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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 Montpelier

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1.4 miles SW of Cabin Point; .3 mile South of State Route 602;
.5 mile East of intersection of State Routes 600 and 602.

CITY, TOWN Cabin Point VICINITY OF Fourth (Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)
STATE Virginia CODE 51 COUNTY Surry CODE 181

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
___DISTRICT ___PUBLIC ___OCCUPIED ___AGRICULTURE ___MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S) X PRIVATE ___UNOCCUPIED ___COMMERCIAL ___PARK
___STRUCTURE ___BOTH X WORK IN PROGRESS ___EDUCATIONAL X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE ___ENTERTAINMENT ___RELIGIOUS
___OBJECT ___IN PROCESS ___YES: RESTRICTED ___GOVERNMENT ___SCIENTIFIC
___BEING CONSIDERED ___YES: UNRESTRICTED ___INDUSTRIAL ___TRANSPORTATION
X NO ___MILITARY ___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. Morris W. Clements

STREET & NUMBER Montpelier

CITY, TOWN Spring Grove VICINITY OF STATE Virginia 23881

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Surry County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Surry STATE Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See continuation sheet #1)

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE 1959 X FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN Washington STATE D. C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Montpelier is set in wooded eastern Surry County near Cabin Point and Upper Chippokes Creek. The story-and-a-half, frame house, probably built in the third quarter of the 18th century, is five bays long, clad with molded weatherboards and set on a low Flemish-bond brick basement. At either end of the house is a broad Flemish-bond brick chimney with tiled weatherings and corbeled caps. Each serves two first-floor fireplaces, flanking a chimney closet. Each closet is lighted by a window topped by a gauged-brick jack arch. The present straight-gable roof, which has four gabled dormers in each slope, has recently been covered with wood shingles. The roof was altered slightly in the early 19th century when original clipped gables were removed. Many of the 9/9 first-floor sash are original; 9/6 sash are used in the dormers.

The original plan of Montpelier was that variation of the common central-passage, double-pile plan in which the passage was widened at the rear to accommodate an L-plan or triple-run stair set off to one side. Early in the 20th century, the passage was straightened to create space for a small bathroom, and the present straight-run Colonial Revival stair was inserted. At the same time, a service stair was installed in the northeast room, which then served as a kitchen.

Most of the present decoration dates from an early 19th-century remodeling. In the southwest parlor, plain wainscot with a pedestal cap encircles the room. The handsome mantel has stop-fluted pilasters supporting horizontally reeded consoles and a dentil shelf. A vertically reeded tablet embellishes the frieze. The west chimney closet, which opens off this room, has a vaulted ceiling.

In the northwest room is the only original trim -- a symmetrically molded chair rail which is interrupted periodically by the sill-less architrave window frames, also original. The early 19th-century mantel here consists of an unsupported molded shelf above a recessed, applied-mold frieze panel and architrave surround.

In the northeast room, wainscoting like that found in the southwest parlor is complemented by a mantel consisting of a slight shelf supported on symmetrically molded pilasters.

No early outbuildings survive.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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The boundaries have been drawn arbitrarily to comprise a seven-acre rectangle encompassing the house and its immediate yard.

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		
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<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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although Surry County retains a larger concentration of early farmhouses than most Tidewater counties, Montpelier stands out among its neighbors as an unusually distinctive example of the region's vernacular architecture. The most notable features of the story-and-a-half wooden structure are its wide exterior end brick chimneys, each of which has a centered closet window at the first-floor level. Other elements of the house, such as the original configuration of its stair and roof, make Montpelier significant for the clues it offers in the understanding of the evolution of eastern Virginia's domestic architecture.

Montpelier was probably built by a John Cocke in the third quarter of the 18th century. The Cocke family, prominent in political affairs in both the 18th and 19th centuries, had lived in Surry since the 17th century, and the Montpelier tract may be the 230 acres in Southwark Parish near Johnsehawcon Swamp which were patented by Nicholas Cocke in 1724 and which were listed as being adjacent to land owned by Capt. Henry Harrison. Cocke died in 1748, and his son John inherited the property. It was either John Cocke or his son John (d. 1798) who built the present house sometime in the third quarter of the 18th century.

While Montpelier has traditionally been thought to have been built c. 1724, its plan form, with the stairs originally recessed at the rear of the passage, has been found to be characteristic of third-and fourth-quarter-of-the-century houses in Virginia and Maryland. (The earliest known example is a brick house in Nansemond County dated 1743); Another clue to the date of the house is its clipped gable. Most examples of this feature south of the James River seem to date from the third quarter of the 18th century as well.

