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ST. ALBANS' PSYCHIATRIC
HOSPITAL
PULASKI CO.

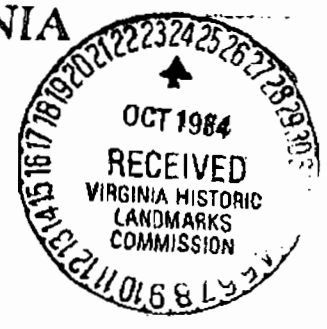


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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION REQUEST

The following constitutes an application for preliminary consideration for the nomination potential of a property to the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places. This does not mean that a property is being nominated to the registers at this time. Rather, it is being evaluated to determine if it qualifies for such listings. As completed by the applicant, the form will be copied and sent to members of the State Review Board for their consideration. Applicants will be notified of their actions in writing shortly after the meeting.

Please print or type and use 8 1/2" X 11 1/2" paper if additional space is needed.

All submitted materials will become the property of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission and cannot be returned.

1. HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY (If historic name is not known, use family name)
St. Albans School - St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital

2. LOCATION
A. Street (or Route) Route 11, Lee Highway
B. County (or Independent City) Pulaski

3. LEGAL OWNER OF PROPERTY
(Multiple owners must be listed with addresses)
NAME: St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital, Inc. TELEPHONE: (703) 639-2481

ADDRESS: Rt. 11, Lee Highway P. O. Box 3608

CITY/STATE: Radford, Virginia ZIP CODE: 24143

SIGNATURE: Robert L. Terrell, Jr. DATE: October 23, 1984
Robert L. Terrell, Jr., Administrator

4. GENERAL DATA:

- A. Date or Dates of Building(s): 1892
- B. Outbuildings: Yes X No _____
- C. Approximate Acreage: 32
- D. Architect or Carpenter/Mason (If known): Unknown
- E. Use: Boys' School & Private Psychiatric Hospital

5. General Architectural Description (Number of stories, unusual architectural features, additions, remodelings, and any features not apparent in photographs.)

The buildings constructed in 1892 have been added on to a number of times with the most major additions being constructed in 1958 and 1969, which blends in with the original structure. However, the original buildings of 1892 are still most prominent, as they face the New River and the City of Radford. The 1892 structure has three floors above ground with a basement. According to our architect, it is his view that the condition of the building is excellent. Some interior remodeling has been done as the use has changed from patient area to the present use of doctors' offices and administration space. It is also our architect's view that the building appears to have some of the characteristics of Georgian Architecture.

6. HISTORY OF PROPERTY

(Briefly note any significant events, personages and/or families associated with the property. Detailed family genealogies are not necessary). Please list any additional sources of information. Only material contained on the form will be forwarded to the Review Board members.

See attached "Historical Points" and "An Historical Sketch of Saint Albans."

Additional sources of information include various editions of "The Promus," the school yearbook.

60th Anniversary Report - Saint Albans Psychiatric Hospital - attached.

Are there any known manuscripts or family papers, drawings, or old photographs that could be made available to the VHLC staff? Yes X No _____.

7. PHOTOGRAPHS

Two interior and two exterior photographs, black and white, must be provided. Photographs of other buildings on the property would also be helpful. The inclusion of photographs is essential to the completion of this application. Without photographs, the application cannot be considered.

8. MAP

Please include a map showing the location of the property. A sketch map is acceptable but please note street and route numbers. Any out-buildings on the property should also be noted. Please include a "north" arrow.

9. APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Historical Points about Saint Albans School of Radford, Virginia:

The name of the school annual was "The Promus," which was first published for the 1892-93 school year. According to this first annual, the word "Promus" is a simple, good, old-fashioned Latin word, meaning "a storehouse, a magazine." In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, it was brought into English and was quite popular to denote a miscellaneous literary larder, but of late years the Italian and Arabic "magazine" has usurped all of its functions.

On page 5 of the 1892-93 annual, the first session of Saint Albans was opened on the 19th of September, 1892, with an address by Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, of Richmond, Virginia, the distinguished Southern Literateur, who now edits "The Drawer" in Harper's Magazine. According to this page, the builders were busy on the morning of the 19th until 11:00 adding here and there the finishing touches to the hall in which the opening exercises would take place. The "home" had been practically completed for several days. By 11:00 a large assembly had gathered in the audience room and the formal opening of Saint Albans School was begun. Reverend E. L. Goodwin, of the Episcopal Church, offered a fervent prayer. Following the prayer, Professor Miles made a brief address, outlining the policy of the school. Concluding, he introduced Dr. Page, who then delivered the opening address. There is a description of the reception which was given the evening of the 19th to the friends and patrons of Saint Albans, during which there were readings of poetry, music by professors J. B. McMillan and H. E. Parsons of Bristol, Tennessee. Professor McMillan was reputed to be the finest violinist in Virginia. Other guests included people from Atlanta, Colonel and Mrs. Gardner of Newbern, Virginia, professors from Richmond and Bristol, Tennessee, the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia who, at the time, was J. Hoge Tyler. This section of the 1892-93 Promus ends with a two-page description of the dedication address delivered by Dr. Thomas Nelson Page during which he charged the students to faithful dedication to their studies, quoting Shakespeare and Emerson.

