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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Woodburn (Preferred)
AND/OR COMMON
Woodbourne

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
West side of State Route 618; 1.7 mile NNW of the intersection
of State Routes 5 and 618.

CITY, TOWN	Charles City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICINITY OF	First (Paul S. Tribble, Jr.)	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT			
STATE	Virginia	CODE	51	COUNTY	Charles City	CODE	037

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER/vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Netick
STREET & NUMBER
508 Newport Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Williamsburg

STATE
Virginia
23185

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Charles City County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Charles City
STATE
Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE
1971, 1972, 1973, 1977
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

CITY, TOWN
Richmond
STATE
Virginia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Woodburn, just northwest of Charles City Court House, is an open tract of land hidden among the wooded scrublands of Charles City County. The house was built ca. 1815 by John Tyler who later served as tenth President of the United States.

The Woodburn plantation house is a striking, three-part frame structure consisting of a tall, two-story, three-bay central section with a gable-end facade and flanking chimneys, and two, low one-story, one-bay wings. The main section is set on a Flemish-bond basement, and the wings are supported on piers. The whole is clad with beaded weatherboards and covered with standing-seam sheet metal with a box cornice at the eaves of each section. Nine-over-nine sash are used on the first-floor windows, and six-over-six sash on the second; louvred blinds survive on all of the windows of the facade. The front entry is decorated with a frontispiece doorway consisting of symmetrically molded pilasters with consoles for caps and with a band of dentils and bead moldings at the cornice. The upper part of the doorway is concealed by a modern porch. Modern full-length porches also shelter the fronts of the wings; these employ chamfered posts from original or early porches of similar design.

The plan of Woodburn is a simple one. A passage with doors in the front and end walls and a stair in the southwest corner runs across the front of the central block, with a single room (with two small service rooms set off from it by mid-nineteenth-century partitions) behind it. There is one room in each wing.

The main parlor is decorated with a deep, sharply molded wooden cornice (used throughout the first floor) broken over the window heads and flush wainscoting with a pedestal cap. The mantel consists of slender, coupled Tuscan colonettes supporting recessed-panel entablature blocks and a dentil cornice and has a central tablet embellished with a large guilloche pattern in the frieze.

In the passage is a pedestal chair rail and flush plaster wainscoting. The open-string, L-plan stair has a molded banister, two rectangular balusters to a tread and a square newel.

The decoration in the west room is like that in the parlor except that the mantel is lacking the dentils and the guilloche. In the east room a pedestal chair rail and plaster wainscoting complement a mantel consisting of recessed-panel pilasters and entablature blocks, a molded shelf and a central tablet with a recessed ellipse.

Two early outbuildings survive. These include a one-story frame office, possibly built ca. 1830, with a gable roof, a late nineteenth-century flue replacing the original chimney and original applied-mold flush wainscot. There is also an original smokehouse which is square with a pyramidal roof and flush shiplap siding applied with wrought nails. Near it stood, until recently, a dairy, like the smokehouse except for the sawn ventilator slats along the eaves on the facade, but this has recently collapsed. The parts are intact, though, and it could be repaired and reërected.

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The 60 acres being nominated are composed of mostly open land with the surrounding tree-covered area partially creating a natural boundary. The setting is an appropriate one for this handsome Palladian dwelling.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodburn was built ca. 1815 by John Tyler, tenth President of the United States.

Architecturally the house is notable as a provincial version of the so-called tripartite "Palladian" dwelling, a house form popular in the South during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. A striking feature of Woodburn is its austere handsome interior woodwork.

John Tyler was born at Greenway, the family farm nearby. By his father's will of 1811, he inherited a plantation called Mons Sacer; however, in 1815 Tyler and his brothers sold Mons Sacer, Greenway, and an additional family property known as the Courthouse tract. The future President then settled at Woodburn, a property composed of 119 acres known as the Royster tract, purchased by him in 1813, and 70 contiguous acres acquired some years before. At Woodburn Tyler erected what he described as a "decent and comfortable dwelling," and it was during his residency there that he served as Congressman from the district.

Although Tyler repurchased and moved to Greenway in 1821, he continued to own Woodburn until 1831 when he sold it to his brother, Wat H. Tyler. Wat Tyler quickly sold the property to Oliver Ladd who in turn conveyed it to John Tyler's father-in-law, Robert W. Christian, a member of a prominent Charles City County family. In 1836 it was bought by Henry L. Jones, John Tyler's son-in-law, and Tyler himself repurchased Woodburn in 1842. He sold it that same year to Lycurgus A. Lamb. The Christians again bought Woodburn in 1846 and kept it until 1913. It presently is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Netick. Mrs. Netick is a descendant of the builder.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Charles City County Deed Books.
 Charles City County Land Books.
 Chitwood, O. P. John Tyler. New York, 1939.
 Tyler, Lyon Gardner. Letters and Times of the Tylers. Richmond, Va., 1884.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 60 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	31,35,0,0	4,13,62,7,0	B	1,8	31,34,8,0	4,13,60,4,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,8	31,27,7,0	4,13,59,4,0	D	1,8	31,26,3,0	4,13,63,7,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The approximately 60 acres comprising the Woodburn property are bounded by a line beginning at a point (A) on the west side of State Route 618 approximately 1.7 miles N of intersection of State Route 618 with State Route 5 at Bowens Store; then extending approximately 800 feet S along western side of State Route 618; then running 1000 feet W; then 200 feet S; then extending a little over 1300 feet W; then running approximately 1300 feet N; then extending 1300 feet E following tree line and crossing intermittent tributary of Gunns Run; then extending 400 feet SSE roughly following tree line and paralleling section of intermittent tributary of Gunns Run; then extending 1100 feet E to point of origin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

April 1977

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3143

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

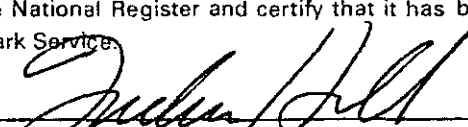
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE APR 19 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DIVISION OF MASSACHUSETTS
JAMES L. CALVE

5595 1/4
(ROXBURY)

11° 07' 30"
37° 22' 30"

4138000m N.

4137

4136

130000m E.

314

315

5'

316

PROVIDENT FORGE 5 MI
ROACHES CORNER 1.3 MI (PRO)

USGS 7.5' quadrangle
Charles City, Va.

(scale: 1:24000)
1965 (PR 1974)

WOODBURN, CHARLES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

UTM References:

- A - 18/313500/4136270
- B - 18/313480/4136040
- C - 18/312770/4135940
- D - 18/312630/4136370
- E - 18/313040/4136490

