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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Port Republic Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SW of confluence of North River and South River; 1.2 miles N of
Grottoes town limits; at intersection of State Routes 605 and 865.

CITY, TOWN

Port Republic

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Rockingham

CODE

165

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☒ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☒ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership (See Continuation Sheets # 9, 10)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Rockingham County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Harrisonburg

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

April 1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

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

Port Republic is a small village in eastern Rockingham County. Situated at the point where the North and South Rivers converge to form the Shenandoah River, Port Republic consists of two long streets--Main and Water--which are parallel to the South River. As originally platted in 1802, these two streets were connected by an unnamed cross street at every fourth lot, with the blocks thus created being further divided by an alley at every second lot. The original town comprised lots 1 through 28 at the northern end of the village. Lots 29 through 52, denominated on the Lake's Atlas map of 1885 "Carthy's addition," were laid out to the south, a few years later, in a continuation of the original grid plan. In the unplatted areas between Water Street and the South River were located several industries served by a dam and race possibly built as early as the mid- to late 18th century. These industries included a foundry, grist and saw mills, a cooper's shop, and a tannery. At the point of confluence, flatboats were once built to carry the products of the upper Valley down the Shenandoah River. The sites of these industries lie undisturbed along the river bank and on the island between the river and the mill race.

Present-day Port Republic consists of about 50 major structures, of which 75 to 80 percent antedate World War I. These were built in at least three major campaigns--one in the early years of the town's existence, another in the third or fourth quarter of the 19th century, and a third during the first quarter of the present century. The post World War I buildings match the size, scale, forms, and materials of the earlier structures, and consequently help retain the traditional 19th-century streetscape. Of the original street plan, only three of the seven cross streets remain open to vehicular traffic, with one or two others still visible as foot paths.

The following is an inventory of the principal historic structures and archaeological sites in Port Republic listed by their apparent lot numbers. Of the specifically named buildings, the names are those of the (apparent) original owners, except for those asterisked, the names of which are derived from the 1885 map.

INVENTORY

Inventory Key: SSR = Subsurface Remains; R = Ruins; PSSR = Probable Subsurface Remains;
82-123- ELU = Exact Location Unknown.

Lot 1: Site A: House facing Main Street. Recorded on Lake's 1885 map of Port Republic.
-1 SSR

Lot 3: House: Frame; 2½ stories; 2 bays, low hipped roof with central hipped dormer;
-2 1-story porch; interior chimney; built early 20th century.

Lot 4: Village Store: Commercial building; frame; 1-story; 3 bays; low hipped roof;
-3 central gabled portico with tapered piers on high brick bases; built early 20th century.

-4 Site A: J. B. Nicholas house stood on southwest corner. (Lake: 1885) SSR

Lot 5: Site A: Tannery. PSSR.

Lot 6: Site A: Lee Tavern or Hotel. Built in 1842; contained post office and tailor shop. Reported as fairly large; razed in 1908-1910. SSR

-7 Site B: Mundy, Smith and Mundy Hardware Store. Operated 1870-1900; present post

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Port Republic, a small village in eastern Rockingham County, is a relic of the once-booming commerce on the Shenandoah River. Situated at the confluence of the North and South Rivers, the present town retains much of its early plan, many buildings from several periods, and archeological sites dating from the 18th century, which provide evidence of the long-standing prosperity its geographical position afforded it. In addition, the village was at the center of the Battle of Port Republic which took place in June 1862. This battle was the last in General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's Valley Campaign, in which he succeeded in holding off the Union forces.

The advantages of Port Republic's site were apparent from the first settlement of that part of the Shenandoah Valley in the mid-18th century. A mill was built there at that time, and the present race may date from the first construction. On January 14, 1802, an act of the legislature officially established Port Republic on land belonging to John McCarthey. The new town soon became an industrial and commercial center and in time boasted several mills, a tannery, a foundry, and other industrial enterprises. As the highest navigable point on the Shenandoah River, it was the port from which flour, iron, and other products of the upper Valley were shipped. Flatboats or gundalows were built on the point at the confluence of the two rivers. Once loaded with goods they floated down the Shenandoah either to Harper's Ferry or, by way of the Baltimore and Ohio Rivers, to Georgetown where the contents were sold along with the boats themselves. The boats were then demolished and used for materials.

