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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

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: Goochland
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Lock-Keeper's House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On James River and Kanawha Canal at Lock #7, East of South end of Route 630

CITY OR TOWN:
Cedar Point

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Goochland CODE: 075

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	weekend	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	residence	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Lucien N. Jones

STREET AND NUMBER:
7025 Riverside Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Goochland

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

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COUNTY: Goochland

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lock-Keeper's House is a two-story frame structure resting on a stone foundation of whitewashed, rough-faced, uncoursed ashlar. The house is set against a steep slope causing the basement level on the river side to be fully above grade. While the frame upper stories have a 16'4" x 32' single-pile plan, the foundation projects on the river side to give the basement a 24'2" x 32' double-pile plan. The platform thusly created at the first floor level on the river front is covered by a shed roof porch which extends the length of the building. This porch probably replaces at least one earlier one as the turned posts are in the style of the 1890's.

The house is covered by a shallow gable roof of standing-seam sheet metal, and its sides are sheathed in sawn weatherboards. As with the lock-keepers' houses along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, this example has a central chimney serving all rooms. The house is entered at the basement level through a center door. An additional door is located off-center on the land front first floor. Two small three-over-three sashes are located above the porch, and six-over-six sashes light the ends on all three levels. Most of the wood features appear to have been renewed, probably as the result of floods and deterioration. To the left of the basement entrance, at about waist height, is a horizontal line and the date "30 Sept. 1870" cut in the stone commemorating the flood level at that date.

The house has a somewhat complex interior arrangement to accommodate its original functions. The lock-keeper's quarters occupy all three levels of the house's western half. A stair in the southwest corner of the house connects the first and second floors, however for the lock-keeper to go from the basement to the first floor, he had to use the stair located between the two eastern basement rooms. The top of this lowest stair is located under the porch, rather than within the house. The first and second floor rooms of the house's eastern side were used as guest rooms for canal travelers. To reach the second floor east room, guests had to use a separate enclosed stair, the entrance to which is located at the far east end of the porch.

Although damaged again by the severe floods caused by Hurricanes Camille and Agnes of recent years, the Lock-Keeper's House has been thoroughly renovated and serves as a weekend home for the present owners.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian; | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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 (Mid) | |

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lock-Keeper's House, built circa 1836 to serve Lock Number 7 at Cedar Point in Goochland County, is the last remaining lock-keeper's house of the James River and Kanawha Canal system, and is believed to be the only such building standing in the state. A picturesque relic of the bygone canal era, the house was erected shortly after the construction of the Maidens dam in 1836, which marked the beginning of opening the canal system from Maidens to Lynchburg. The system was designed so that the canal traffic could use the river backwater above the dam, but a lock with a lock-keeper's house to serve it was necessary at the rocky promontory of Cedar Point upstream.

Lock Number 7 was a busy point on the canal during its most active period in the 1840's and 50's. Not only were horses changed there, but invoices and cargos were checked and tolls collected. In addition, the lock-keeper's house served as a tavern and furnished accommodations for passengers and canal boat crews. The complex arrangement of stairs in the house reflects the building's dual function as a residence and hostelry.

The house ceased to serve the canal system after the War Between the States when the canal was acquired by the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company and tracks were laid on the towpath. Although the house has been restored as a residence, the lock it served has been silted in by floods and is no longer visible.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Finch, Nancy, "Historic Canal House Restored on Kanawha", Richmond Times-Dispatch, July 5, 1970, p. D-1.