The next section of this book on page 11 describes the faculty. The first individual described was that of George W. Miles, born at Rheatown, Tennessee, on January 19, 1863. Professor Miles was the founder of Saint Albans School and became its first headmaster, having special charge of the Greek and English department. Professor Miles entered Emory & Henry College, of Emory, Virginia, in the session of 1875-76 and remained there five years, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts in June of 1880; therefore, he must have been 17 years old at the time. Following that, he went to the University of Virginia and spent two years there, graduating in the Schools of Ancient and Modern Language and English. Following this, at 19 years of age, he became adjunct professor of languages at Emory & Henry. He became professor of French and German and later professor of Greek and English during his tenure there, which lasted until June of 1892 when he came to Saint Albans as founder and headmaster at the age of 29. Other professors described were Dr. Robert S. Radford, Professor Samuel C. Shaw, and Professor Charles H. Shannon. Dr. Radford was a native of Bellevue, Virginia. He graduated from UVA where he was chosen instructor in ancient languages at that institution, which he held for three years, during which time he studied for his degree of Doctor of Philosophy which he obtained in 1891. At Saint Albans, he held the position as Master, teaching Latin and modern languages.

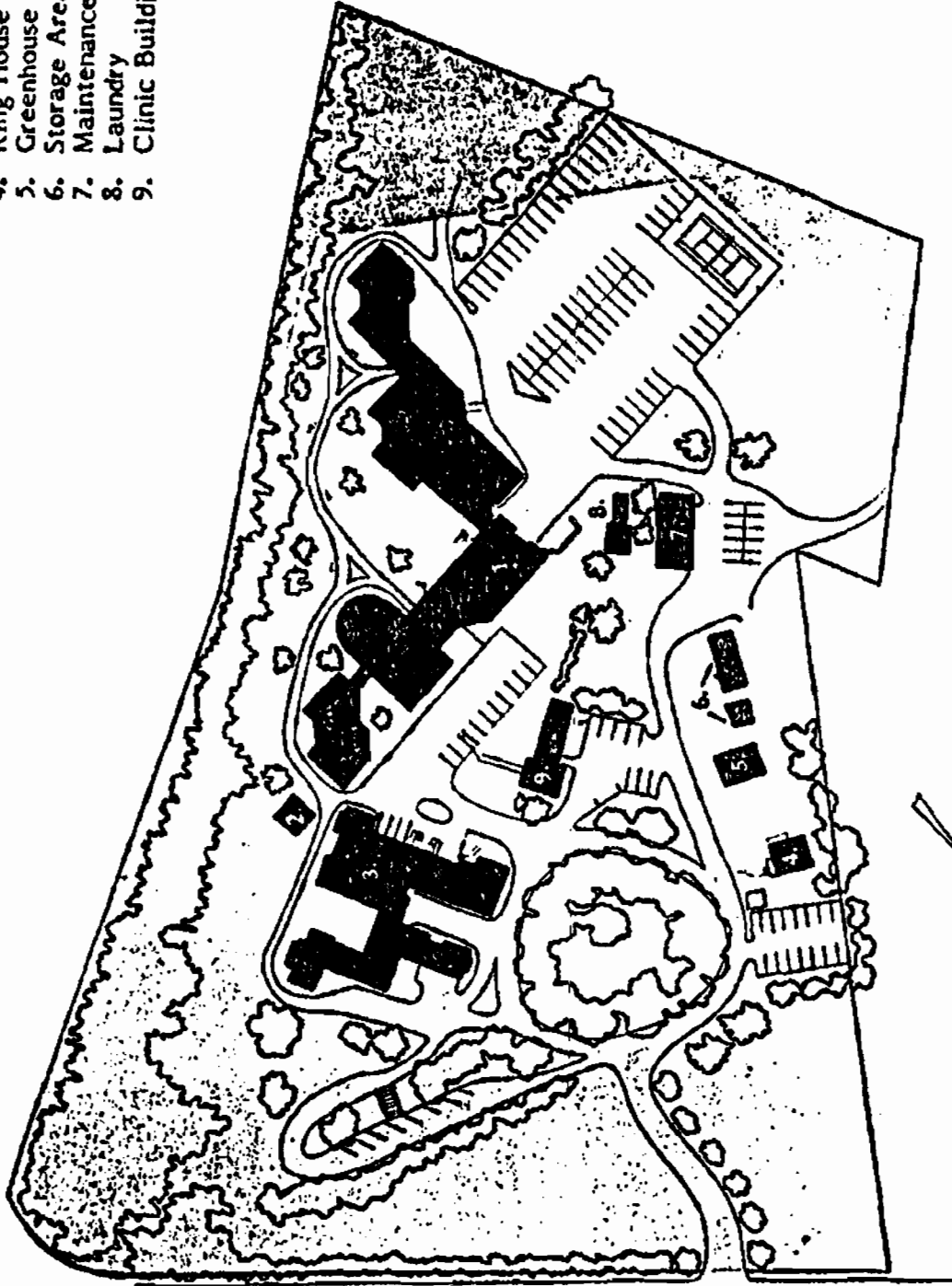
Professor Samuel C. Shaw was next described as a native of New England, having been born in Redding Ridge, Connecticut. He attended Yale University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1891. For the session of 1892-93, Professor Shaw accepted the position of Master in Saint Albans School to teach mathematics and history. Professor Shaw is said to have taken great interest in sports and especially in the game of football.