Port Republic was the scene of the battle of that name on June 9, 1862, and was again the scene of skirmishing in 1864. After the Civil War, the booming river traffic resumed and with it the town's prosperity. In 1868, thirty houses were reported to be under construction there. Although the coming of the railroad to the Valley in the 1870's apparently deprived the town of much of its former importance and of its reputation as a booming, brawling port town, the community still served as a center of local industry, maintaining mills, a tannery, iron foundry, and woodworking and wagon shops. The evidence of the buildings also reveals that Port Republic continued to be a prosperous residential village as well, sprinkled with the eclectic wooden Victorian houses which characterized the late 19th century railroad towns in the Valley. Most of the buildings remaining now postdate the town's river port days, but many of these are late 19th- or early 20th-century replacements for structures destroyed in the disastrous floods of the 1870's and 1880's.

Sixty-two archeological sites are located in the area and represent a wide diversity in type from residential to institutional, commercial, and industrial sites. Port Republic provides an excellent laboratory to study social, cultural, and economic change in one of the early nucleated settlements in the Shenandoah Valley. Since the economic activity at Port Republic attracted people from many different ethnic and cultural groups, unlike other early communities in the Shenandoah Valley, the archeological investigation could provide insight into a wide variety of lifestyles and how they evolved to form a cohesive social and economic unit.

(See continuation sheet #8)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 73 acres

B'-17/691480/4240520

QUADRANGLE NAME Grottoes

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 7 6 9 1 4 6 0 4 2 4 0 8 7 0

B 1 7 6 9 1 7 2 0 4 2 4 0 6 9 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 1 7 6 9 0 8 6 0 4 2 4 0 4 6 0

D 1 7 6 9 0 3 9 0 4 2 4 0 4 6 0

E 1 7 6 9 0 5 7 0 4 2 4 0 5 6 0

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G

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The Port Republic Historic District, defined by the incorporated town limits, is bounded by a line beginning at a point on the SW bank of North River approximately 150' SE of State Route 865 bridge over said river; thence extending approximately 900' SE along said bank to confluence with South River and continuing about 3400' SW

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
(See continuation sheet #8)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Archeological Research Center

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff and James Madison University

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

221 Governor Street

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Richmond

Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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 JUL 18 1979

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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- office, built 1970, positioned on site. SSR
- Lot 6: Site C: Joseph Graham Store. The Grahams were the original lot owners in 1805. This was the first mercantile store in the village, containing a post office in which Mr. Graham served as the first postmaster. Mrs. Graham continued the store after her husband's death in 1826. A note charged November 7, 1832, revealed the store still in operation. PSSR
-8
- Lot 7: Site A: Susan Grove Home. (Lake: 1885). Also home of Isaac Grove, cabinetmaker in early 19th century. PSSR
-9
- Site B: Harness Shop. PSSR
-10
- Lot 8: Quincy Wheat House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof with three hipped dormers; 1-story Tuscan porch; interior chimneys; built late 19th century.
-11
- Lot 9: House: Frame; 2 stories; 2 bays; hipped roof with central gable; 1-story Tuscan portico; built early 20th century.
-12
- Lot 10: Site A: House. ELU
-13
- 14 Site B: Store. ELU
- 15 *J. Bateman House: Log; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; later 1-story porch; exterior end chimney; built mid-19th century.
- Lot 12: Site A: One-room Log Schoolhouse in southwest corner. On June 12, 1824, Jacob and Lydia Christ deeded the lot to Dr. George Kemper. There also was a dwelling on the lot which was used as a schoolhouse until it was abandoned a few years before 1880. The schoolhouse is remembered as the oldest in town. Black people held church services under Brother Wood for several years until the old schoolhouse was torn down. PSSR
-16
- Lot 13: Dundore House: Flemish-bond brick; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; 2-story portico incorporated under roof; interior end chimney; original 1-story ell; later 1-story brick wing; built early 19th century.
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- Lot 14: Site A: Log Schoolhouse. This schoolhouse was used for a short period after the schoolhouse on Lot 12 was abandoned. Before that time the structure was used as a dwelling. It faced Main Street. PSSR
-17
- Lot 15- House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays (double openings); hipped roof with hipped dormers; 1-story Tuscan portico and porte cochere; interior chimneys; Colonial Revival; built early 20th century.
16: -18
- Lot 16: Site A: House owned by George Wesley May prior to 1885 facing Water Street. The house was torn down and replaced by the present house. SSR.
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Lot 17: House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; hipped roof with attenuated bracketed cornice;
-20 rebuilt 1-story porch; interior end chimneys; modern 1-story wing; built
early 20th century.

