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Form 10-300  
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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: Petersburg (in city)
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE:

1. NAME

COMMON:  
McIlwaine House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Jones-McIlwaine House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Market Square at corner of Pellam and Cockade Alleys

CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth; Robert W. Daniel, Jr.

STATE: Virginia  
CODE: 51  
COUNTY: City of Petersburg  
CODE: 730

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both House - APVA Lot - City	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

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4. LOCATION OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2705 Park Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond  
STATE: Virginia  
CODE: 51

STATE: Virginia

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Eustings Court of Petersburg

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg  
STATE: Virginia  
CODE: 51

COUNTY: (in city)  
Petersburg

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973  
Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Room 1116, Ninth Street Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond  
STATE: Virginia  
CODE: 51

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McIlwaine House is a three bay 2 1/2-story frame Federal structure consisting of a central block with a single 1 1/2-story wing on the north side, opening into a side hall passage running from front to rear. The house and wing have A roofs and beaded weatherboarding. The entrance porch is covered by a pediment with modillion cornice and Doric columns. The house and wing have modillion cornices.

The exterior of the McIlwaine House had only minor changes between 1815 and 1972. Because of a rise in street grade, the grade around the high English basement was raised 3 feet and areaways constructed around the six-over-six basement windows. On the west or Market Street elevation, original 9-over-9 windows were replaced with single light, one-over-one sash. On the south elevation an original chimney closet between the two end chimneys was extended into a three-sided bay to accommodate first and second story bathrooms. Two different one-story additions were attached to the east wall of the original one-story parlor wing. The front door, side-light and transom date from the mid 19th century.

Like the exterior, the McIlwaine House's interior remained largely unaltered from the construction date to 1972. Throughout the main block the woodwork consists of simple but elegant late Adam style moldings. In stark contrast to the rest of the house the 20 x 22 foot parlor in the 1 1/2-story wing is embellished with sophisticated moldings and carvings in linear geometric Adam style. On the north wall the chimney piece is flanked on either side by segmental arches with keystones. The arches spring from fluted pilasters and half-round stop-fluted colonettes. The undersides of the arches are reeded and have repeating circular patterns. The cornice consists of crown molding over H fret and reeded patterns. The single entrance door architrave consists of stop-fluted pilasters beneath carved acanthus leaves which are modeled more like tobacco leaves.

In 1971 the McIlwaine House was scheduled for demolition by the Virginia Department of Highways as part of a road project. In 1972 the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities acquired the structure from the Commonwealth and moved the house eight blocks to the present Market Square site, in a zoned historic preservation district established by the City of Petersburg. The 1 1/2-story parlor wing was moved to the new site intact. The main block was too large and had to be dismantled and re-erected using some modern structural materials. The relocation and restoration is eighty per cent completed.

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McIlwaine House is the finest surviving example of Petersburg's early 19th century wooden domestic architecture. Its general configuration, with high English basement and vertical mass, was obviously thought appropriate for the new men of substance and authority who initiated the industrialization of 19th century America.

Both Petersburg and Alexandria apparently had outstanding building craftsmen. However, very few examples of the best Petersburg work survives outside of dismantled interiors such as the Petersburg room in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and numerous mantels in modern houses throughout Virginia. Petersburg had a Mechanics Association dating from the period of the McIlwaine House and many house carpenters and cabinet makers belonged. A thorough study of early Petersburg artisans and their work remains to be done and it is especially important that the few well-documented surviving examples of their efforts be offered every protection.

One characteristic of the McIlwaine interior is the craftsman's or client's preference for wood. There is no plaster, lead, or ceramic ornamentation in the design. All these materials were readily available to the Petersburg craftsmen but there was a conscious preference for the chisel, gouge and plane.

The McIlwaine House was erected within the Petersburg City boundaries of 1784 on the East side of Market Street by George H. Jones in 1815. Little is known about Mr. Jones except that he was Mayor of Petersburg in 1815 and 1816 and forfeited this property for delinquent debts in 1820. The dwelling is commonly known as the McIlwaine House because of the long residency (1831-1878) of Archibald Graham McIlwaine, a prominent Petersburg industrialist and financier.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Pollock, Edward and Beckwith, T. S. Historical and Industrial Guide to Petersburg, Virginia. Petersburg.

Scott, James G. and Wyatt, E. C., IV. Petersburg Story. Petersburg, Va., 1960.