Cockes continued to hold Montpelier until 1852, although Harrison Cocke, who owned it after 1815, was in the U. S. Navy and presumably spent little time there. It is in an 1852 deed from Harrison Cocke that the name "Montpelier" first appears. After many changes of ownership, Montpelier is now the property of Morris W. Clements, who has recently renovated it.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Surry County

Deed Books 13, 14.
Land Tax Books, 1782-1820.
Will Book I.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7 Acres
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 8	3, 1, 7, 7, 8, 0	4, 1, 1, 5, 7, 3, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point 1900' W of intersection of State Routes 600 and 602, about 1½ mi. SSE of Cabin Point, 275' W of private drive; thence extending 650' NW across said drive to 70' contour; thence extending 450' S; thence extending 650' SW; thence extending 450' N to 70' contour and 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

February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

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

Julia Hill

TITLE

Tucker Hill, Executive Director
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE FEB 21 1978

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
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	

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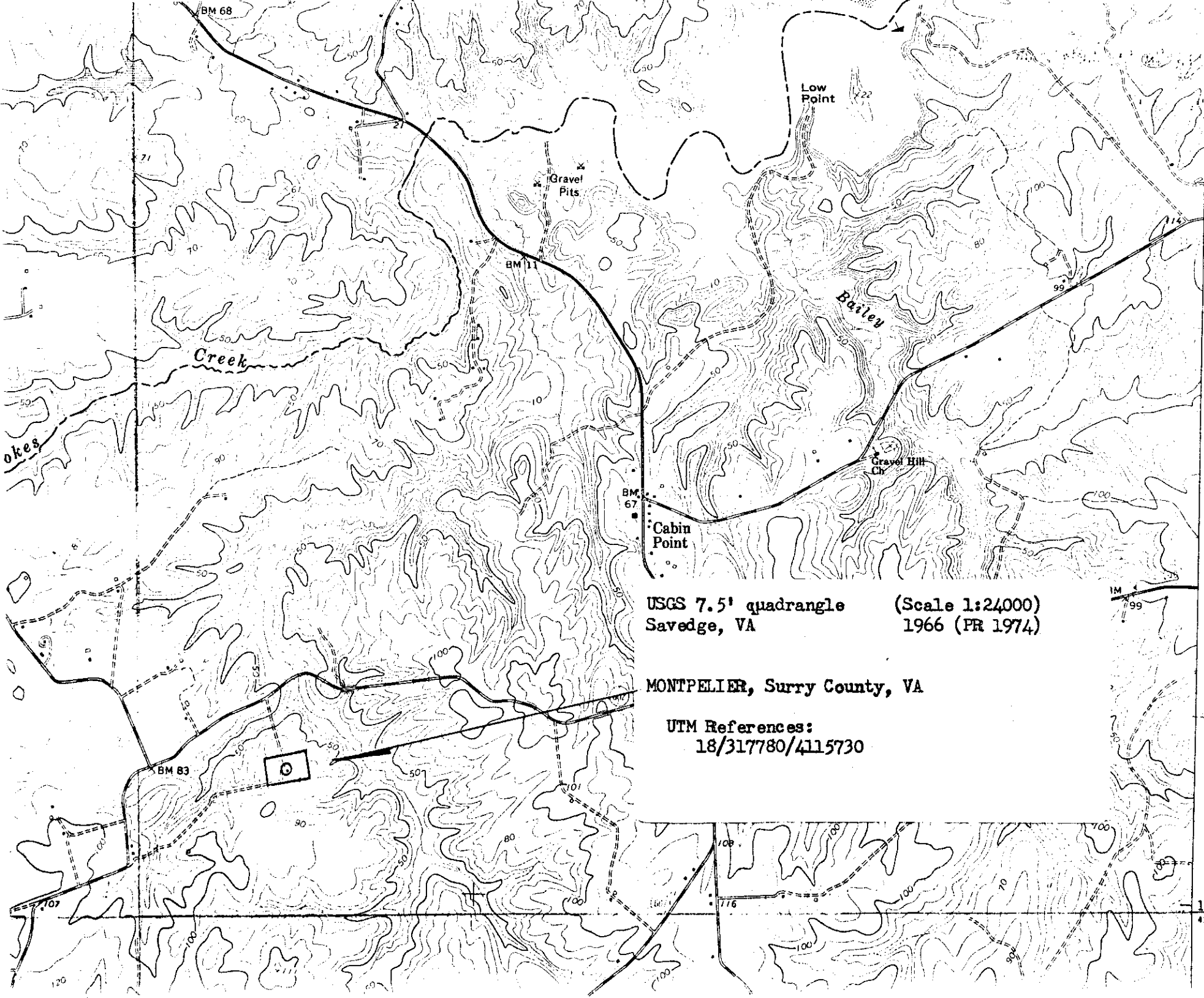
CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1967, 1973, 1976, 1979 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219



USGS 7.5' quadrangle
Savage, VA

(Scale 1:24,000)
1966 (PR 1974)

MONTPELIER, Surry County, VA

UTM References:
18/317780/4115730

4118
4117
(CLAREMONT)
5658 III NW

10'
4115