-21 Site A: Dan Wetzel Blacksmith Shop on northeast corner facing Main Street. PSSR.

Lot 18: *Kemper House (J. T. L. Preston House): Frame; 2 stories; 4 bays; gable roof;
-22 1-story Greek Revival porch; exterior end chimneys, 1 brick, 1 stone, interior
brick chimney; early or original 2-story ell; built first half of 19th century.

-23 Site A: Wagner Store stood on northwest corner. In operation 1909-1930. PSSR.

Lot 19: Site A: Randolph Davis Store stood on the north end of lot. Purchased by J. F.
-24 Miller early 20th century. Moved to south end of Lot 20 in 1950 s. In
operation during Civil War.

Lot 20: Store: Frame; 1 story; 3 bays; gable roof; gable-end entry; built late 19th cen-
-25 tury. Modern concrete block underpinning: moved from Lot 19 in 1950 s.

-26 Site A: John F. Miller Store stood on northwest corner of lot. Store was in
operation until destroyed by fire in 1950 s. SSR

-27 Site B: Luncefield Lee Wagon Shop. Began operation in 1850 s. PSSR

-28 Site C: P. Kaylor House stood on southwest corner. (Lake: 1885). PSSR

Lot 21: House : Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; 1-story porch; interior chimney;
-29 L-plan with demi-hexagonal bay on projecting wing; 2½-story tower with
pyramidal roof, modillion cornice, lunette, in reentrant angle: built
late 19th century.

-30 Site A: Second Methodist Parsonage stood on south end of lot. Well from house
still in use. (Lake: 1885). SSR

Lot 22: S. S. Harper House: Frame with modern or rebuilt brick ends; 2 stories; 5 bays;
-31 gable roof with rear lean-to; late 19th-century bracketed porch; exterior
end chimney; built mid 19th-century.

Lot 23: Port Republic Town Hall: Frame; 2 stories; 2-bay, gable-end facade with entry in
-32 engaged corner tower; gable roof; sawnwork porch; built late 19th century.

-33 Site A: I.O.O.F.--International Order of Odd Fellows and Worth Temperance Building
stood in north section and faced Main Street. I.O.O.F., formed in 1849,
deeded a house on property by John Kennedy. Razed pre-1900 for build-
ing of present town hall. (Lake: 1885). SSR

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- Lot 24: Marshall Jones House: Log and frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof with continuous lean-to; added 1-story ell; possibly built early 19th century.
-34
- Lot 25: House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof with central cross gable; 1-story porch; exterior end chimney; built mid-19th century.
-35
- 37 Site A: House on southeast corner belonged to A. J. Collier in 1885. PSSR
- Lot 26: Port Republic Methodist Church: Brick; 1 story; gable roof; entrance through square tower at southwest corner; cruciform plan with pointed arch windows; built 1915.
-36
- 38 Site A: The old Methodist Church stood on the north section facing Main Street. The lot was deeded by Peter Fitch. Church was built in 1854. It was a plain one-room rectangular structure with a gallery in the rear. In 1915 the church was sold and torn down to make room for the present church. The old Methodist Church stood behind the present church. PSSR
- Lot 27: Dundore Office: Log and Flemish-bond brick; 2 stories; 6 bays; gable roof with stepped parapets on brick end, elaborate Federal cornice on log end; pedimented portico with four squat Doric columns; interior and chimneys; built early 19th century.
-39
- 40 Site A: A brick church stood on the northern half. The church was built in 1811 by the Presbyterians. The Methodists used the church between 1846 and 1854. When the church was razed is unknown. SSR
- Lot 30: House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; 1-story porch with sawn balusters, turned posts; interior chimneys; T-plan; built late 19th century. Present Methodist parsonage.
-41
- Lot 31: House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; 1-story porch; interior end chimneys; built early 20th century.
-42
- 43 Site A: The Ryan House stood in the south section facing Main Street. Mr. Ryan was a shoemaker and saddler. ELU
- 44 Site B: J. W. Palmer's house stood facing Main Street. (Lake: 1885) Question concerning whether or not this house and the Ryan house were one. PSSR
- Lot 32: Site A: Thomas Madden House stood on the southwest corner. When Madden bought the lot in 1873, the house was already standing. The house was torn down and replaced in the early 20th century. SSR (see lot 49)
-45
- Lot 34: Site A: Joseph Lamb owned and operated a blacksmith shop which stood in the south section. PSSR
-46

