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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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: Hampton (in cit.)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	2/23/72

1. NAME

COMMON:
Herbert House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Herbert House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
E. end of Marina Road - on Hampton Creek

CITY OR TOWN:
Hampton Thomas N. Downing, First District Congressman

STATE Virginia	CODE 51	COUNTY: Hampton (in cit.)	CODE 650
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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) vacant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Frank A. Anthony

STREET AND NUMBER:
4010 Chesapeake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Hampton

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clerk of Court

STREET AND NUMBER:
City of Hampton

CITY OR TOWN:
Hampton

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D. C.

CODE:
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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 type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Herbert House consists of an original brick, two-story block facing east with the addition of a brick rear ell and frame two-story wing forming a U-shaped plan overall. A two-level front porch with the second story enclosed has been added to the east front. The original brick block utilizes the full range of eighteenth-century masonry techniques. The brick is laid in Flemish bond with English bond used below the beveled watertable; random glazing of the header bricks as well as rubbed brick at the window and door jambs and at the corners enrich the brick pattern. The use of a belt course and gauged brick flat arches completes the design. Original wood members include floor joists and sub-flooring, rafters, window sill and framing. The most dramatic interior changes have been the removal of the north wall of the central stair hall creating one large room on the north end of the original block; the wall at the rear of the old stair hall was removed and the nineteenth-century stair partially projects into the brick rear ell. All interior woodwork seems to date from the mid to late nineteenth century.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1753**

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Herbert House is the oldest standing house in Hampton, and one of the oldest buildings on the lower Peninsula. The house, which faces the Hampton River on Armstrong Point, was built in the mid eighteenth century; it remained in the possession of the Herbert family until 1808. There followed several changes in ownership during the ante-bellum period; and, in 1865, Herbert House, like many another southern home-place, came into the possession of a northerner.

As befits long-term denizens of a site on open water, both Herbert family and House have associations with naval history. In 1718, the empaled head of the pirate, Blackbeard, was posted here as a warning to his former colleagues still plying their trade in the Chesapeake-Albemarle Sound region. Lieutenant Pascow (a proprietor of the Herbert House) and Captain Thomas Herbert held commissions in the Navy of Virginia during the Revolution; a kinsman was Secretary of the Navy during the Cleveland Administration.

The Herbert House remains as a relatively scarce example of early, two-story, single-rooms-deep brick structures. It has superb Georgian brickwork, refined masonry detailing, and retains most of its structural wood framing. Although suffering somewhat from additions, it has considerable value and significance to the architectural history of State and region.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Elizabeth City County Wills, I:119, II:212, III:367.

Fowler, Westbrook, "Is Hampton's Herbert House Worth Saving?"
The Daily Press (12/15/68).

Stewart, Robert Armistead, The History of Virginia's Navy of the Revolution, (pp.200-201).

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	0 . "	0 . "		37 ° 58 ' 00 "	76 ° 20 ' 37 "	
NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres

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: September 1, 1971

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

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond, STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

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: James W. Moody, Jr., Director
 Title: Va. Historic Landmarks Commission

Date: 11/16/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

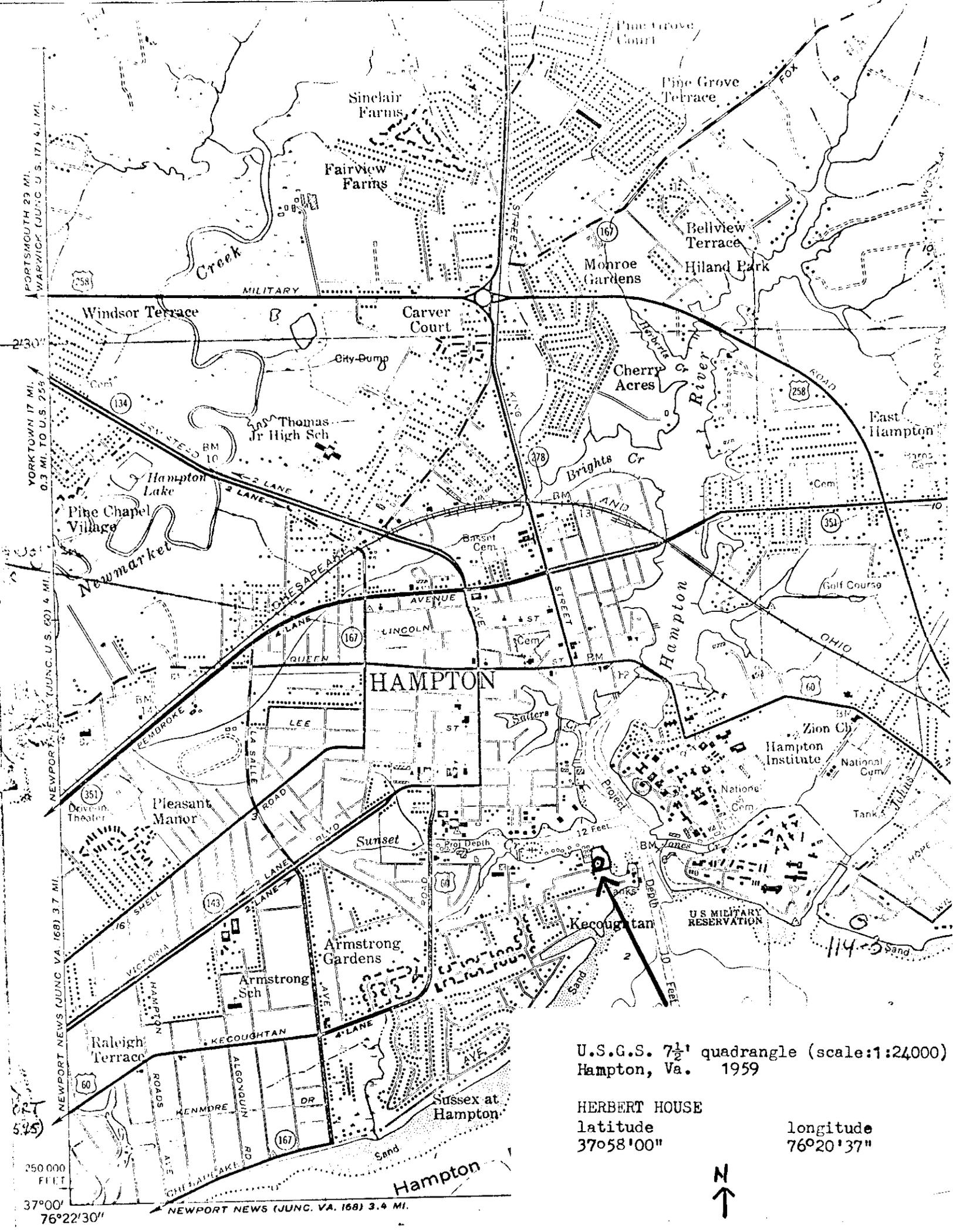
Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2/23/72

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Hampton, Va. 1959

HERBERT HOUSE
latitude
37°58'00"

longitude
76°20'37"



PORTSMOUTH 29 MI.
WARRICK (JUNC. U.S. 17) 4.1 MI.
YORKTOWN 17 MI.
0.3 MI. TO U.S. 258
NEWPORT NEWS (JUNC. U.S. 60) 4 MI.
NEWPORT NEWS (JUNC. VA. 168) 3.7 MI.
37°00'
76°22'30"

NEWPORT NEWS (JUNC. VA. 168) 3.4 MI.