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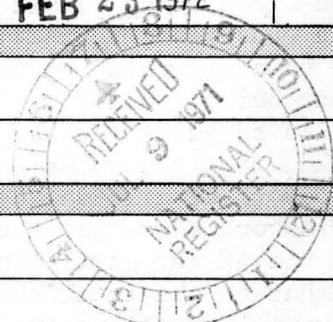
Form 10-300
 (July 1969)

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: Arlington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER FEB 23 1972	DATE



1. NAME

COMMON:
The Glebe

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Glebe

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
4527 17th Street, North

CITY OR TOWN:
Arlington

STATE Virginia	CODE 51	COUNTY: Arlington	CODE 013
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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:
Mrs. Frank L. Ball

STREET AND NUMBER:
4527 17th Street, North

CITY OR TOWN:
Arlington

STATE: Virginia	CODE 51
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Arlington

STATE: Virginia	CODE 51
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 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 51
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Glebe is a picturesque but complex structure. The oldest portion of the house is a 32 x 28 feet one-and-a-half-story brick cottage believed to be constructed on the site of the original Fairfax Parish Glebe House that burned in 1808. The very irregular American bond in the cottage's walls suggests the use of second-hand brick - brick that may have been taken from the ruins of the original Glebe house. The presence of woodwork details dating from several periods and numerous patches in the brickwork show that the cottage has been remodeled more than once. Indeed, little if any early-nineteenth century fabric other than the walls is visible either on the exterior or interior. The gable roof of the cottage currently displays two interior end chimneys, but foundations of other chimneys in the basement indicate that the present positions of the chimneys are not original.

The cottage has been added to twice; on the east wall is an insignificant one-story frame kitchen wing constructed in the early twentieth century. The most important addition is on the southwest corner of the building. Built sometime in the 1850's, this addition takes the form of a brick, two-story octagonal wing crowned by an octagonal cupola with scalloped eaves. Surmounting the cupola is a handsome teakwood eagle, a gift from "the people of Spain" to Caleb Cushing who owned the house from 1870 to 1878. Shading the first floor of the octagonal wing is a one-story wooden verandah with sawn-work brackets at the tops of the posts. The wing, as well as the rest of the house, is painted white and the windows are hung with dark green louvred shutters. The interior of the octagonal wing is said to have been originally a large two-story room although it is now divided into two levels with the lower level dominated by a handsome divided stair. This stair, along with most of the other interior trim throughout the house, was added in the early twentieth century during the last major remodeling. The three-part door leading into the octagonal wing now forms the house's principal entrance.

The Glebe is excellently maintained by the present owners. The house is set on an elevated position in a spacious, old-fashioned yard planted with large shade trees, magnolias, and ornamental shrubbery. A boxwood lined path leads from the street to the front door. Although nearly all of the original Glebe lands have fallen to modern development, these twentieth-century encroachments have little visual effect on the house and its setting.

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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/Philosophy | <input checked="" 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

The land on which the Glebe stands was included in a farm belonging to Daniel Jennings that was purchased in 1770 by the Vestry of Fairfax Parish. In 1773 the Vestry contracted with Benjamin Ray for the building of a brick glebe house and outbuildings. The detailed specifications of these buildings were recorded in the Vestry Book of Christ Church, Alexandria. Completed in 1775, the house served as the residence of the rectors of Fairfax Parish until it was destroyed by fire in 1808. Among the more noted rectors to live in the house was the Reverend David Griffith who had served as both a surgeon and chaplain to General Washington's army at Valley Forge.

In 1811 the Overseers of the Poor of Fairfax County under the authority of Virginia's disestablishment act moved to take possession of the Glebe lands. The case for the Vestry of Fairfax Parish was defended by Edmund Jennings Lee, and won on the grounds that the land had since been included in the District of Columbia. In 1815 one-half of the Glebe lands, including the ruins of the house were bought from the Vestry by Walter Jones, Lee's nephew by marriage. It was Jones who built the earliest part of the present house, generally assumed to be located on the site of the original house, perhaps using materials taken from the ruins.

In 1826 John Peter Van Ness, a former mayor of the city of Washington, acquired at auction Jones' house and land. Following Van Ness's death in 1846, the Glebe (as it was still called) was purchased by Clark Mills, the famous American sculptor who is perhaps best known for his equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson in LaFayette Park, Washington. Mills fashioned the working model of the statue at the Glebe which he bought to use as a studio. Sometime in the 1850's Mills added the octagonal wing to the house. This wing is one of the best examples in the Commonwealth of this mid-nineteenth century building form, a form popularized throughout America by the works of Orson Squire Fowler.