(See continuation sheet #4)

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- Lot 34: Site B: Thomas Madden owned and operated a wagon making shop which stood on the northern section. The Lamb and Madden shops complemented each other. Thomas Madden bought Lot 34 in 1873, then sold the south half to Lamb. The shops were built after 1873, but neither are on Lake's 1885 map. PSSR
-47
- Lot 35- Site A: Montview Academy stood facing Main Street. Built sometime between 1879 and 1883, it was the most up-to-date school in the area. The school was a large frame two-storied structure with four rooms. The school was torn down sometime in the 1920 s. The Lake map of 1885 called the school Port Republic Academy. SSR
36 -48
- Lot 39: Tavern: Log; 2 stories; 2 bays; gable roof; open shed along west side; built mid- to late 19th century.
-49
- Site A. George W. Eustler's house and outbuildings stood here. Mr. Eustler was a cabinetmaker and slave trader. Buildings in connection with these trades were on the lot. The house first faced Main Street, then was moved to face Upper Alley. Eustler sold to W. S. Downs in 1859. When Downs owned the house, the house faced Main Street and stood on the northeast corner. (Lake: 1885). The date the house was razed is unknown. PSSR
-50
- Lot 40: Site A: In 1846 this log house was already standing and was the first parsonage from 1846 to 1853. William S. Downs bought the property in 1856. It was a long, narrow house only 17 feet wide, but it contained four rooms. As long as the house stood, it was called "The Parsonage." The house was razed in the 1930 s. (Lake: 1885). SSR
-51
- Lot 41: House: Frame; 2 stories; 2 bays; gable roof; 1-story porch with sawn balusters and turned posts; interior chimneys; T-plan; built early 20th century.
-52
- Lot 43: House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof with cross gable; 1-story porch; interior chimneys; 2-story ell; built late 19th century.
-53
- Site A: A log house stood on the southwest corner facing Water Street. Lake's 1885 map does not record the house; evidently razed prior to 1885. PSSR
-54
- Lot 44: Site A: Samuel Spitzer Log House; stood in northwest corner. Furniture shop associated with house. Razed in early 1930 s. PSSR
-55
- Lot 45: *Joseph Lamb House: Log; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; 1-story porch; exterior end chimney; built mid-19th century.
-56
- Lot 46: Site A: A stable owned by J. H. Lamb stood here in 1885. PSSR.
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(See continuation sheet #5)

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- Lot 47: *Harper House: Log; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; 1-story porch; exterior end chimney; built first part of 19th century by John Harper.
-58
- Lot 49: Site A: John Vie House stood on south end of lot. Moved to Lot 32, early 20th century, to replace T. Madden House. SSR
-59
- Lot 50: Maupin House: Frame 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof with cross gable; 1-story porch with sawn balustrade and brackets; interior chimneys; I-plan built late 19th century.
-60
- 61 Site A: John Licklighter owned and operated a wagon making shop on the south half. He was in business as late as 1866. PSSR
- Lot 51: House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof with cross gable and bracketed cornice; interior chimneys; T-plan; built late 19th century.
-62
- 63 Site A: The Jonathan Rush Tannery stood on the front half of the lot which he bought on July 14, 1815 from Richard Swift Emmet for \$100.00. PSSR
- Lot 52: House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; interior end flue; 1-story porch; built early 20th century.
-64
- 65 Store: Frame: 2 stories; 2 bays; gable roof; built late 19th century.
- 66 Site A: The McCarthney or Carthrea House stood on the northeast corner facing Main Street. Jane Crawford was listed as owner (Lake: 1885). PSSR
- Prop C: House: Frame; 2 stories; 2 bays; similar to house on property D.
-67
- 68 Site A: Original Madison Hall stood here. Built by John Madison in 1751 and razed in 1906. House was two-story brick structure with exterior chimneys and two-story portico. SSR
- 69 Site B: Log house. House was subsidiary structure of Madison Hall and held county records for John Madison. PSSR
- 70 Site C: Fort was located "at or near" Madison Hall. House known as Fort Drummond; built in 1755. PSSR
- 71
Prop D: House: Frame; 2 stories; 2 bays; hipped roof with pedimented gable over demi-hexagonal facade bay; 1-story Tuscan portico with couple columns, carried around east side; interior chimney; Colonial Revival; built early 20th century.
(see p. 7 for Site A & Site B)
- Prop F: Site A: Mill stood on the South River. Probably Downs Mill built in 1740 s. There is a mill race on property built before founding of town. R
-72
- (See continuation sheet #6)

