

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Loudoun	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69.11.45.0090	DATE 11/12/69

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Oatlands

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Oatlands

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .9 mi. N of Goose Creek, .5 mi. NE of Rt. 15, 1 mi. S of intersection of Rt. 15 and Rt. 651.

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Loudoun CODE: 107

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
National Trust for Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
748 Jackson Place, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Leesburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 261 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Oatlands house is a large five-part Federal mansion with stuccoed brick walls. The center section of the house is three stories in height covered by a low hipped roof which is hidden by a parapet. The roof of the house was designed to be topped by an octagonal cupola, but it is uncertain whether it was ever built. The center section is fronted by a tetrastyle Roman Corinthian portico which was added in 1827 according to George Carter's instructions. Flanking the center section are two-bay two-story wings crowned by parapets. Beyond each of these wings is an octagonal-ended two-story projection which in each case contains a staircase. With the exception of the addition of a one-story porch on the octagonal-ended drawing room, the house has changed very little since the addition of the portico.

In addition to the large entrance hall, the house contains five principal rooms on the first floor with numerous bedrooms on the upper two floors. A simplicity of layout is revealed in the plan designed by George Carter and retained by the Eustis family, the last private owners. The entrance door has a definite Adamesque character both in the leaded tracery at the side windows and the overdoor lunette, and in the entablature frieze below the cornice. The cornice and frieze in the octagonal drawing room also reflect the sophisticated taste of the Adam period, although the cornice moldings and ceiling details of the other rooms are of a simple, solid character reflecting the Greek Revival style.

The house is situated on a broad terrace which has a commanding view of the surrounding farm lands and the Blue Ridge Mountains beyond. To the east of the house are the extensive formal gardens laid out circa 1803 by George Carter and enlarged and restored by the Eustis family. The gardens are particularly noted for their fine boxwood. The northwestern corner of the gardens is bordered by the formally designed outbuildings and quarters. Near the southeastern corner of the gardens are the numerous farm buildings, some of which date to the early-nineteenth century. Surrounding the complex of buildings and gardens is a large informal park and the farmlands beyond.

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B. 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)

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Oatlands house was built between 1800 and 1803 by George Carter, son of Robert "Councillor" Carter of Nomini Hall, and great-grandson of Robert "King" Carter of Corotoman. The land on which the house was built was part of a 63,093 acre tract which Councillor Carter had purchased in 1776 from the estate of Lord Fairfax, proprietor of the Northern Neck. Councillor Carter gave 5,000 acres of this tract, which came to be known as Oatlands, to George Carter as his coming-of-age gift in 1798.

The design of the house is credited to George Carter himself, who derived his ideas from examples in William Chambers' A Treatise on Civil Architecture published in London in 1768. Not only did Carter design the house and supervise its construction, but he also laid out the extensive formal gardens and planned the architecturally interesting slave quarters and outbuildings.

Oatlands went into a gradual decline in the years following the War between the States so that by 1897 the Carter family sold the estate to Stilson Hutchins of Washington, D. C., founder of the Washington Post. In 1903 the estate was acquired by William Corcoran Eustis, grandson of William Wilson Corcoran, philanthropist and donor of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and by his wife Edith, daughter of Levi Parsons Morton, Vice-President of the United States under Benjamin Harrison. The house and part of its farm were given in 1965 to the National Trust for Historic Preservation which currently exhibits the house and sponsors equestrian events on the grounds.

As architecture, Oatlands house with its extensive gardens and numerous outbuildings ranks as one of the most elaborate Federal country seats in America. The complex is also valuable as a social document exhibiting the elegance of Virginia country life in both the early-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39° 03' 03"	77° 37' 16"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	39° 03' 03"	77° 36' 17"				
SE	39° 02' 15"	77° 36' 17"				
SW	39° 02' 15"	77° 37' 16"				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: August 21, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: Edw. P. Alexander, Jr.