Professor Charles H. Shannon was next described as a native of Virginia, having been born at Broadford in Smyth County, Virginia. He was a graduate of Emory & Henry College and during the session of 1892-93, he held the position of Master at Saint Albans School, teaching Greek and natural sciences.

The next section of the book deals with descriptions of the 40 students enrolled at Saint Albans School. They varied in age from 12 to 21. Students from Radford included the following: Radford Carter Adams; Elmo Beinkampen; Edward Chumbley (he is actually a native of New River, Pulaski County, Virginia); William Rosenfeld; John A. McLemore, a resident of New River, Virginia. The other students were scattered in terms of origin, many coming from Atlanta and others coming from as far away as Texas, Memphis, Tennessee, and Mississippi. From the description of student Radford Carter Adams, it is evident that Saint Albans was highly thought of in a scholastic sense. This student attended Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia, but being an enthusiastic believer in higher education, he is this year (1892-1893) taking a more advanced course at Saint Albans. From the student description, it is obvious that sports played an important part in the student's life. Sports mentioned included football, baseball, boxing, hunting, and boating. Football and baseball were the sports mentioned most frequently by far. The student descriptions also give the occupation of the father and, in most cases, the students were from prominent families with professional fathers, such as lawyers, physicians, prominent farmers, extensive landowners, congressmen, etc.

LEGEND

1. New Hospital
2. The Center
3. Old Hospital
4. King House
5. Greenhouse
6. Storage Area
7. Maintenance
8. Laundry
9. Clinic Building



Route 11, Lee Highway

17.46

October 29, 1984

Mr. Robert L. Terrell, Jr.
Administrator, St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital
P.O. Box 3608
Radford, Virginia 24143

RE: ST. ALBANS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, Pulaski County

Dear Mr. Terrell:

The preliminary information form for St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital, Pulaski County, has been received by this office. The material appears complete, and will be presented to the State Review Board at its next meeting on December 11, 1984. You will be informed in writing of the board's decision shortly thereafter.

Please call or write if you have any questions. Your interest in our program is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Cote
Architectural Historian

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REQUEST _____

NAME OF PROPERTY ST ALBANS PSYCHIATRIC CENTER

COUNTY OR CITY RADFORD Roanoke Co.

OWNER'S NAME R. L. TERRELL

ADDRESS RT. 11 P.O. BOX 3600

REGISTER CRITERIA SHEET

RADFORD VA. 24143.
TOTALS

I. Type of Significance (15)
National
State
Local

15
10
5

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5

II. Degree of Significance (48)
Architectural integrity
Architectural quality of type
Historical significance
Rarity of cultural representation
Thematic diversity
Archaeology

0 2 4 6 8
0 2 4 6 8
0 2 4 6 8
1 2 4 6 8
0 2 4 6 8
0/8

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III. Geography (20)

Regional representation on register
Quantity of type

Common 2 4 6 8 10 Rare
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10

IV. Endangerment (15)

Preservation
Structural condition

No threat 0 1 3 5 Endangered
Deteriorated 0 1 3 5 Stable

5

V. Easement potential (5)

0/5

0

VI. Tax Act Potential (5)

0/5

5

VII. Public Interest (5)

Low 0 1 3 5 High

0

VIII. Preservation Catalyst (5)

Low 0 1 3 5 High

0

Total 39

Review Board Action:

Eligible

Not Eligible

Low Priority

Date

12/5/84

December 11, 1984

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Radford, Virginia 24143

RE: ST. ALBANS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, Pulaski County

Dear Mr. Terrell:

At its December 11, 1984 meeting, the State Review Board has determined that the St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital, Pulaski County, appears to meet the criteria for entry on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. However, given the high volume of requests for registration and our office's increasing emphasis on registering whole districts that are architecturally, historically, or archaeologically significant, the board has not placed St. Albans Psychiatric Hospital in the high priority category for further work by the staff here.

Under these circumstances, you may wish to consider either preparing a nomination report yourselves for final consideration by the Review Board or hiring a qualified professional to prepare the report. We have assembled a packet of materials designed to help you prepare a report as well as a list of consultants who have expressed an interest in preparing reports. While we will be unable to prepare the nomination ourselves for the foreseeable future, we will be happy to assist you in whatever way we can.

Thank you for your interest in the register program. Please let us know if you would like to receive either the packet or the consultants' list.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Cote
Architectural Historian

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