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Prop G: Site A: John W. Palmer store, post office, and house stood facing Water Street.
-73 (Lake: 1885). The house was ell shaped. The front section measured 45 ft. by 34 ft. The back section measured 24 ft. by 26 ft. The limestone foundation remains.

Site B: Clark House facing Water Street at the foot of Chestnut Street.
-74 Mr. Clark, a tinner, lived in the area prior to the Civil War. PSSR

Site C: Bob Lee House stood east of the Palmer structure facing Water Street.
-75 The house was a two-story frame structure with a porch. R

-76 Site D: Palmer House known as Green Isle stood between the mill race and the river. The limestone foundation and cellar remain measuring 22. ft by 20 ft. (Lake: 1885). R.

-77 Site E: Possible structure west of Green Isle. Located almost at property G and F fence line. There are rows of cultivated lilies that appear to frame a structure. SSR

-78 Site F: The Galliday Tannery vats lie east of the Bob Lee House site. There are three vats measuring 6 ft. by 45 ft. spaced 3 ft. apart. Operated in early 19th century; not in use by 1816. SSR

Prop H: Site A: A cellar or spring house lies east of the Galliday Tannery vats. The
-79 cellar measures 10 ft. by 7 ft. R.

-80 Site B: Store with a post office faced Water Street. Possibly Robert Palmer's store. One of his last invoices is dated 1860. PSSR

-81 Site C: Structure, possible dwelling house, stood facing Water Street. Belonged to Nicholas and Bishop (Lake: 1885) PSSR

Prop J: Bishop House: Log; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof with cross gable; 1-story
-82 Tuscan porch; rubble stone exterior end chimneys; built mid-19th century.

-83 Site A: Mill foundation lies on mill race near the South River on an area locally known as the point. Built in 1889 and run until the 1940 s, the mill was three-story frame building. The first mill was burned by Hunter in 1864. An improvised mill was then built (Lake: 1885). R

-84 Site B: Structure, grain elevator; 1910 photo of mill reveals this tall structure Razed in early 1940 s. PSSR

-85 Site C: Cooper shop stood east of mill. Still standing; now a stable. (Lake: 1885) PSSR

-86 Site D: S. H. Murry House stood on northeast section. (Lake: 1885) SSR
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Prop J: Site E: Foundry. Operated for some time before the Civil War and for a few years after. First owned by John Carthrea in early 1800 s. PSSR
-87

Prop K: Site A: George Wesley May operated flour and saw mill possibly located on lots 15 and 16. Mills were located in the vicinity of the point. Burned by Hunter in 1864, but rebuilt. ELU
-88

Prop L: *Kemper House: Frame; 2 stories; 3 bays; gable roof; interior end chimneys; 1-story porch; built 1914 from lumber salvaged from Madison Hall.
-89

-90 Site A: Port Republic Foundry operated here from 1878 to the 1940 s. There were subsidiary structures. The foundations of the foundry and its out-buildings are not present. The foundry was a frame building set on a rock foundation. It was reported as measuring approximately 20 ft. by 40 ft. Water power was used to run the machinery. SSR

-91 Site B: The William A. Maupin blacksmith shop stood between property L and E. (Lake: 1885). ELU

U. M. Cemetery: Site A: The first Methodist Church stood by the cemetery on the South River. The church was built in 1793 and used until 1846 when it was torn down. PSSR
-92

Prop D: Site A: Location of temporary Augusta County Clerk's Office used by John Madison, first Augusta County Clerk. PSSR
-93

-94 Site B: Location of the "Yellow House Inn." Structure razed early 20th century.