Title: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 12 1969

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William J. Mustog
Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 22 1969

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #53-93
1968 State
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Oatlands property description

"OATLANDS", situate, lying and being in Leesburg Magisterial District, Loudoun County, Virginia, containing approximately 250 acres, more or less, bounded on the East by Virginia State Route #650, the lands of Edgar H. Young Estate, Kathleen C. England and Melvin A. Bush, on the North by Virginia State Route #651 (Mountain Gap Road), on the West by U.S. Route #15 and Anne Eustis Emmet, and on the South by the Northern line of a private driveway as established in a survey made by DeLashmutt Associates and dated December, 1965, designated as Sheet 2 of 2 Sheets (a copy of such Sheet 2 of 2 sheets is attached hereto and made a part of this Deed), and by "Little Oatlands", owned by Margaret E. Finley.

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Statement of Significance

Oatlands, near Leesburg, Virginia, was built between 1800 and 1803 by George Carter and completed on 1827 with the addition by him of the roof parapets and the monumental Corinthian portico. This very formal brick house covered with stucco, is a fine part composition composed of a three-story central section flanked by two-story wings and terminated by semi-octagonal bays which contain the stairs.

George Carter is believed to have designed Oatlands himself with the help of an 18th century English style book by William Chambers. Whatever the source, the finished house is one of the finest extant examples of the late Federal style and a highly original composition combining, as it does, the use of octagonal forms and solid parapets which create the impression of flat roofs.

39° 03' 02"

39° 02' 13"

77° 37' 22"

77° 36' 36"