Unpublished information from the archives of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

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° 41' 29"	77° 54' 32"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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: July, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

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:

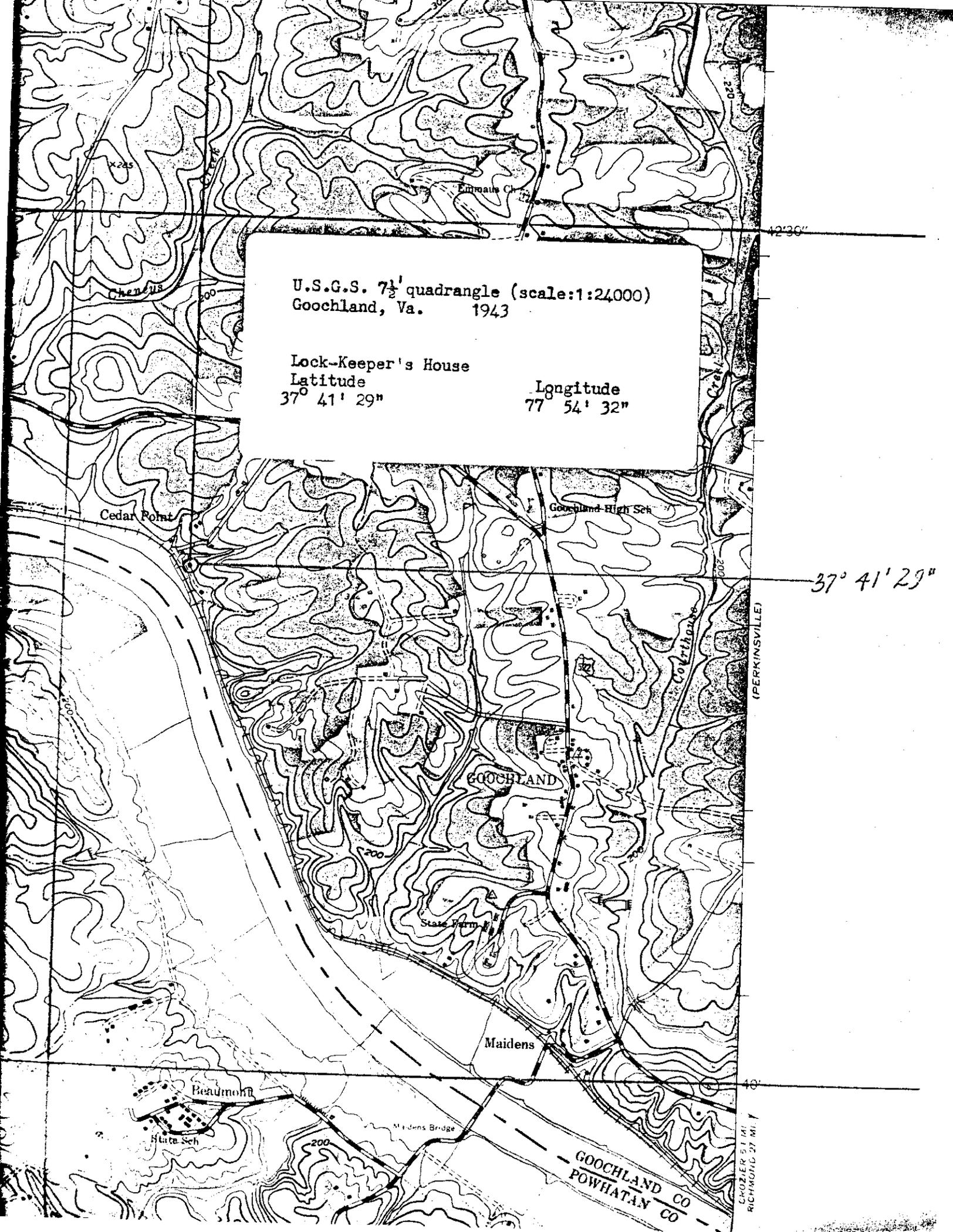
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)
Goochland, Va. 1943

Lock-Keeper's House
Latitude $37^{\circ} 41' 29''$ Longitude $77^{\circ} 54' 32''$



$37^{\circ} 41' 29''$

(PERKINSVILLE)

GOOCHLAND CO
POWHATAN CO

CROZIER 51 MI
RICHMOND 27 MI