B. Cavaliers and Pioneers. 1963.
 Tazewell, Littleton W., Sketches of His Own Family, Virginia State Library.
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission files.

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

UTM References:
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: May 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: Junius R. Fishburne, Jr.
 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Exec. Director
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Title

Date: MAY 20 1975

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 9/18/75

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9/18/75

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Richmond View	Kingsland	
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Virginia	Chesterfield	(Chimney Corner vicinity)
STREET AND NUMBER		
1608 Willis Road		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	1974	Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View from southeast.

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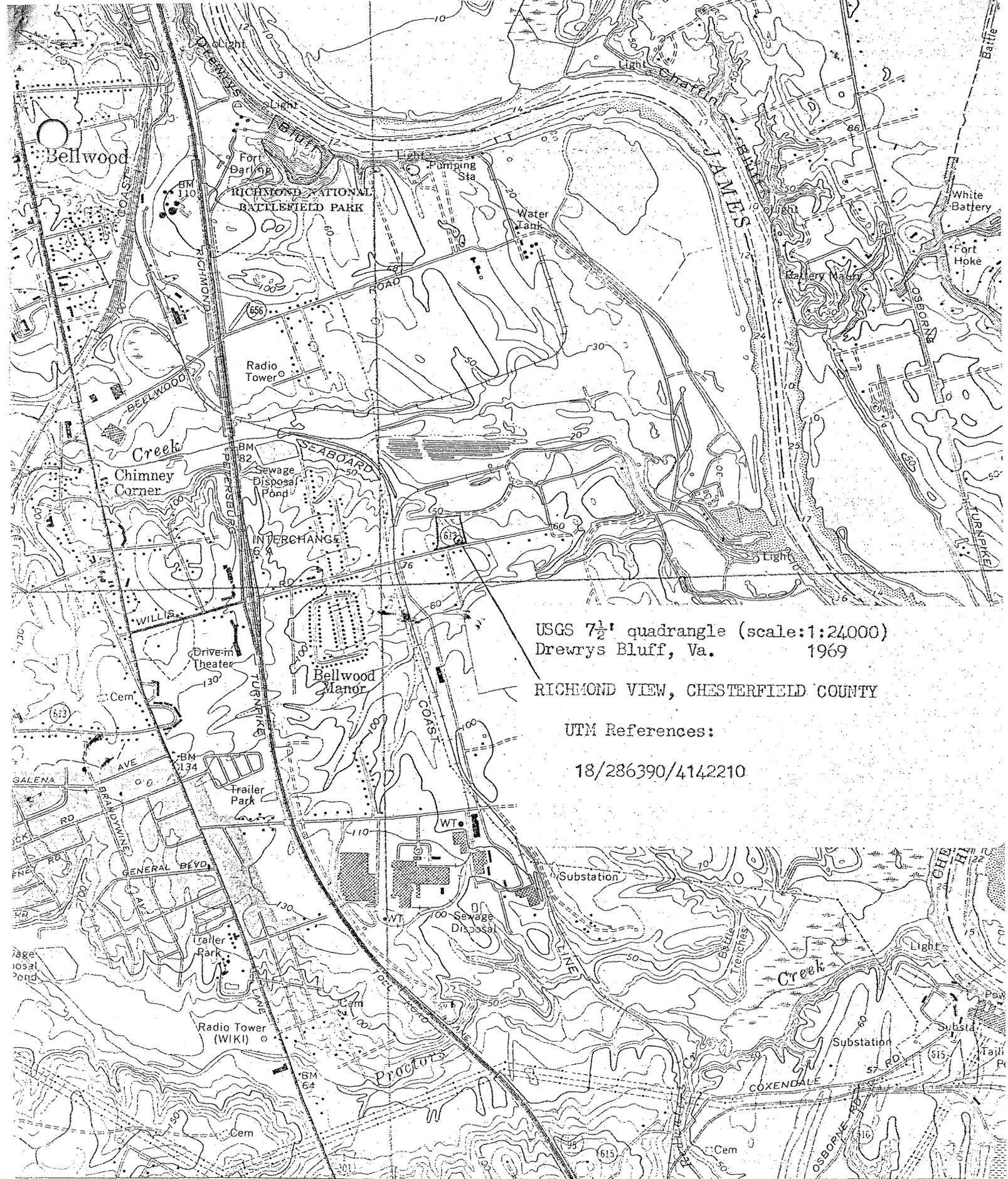
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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1608 Willis Road		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
USGS 7½' quadrangle, Drewrys Bluff, Va.	1969	1:24000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

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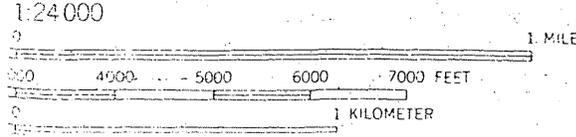
USGS 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
 Drewrys Bluff, Va. 1969

RICHMOND VIEW, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

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ESTERLY 285 1.3 MI. TO VA. 10 COLONIAL HEIGHTS 8 MI.

1.4 MI. TO INTERCHANGE 6 PETERSBURG 10 MI. ● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 288



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
 Secondary highway, all weather
 Light-duty road, improved surface
 Unimproved