From 1870 to 1878 the Glebe was the residence of the statesman and diplomat Caleb Cushing of Massachusetts. The property was acquired in 1893 by James P. Willett, Postmaster of Washington, and in 1918 the remaining open land was subdivided as Willett Heights. State Senator Frank L. Ball purchased the house and two acres in 1926.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montague, Ludwell, (The Glebe of Fairfax Parish), unpublished mss. located in Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission archives.
 Paullin, Charles O., "Virginia's Glebe Near Washington," Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Washington, D. C., Volume 42-43, 1941.
 Templeman, Eleanor Lee, Arlington Heritage, privately published by the author, 1959.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	0 0 0	0 0 0		30 0 00	04 0 00	
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 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: April 28, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street Office Building

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

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

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 23 1972

Date _____

Name *James W. Moody, Jr.*
 James W. Moody, Jr., Director
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

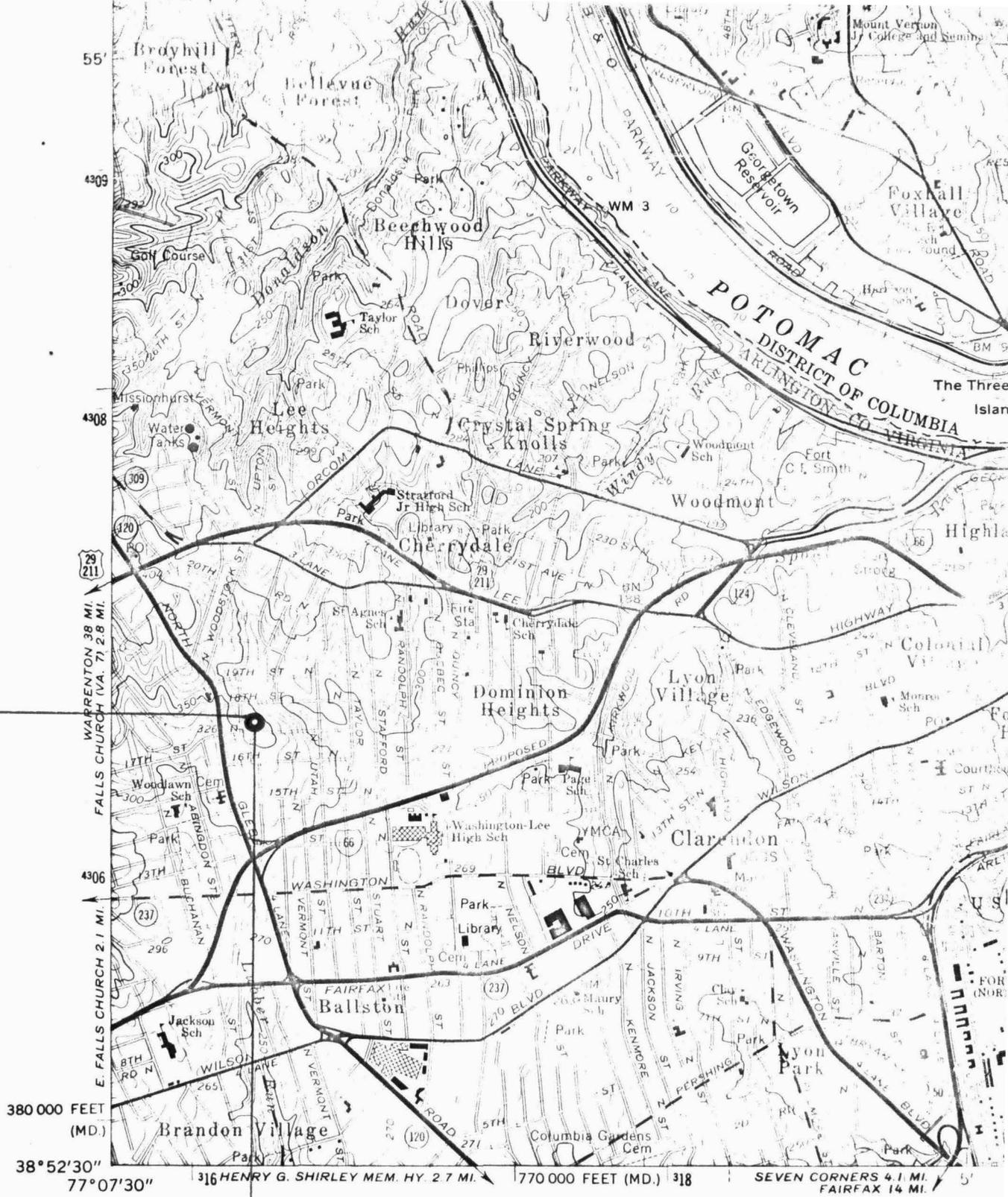
ATTEST:
W. Woodford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 6/30/71; 7/6/71

Date Jan. 10, 1972

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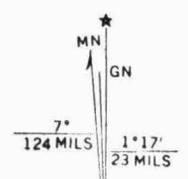
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Adapted from USC&GS Chart 560 (1965) for navigational purposes

American datum
 grid coordinate system,
 1883 zone
 UTM grid ticks,
 only landmark buildings are shown



UTM GRID AND 1965 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (Scale:1:24000)
 Washington West, D.C.-Md.-Va. 1965

THE GLEBE
 Latitude
 38° 53' 30"

Longitude
 77° 07' 04"