#7 - Within the historic district there are approximately 20 buildings erected after World War I. Most date prior to World War II, a few have been put up since then. Architecturally, the later buildings do not comprise a visual intrusion for the district. There are primarily simple, modest structures in the same materials, scale, and forms of the earlier ones. In short, they continue the vernacular tradition that characterizes the village as a whole. Most are dwellings and many of them are modified bungalows.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: The bounds have been drawn to include all of the significant buildings in the town of Port Republic. The boundary as drawn through property C includes the main house which makes a contribution to the district and excludes modern farm buildings which make no contribution to the district.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

Since the first World War, Port Republic has lost population and buildings. Nevertheless, the surviving structures present a unified aspect, for the size, scale, and town plan of Port Republic were retained through a century of economic prosperity and change. The archeological sites also appear to be well preserved. Data on subsurface preservation and content of subsurface stratigraphy at the Dundore Office site indicated a wealth of cultural and temporal data, and there is a high probability that a similar preservation status exists for many of the other sites. The town is now entirely residential except for a post office, a church, and a small general store.

(see below)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA - VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

and encompassing Route 865 bridge over said river; along NW bank of latter river; thence extending 100' W to W side of drive; thence extending approximately 700' NW, following W side of said drive for first 300'; thence extending about 1200' WNW to SE side of State Route 605, thus encompassing the main house on the Oakes property; thence extending approximately 700' NE along S side of said route to intersection.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

After the Civil War Port Republic's role as a commercial center declined. This was due largely to the advent of the Railroads which diverted commercial activities to neighboring towns connected to rail lines. The commercial buildings thus gradually disappeared leaving Port Republic primarily a residential community, with domestic architecture surviving from the early period. The reduced commercial activity slowed building in the community to a great degree, but it did not kill it. New houses continued to be built on occasion so that now the town is almost entirely domestic in character and has a sampling of typical Valley vernacular types from the early 19th century to the mid-20th century. The lack of commercial growth contributed to keeping Port Republic on its early scale so that now, even though the community has changed in character from a commercial center to a residential one, it is possible to grasp its historic character through the maintenance of its building density, its overall size, surviving early buildings, and general lack of modern intrusions.

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

The lot numbers refer to copy of 1976 plat of town included with this report.

<u>LOT NO.</u>	<u>OWNER'S NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1	Mrs. Margie Alexander	Box 6 Port Republic, VA 24471
2	Mrs. Margie Alexander	Box 6 Port Republic, VA 24471 (deed transfer in progress)
3	Mrs. J. W. Miller	Box 35 Port Republic, VA 24471
4	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
5	Mr. Robert Dinsmore, Sr.	Port Republic, VA 24471
6	Mr. Earl Sipe	Port Republic, VA 24471
7	Frances, Josephine, and Billy Miller	Box 58 Port Republic, VA 24471
8	Frances, Josephine, and Billy Miller	Box 58 Port Republic, VA 24471
9	Mr. John W. Hooke	Port Republic, VA 24471
10	Mr. Carl Martin	Box 219 Rt. 1 Port Republic, VA 24471
11	Mr. Jerry Miller	Port Republic, VA 24471
12	Mr. Jerry Miller	Port Republic, VA 24471
13	Mr. Richard Worthington	Box 7 Port Republic, VA 24471
14	Mr. Lewis Brown	Port Republic, VA 24471
15	Mr. H. G. and Alice B. Wilkerson	5117 81st St. Hampton, VA 23605
16	Mr. H. G. and Alice B. Wilkerson	5117 81st St. Hampton, VA 23605
17	Mr. Marshall Kyger	Port Republic, VA 24471
18	Rev. Lloyd Evans	Half-lot 10047 Nokesville Rd., Manassas, VA
	Mr. George Kyger	Half-lot Port Republic, VA 24471
19	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
20	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
21	Mr. Robert Chandler	Box 66 Port Republic, VA 24471
22	Mr. James Gallagher	Box 46 Port Republic, VA 24471
23	Mr. William Peale	Grottoes, VA 24471
24	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
25	Mr. Clyde Rankin	Port Republic, VA 24471
26	United Methodist Church	Port Republic, VA 24471
27	Mr. Steve Zapton	Box 47 Port Republic, VA 24471
28	Mr. Steve Zapton	Eastern Half Port Republic, VA 24471
	Presbyterian Cemetery	Western Half Port Republic, VA 24471
29	Mr. Lewis Brown	Port Republic, VA 24471
30	United Methodist Parsonage	Port Republic, VA 24471
31	Mrs. Ethel Miller	Box 57 Port Republic, VA 24471