North

Catlands
Leesburg, Virginia
U.S.G.S. 7.5' Series
Leesburg, Va.-Md. Quad. 1968

MOUNTAIN GAP

W.C. HALL
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUILDING
1922

75 ACRES
DE GRIP & D

18 ACRES

55 ACRES

5,700 sq ft - 1922
5,750 sq ft - 1922
5,500 sq ft - 1922

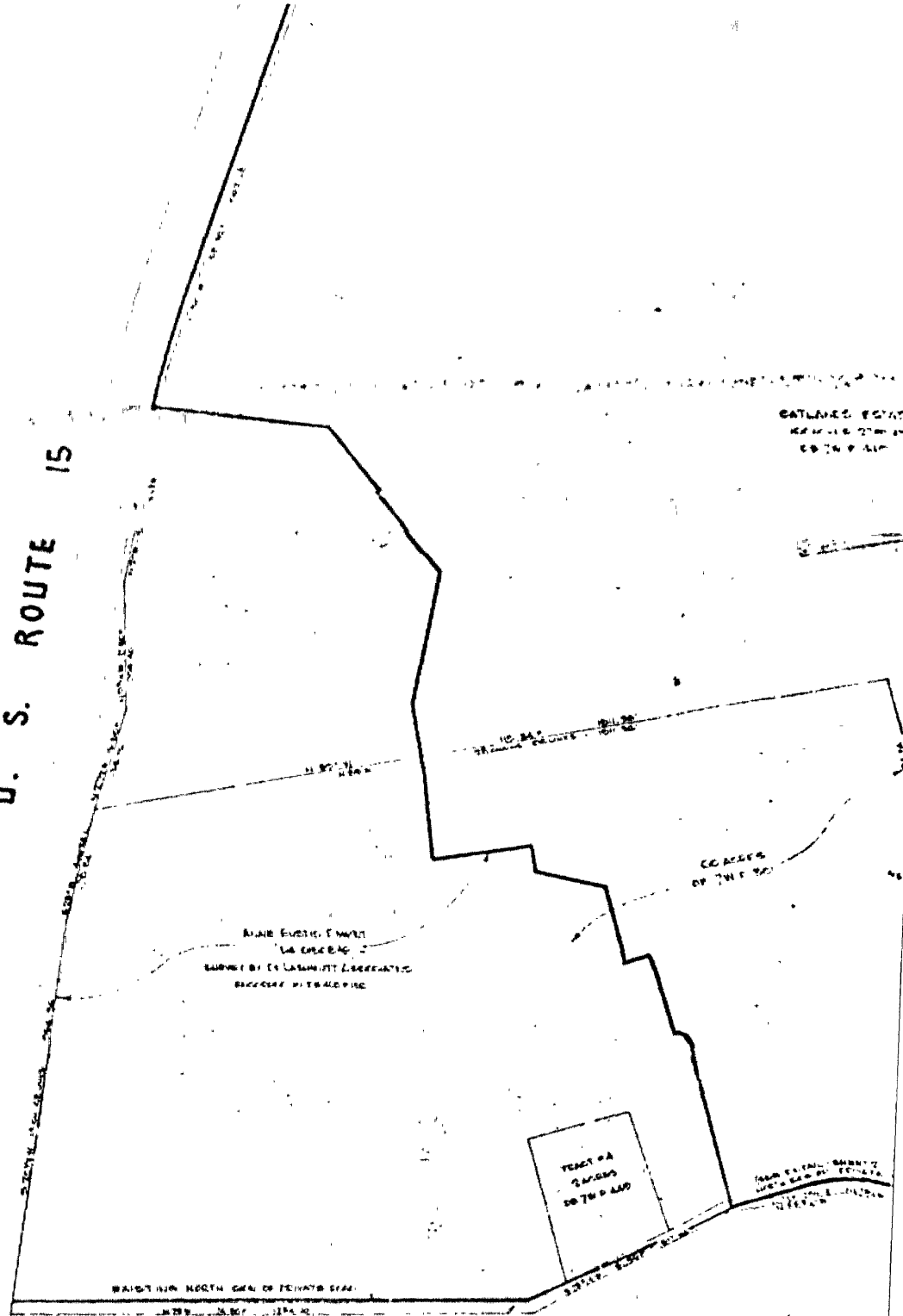
ENTRANCE TO
MOUNTAIN GAP
DE GRIP & D

U. S. ROUTE 15

10 ACRES
DE GRIP & D

20 ACRES
DE GRIP & D

U. S. ROUTE 15



OATLAND, VIRGINIA
RECORDED IN THE
COUNTY RECORDS

ALINE EUSTIS TRACT
LA. CHURCH
SURVEY BY G. LASHMUTT 1887
RECORDED IN THE RECORDS

TRACT #1
2 ACRES
TO TRACT #2

TRACT #2
1/2 ACRES TO TRACT #1

LITTLE OATLAND

NOTES
 THIS PLAT DOES NOT REPRESENT A RAILROAD
 RAILROAD BOUNDARY THE COMMUTAL SHOWING IS COMPILED
 FROM THE WORKS OF THE RAILROAD COMPANY
 IN 1887
 OATLAND IS A SUBDIVISION OF THE
 TRACT #1 AND #2 TRACTS

COMPILED PLAT
 SHOWING
OATLAND
 LEEBURN MAGISTERIAL
 LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA
 SCALE 1" = 200' NOVEMBER

DE LASHMUTT & CO
 CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS
 LEEBURN, VA

MOUNTAIN GAP ROAD STATE ROUTE 651

MEADOWS ROAD

WINDY HOLLOW LANE

TRACT #2 ACCORDING
TO DEED BOOK
100 100

CATLANDS ESTATE,
KATH. WINDY HOLLOW LANE
EX 100 100

WINDY HOLLOW LANE

TRACT # 2 - SPECIFIC
OF APPLIC. FILED IN
68 JUNE 1968

OATLANDS ESTATE
RECORDS SECTION
68 JUNE 1968

CO. 1000
OF THE 1000

TRACT # A
240000
OF THE 1000

1000 FT. TAIL - 1000 FT. 2
WITH 1000 FT. PRIVATE ROAD
1000 FT. TAIL - 1000 FT. 2
WITH 1000 FT. PRIVATE ROAD

LITTLE OATLANDS

STATE ROUTE 650

COMPILED PLAT
SHOWING
OATLANDS
LEESBURG MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
LOUBOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA
SCALE 1" = 200' NOVEMBER, 1968

DELAHAYE ASSOCIATES
CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS
LEESBURG, VA.