Rennolds, Richard M.B. "The McIlwaine House of Petersburg." Staff research paper, Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Richmond, Va., February 1973.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37° 14' 00"	77° 24' 15"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: June, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Room 1116 Ninth Street State 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

Name Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

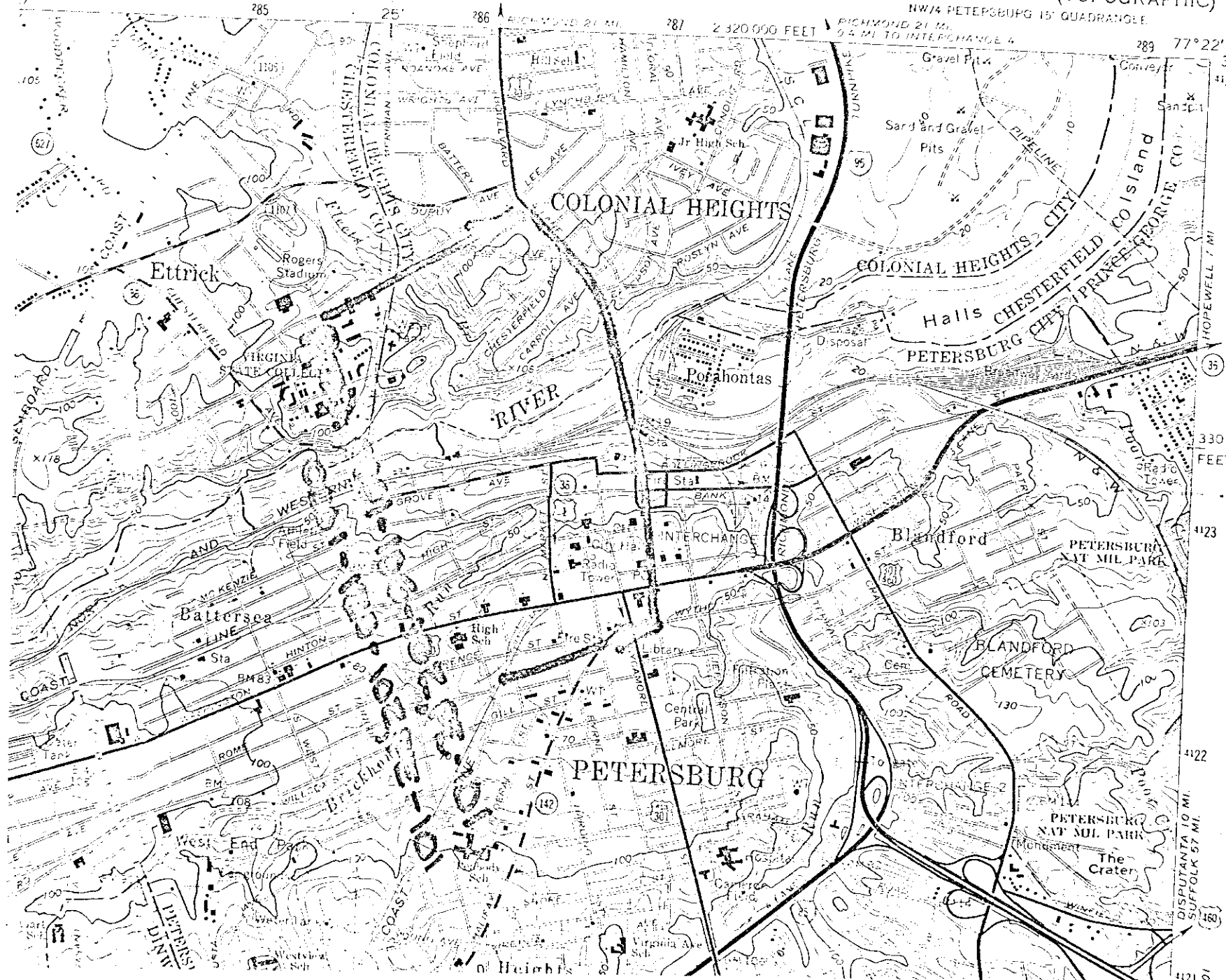
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Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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PETERSBURG QUADRANGLE  
VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NW/4 PETERSBURG 15' QUADRANGLE

5558 IV SE  
(HOPEWELL)



330 000  
FEET  
**MAILWAINE  
House**

DISPUTANTA 10 MI.  
SUFFOLK 57 MI.