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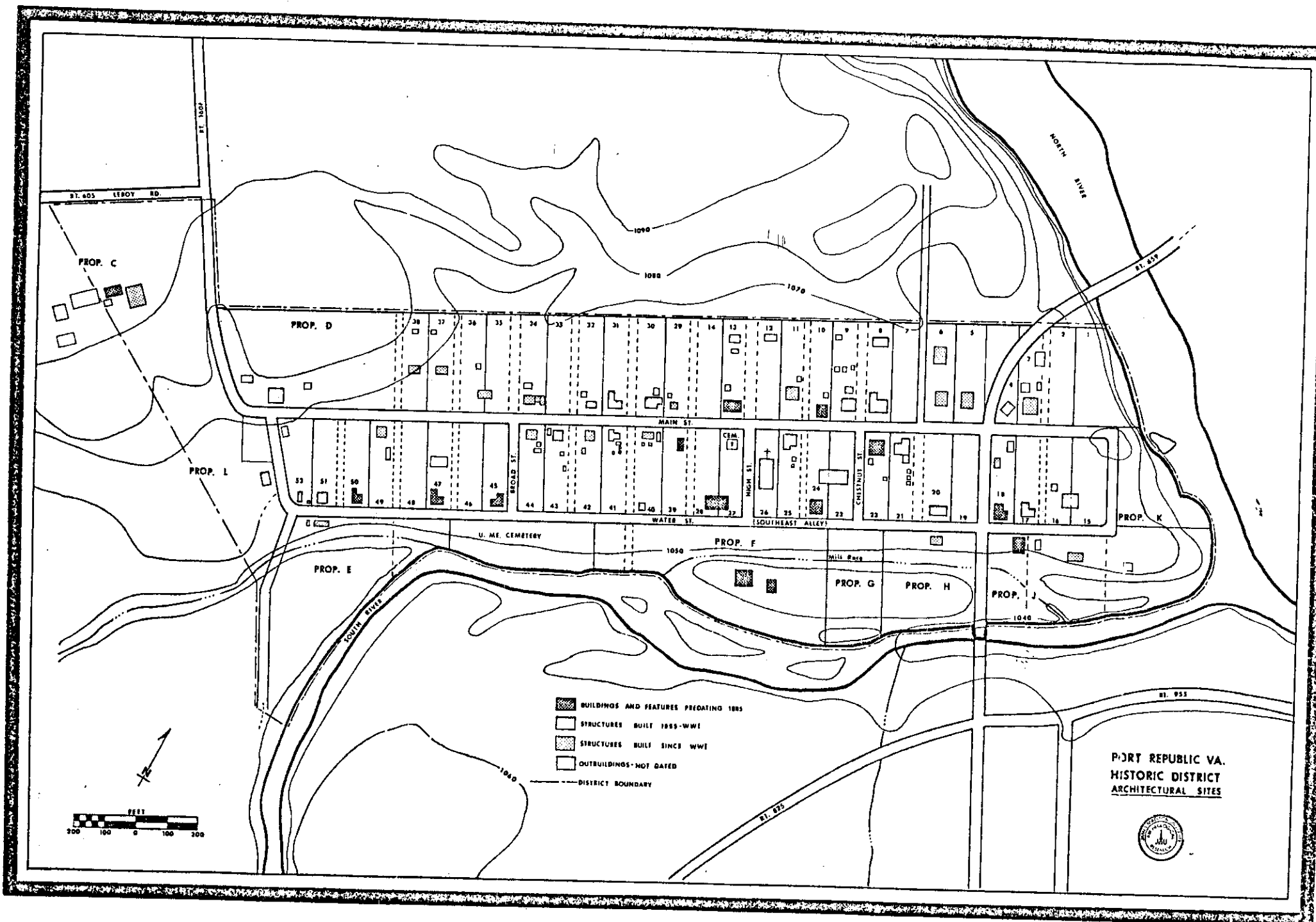
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LOT NO.	OWNER'S NAME	ADDRESS
32	Mrs. Ethel Miller	Box 57 Port Republic, VA 24471
33	Mr. Arthur Scott	Box 11 Port Republic, VA 24471
34	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
35	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
36	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
37	Mr. Byrl Bowman	Rt. 1, Box 5B Port Republic, VA 24471
38	Mr. Robert Mace	Port Republic, VA 24471
39	Mr. Steve Zapton	Box 47 Port Republic, VA 24471
40	Mr. Leslie Smith	Port Republic, VA 24471
41	Miss Mattie Meyerhoeffer	Box 38 Port Republic, VA 24471
42	Mr. Tom Lough	Box 160 Port Republic, VA 24471
43	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
44	Mr. Mark MacDanel	Port Republic, VA 24471
45	Mrs. Laney Long	Dangerfield Rd. Clinton, MD 20735
46	Mrs. Laney Long	Dangerfield Rd. Clinton, MD 20735
47	Mr. Claude Legg	Port Republic, VA 24471
48	Mr. Harry Spitzer	Box 28 Port Republic, VA 24471
49	Mr. William Dinsmore	Eastern Half Port Republic, VA 24471
	Mr. Harry Spitzer	Western Half Port Republic, VA 24471
50	Mr. William Dinsmore	Port Republic, VA 24471
51	Mr. Phillip Wilberger	Port Republic, VA 24471
52	Mr. George Michael	Grottoes, VA 24441
Prop. C	Mrs. Polly N. Oakes	Box 13, Rt. 1 Port Republic, VA 24471
Prop. D	Mr. Fred Gline	Box 7, Rt. 1 Port Republic, VA 24471
Prop. E	Mr. Phillip Wilberger	Port Republic, VA 24471
Prop. F	Mr. Steve Zapton	Box 47 Port Republic, VA 24471
Prop. G	Mr. Melvin Bradburn	Box 156 Port Republic, VA 24471
Prop. H	Miss Mattie Meyerhoeffer	Box 38 Port Republic, VA 24471
Prop. J	Mr. Marshall Kyger	Port Republic, VA 24471
Prop. K	Mr. H. G. and Alice B. Wilkerson	5117 81st St. Hampton, VA 23605
Prop. L	Mr. J. W. Swink	Box 143 Port Republic, VA 24471



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Key to Architectural Map included
with Nomination

Lot 3: House, with smokehouse, wash house, and woodshed	Lot 31: House
Lot 4: Village Store	Lot 32: House, shed
Lot 5: House	Lot 34: House, garage
Lot 6: Post Office, House	Lot 35-36: Trailer, shed
Lot 8: Quincy Wheat House, barn	Lot 37: Ranch House, storage building
Lot 9: House, wash house, woodshed, chicken houses	Lot 38: Ranch House, storage building
Lot 10: J. Bateman House, Shed	Lot 39: Tavern, now storage building
Lot 11: House, Garage	Lot 40: House, three outbuildings, stable
Lot 12: Barn/Shop	Lot 41: House, outbuildings
Lot 13: Dundore House, chicken house, barn	Lot 42: House, garage
Lot 15-16: House, outbuilding	Lot 43: House, smokehouse and sheds
Lot 17: House	Lot 44: House, outbuildings
Lot 18: Kemper House, storage building, woodworking shop (where Hadison Hall (Jackson's Hol, trs.) was)	Lot 45: Joseph Lamb House
Lot 20: Store building, moved from lot 19	Lot 47: Harper House, shop
Lot 21: House, three sheds	Lot 49: House, garage
Lot 22: S.S. Harper House garage, shed	Lot 50: Maupin House
Lot 23-24: Port Republic Town Hall	Lot 51: House
Lot 24: Marshall Jones House	Lot 52: House, store
Lot 25: House, two outbuildings	<u>Property</u>
Lot 26: Port Republic United Methodist Church	C: House, kitchen, smokehouse, chicken houses, ice house, barn, grainery
Lot 27: Methodist Cemetery, outbuildings	D: House, barn, outbuilding
Lot 27-28: Dundore Office, chicken house, sheds, smokehouse	E: Trailer
Lot 29: House, shed	United Methodist Cemetery (between E & F)
Lot 30: House, smokehouse/wash house	F: Tannery and Wagon Sheds
	H: House
	J: Bishop House, House, stable
	L: Kemper House