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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Waverley

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION 1 mile N of Halfway; W side of State Route 626; .7 mile

STREET & NUMBER S of Burnt Mill Run; .9 mile N of intersection of State Routes 626 and 706.

CITY, TOWN

Halfway

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF

Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE

Virginia

CODE  
151

COUNTY

Fauquier

CODE  
061

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Thomas Furness

STREET & NUMBER

Waverley

CITY, TOWN

Middleburg

STATE

Virginia 22117

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fauquier County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Warrenton

STATE

Virginia 22186

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission 221 Governor Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Waverley is a large, rambling farmhouse picturesquely sited on a terraced knoll overlooking a landscaped pond and route 626, the scenic country road between Middleburg and The Plains, Virginia. The house began as a one-story stone cottage erected in the late 18th century. The exterior end chimney of this dwelling survives under the left side of the portico, with its stack projecting up through the portico roof and between the third-story windows. The stuccoing of the walls makes it nearly impossible to gain much of an idea of the original configuration of this building. The chimney wall and at least portions of the other walls were incorporated into the present house around 1830. This enlargement resulted in a single-pile, center-hall, two-story dwelling, a typical example of an I-house, save for the early chimney against the facade. The ends of the house were ornamented with stepped parapets which survive.

In the 1850s the house underwent another remodeling and enlargement. At this time a long, two-story rear ell was either added or enlarged to its present form. This ell contains the present dining room which retains its original Federal mantel and other early woodwork. Behind the dining room is the kitchen and other service areas, all of which have been thoroughly modernized. The exterior of the ell was ornamented with scrolled bargeboards and scalloped eaves, following the fashion of the Gothic Revival. A two-level wooden gallery was erected in the angle between the main house and the ell and was extended to its present length in the last remodeling. Also dating from the 1850s remodeling is the two-story portico across the facade. This portico consists of six square piers supporting a flat roof with a plain wooden parapet. A small balcony is presently at the center bay under the portico; originally the balcony may have been somewhat longer.

The house stood abandoned and deteriorating in 1940 when it was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Furness, who undertook an extensive renovation. The renovation was directed by the fashionable Chicago architect David Adler, best known for his elegant residential designs. Adler preserved the early character of the house but modernized it into a well-appointed country seat. His principal alteration was the raising of the roof for the installation of third-story bedrooms. This work resulted in a shallow third story above the portico and the appearance of the house having a flat roof. He also redesigned the drawing room end wall, adding the present mantel and bookcases. In the dining room he added the paneled over-mantel. A freer hand was exercised on the upper floors in order to accommodate bathrooms, closets, and other conveniences. The present buff color of the exterior was also carefully chosen by Adler and has been maintained by Mrs. Furness.

The house is surrounded by handsome, well-maintained gardens, somewhat formal in character, all of which were installed by the present owner. A small courtyard

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of boxwood beds in the rear is framed on the north by a pergola and summerhouse. The slope leading down to the pond in front of the house has been gently terraced using fieldstone retaining walls.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries incorporate the house and immediate grounds, property protected by an easement held by the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission. The remaining Waverley property is protected by an easement held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES late 18th century, 1850s BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Waverley is a building of architectural value not because it possesses a purity of style, but because it has grown and evolved over a long period and has thus acquired an appearance that only age can give. In its present form, it is perhaps a more informative historical artifact than a house that has remained in its original state, as it reflects changing architectural modes of the region as well as the changing tastes and needs of its occupants.

The core of Waverley is a late 18th-century stone cottage, probably erected after 1766 when the land was bought by Charles Chinn. Although only the exterior end chimney and portions of the walls remain, it seems likely that this oldest section was a typical example of the simple vernacular farmhouses erected by the early settlers of the region. Around 1801 the property was acquired by William Hale who died in 1822, leaving the 253-acre tract on which the house stood to his daughter Francis [sic] P. Hale. Following her death in 1833, Francis Hale's estate is shown in the Fauquier County tax records as including 253 acres with \$800 worth of buildings. The tax records of 1829 placed no value on the stone cottage, so it can be assumed that Francis Hale made significant enlargements to it between 1829 and 1833. The result of this effort was a two-story, five-bay structure with stepped-parapet gables which, except for the fact that it encased a small, earlier dwelling, was a fairly standard example of an I-house, the most common vernacular house form of early 19th-century Virginia.

In 1838 Francis Hale's estate was sold to John W. Patterson, who owned the house without making significant improvements until 1854 when the tax on the buildings was increased from \$600 to \$2000. This jump in value may have been the result of acquiring additional buildings with the purchase of adjacent land. However, it probably also reflects a remodeling of the original house. The most conspicuous features that date from this period are the hexastyle portico across the front and a large rear ell with its Gothic-style bargeboards and scroll-sawn eaves. These additions gave the formerly plain house a more stylish aspect reflecting the popularity of the revivalist trends in domestic architecture during the antebellum period.

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The house remained essentially as Patterson had it until the 1940s when, after being allowed to fall into a state of deterioration, it was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Furness. By that time the northern Virginia countryside, especially that around Middleburg, had achieved world renown for its scenic beauty and as a fashionable place to own a country estate. Like the many people of means who moved to the area in the 1930s and '40s, Mr. and Mrs. Furness sought an old country house to restore and thus chose Waverley. With the assistance of the Chicago architect David Adler, the Furnesses remodeled Waverley into a commodious, if stylish, rural seat. The interior of the house and its prettily landscaped gardens remain basically an expression of the refined and somewhat eclectic taste of the Furnesses.

Waverley is also the most conspicuous early house on the Halfway Road (route 626), the scenic road between Middleburg and The Plains, Virginia. This road and the beautiful countryside that surrounds it have been the focal point of much conservation activity in recent years. Many of the farms, including Waverley, are protected by easements held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. The house at Waverley is protected by a historic preservation easement granted to the Historic Landmarks Commission in 1977.

CL/MTP

## 13 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fauquier County Virginia 1759-1959. Warrenton, Va.: Fauquier County Bicentennial Committee.

Fauquier County Will Book 2 pp. 125-126, p. 136.

Fauquier County Tax Books 1782-1862.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Middleburg, Va.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,8 | 26,21,0,0 | 4,31,24,5,0  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a point on W side of State Route 626, 3500' S of intersection of said route with Burnt Mill Run; thence extending about 350' S along W side of said route to private drive; thence extending 400' W along N side of said drive; thence extending NNE for about 350'; thence extending approximately 400' ENE to point of origin, thus

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES encompassing the house and the pond in front of it.

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

August 1978

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Tucker Hill, Executive Director

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE SEP 19 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

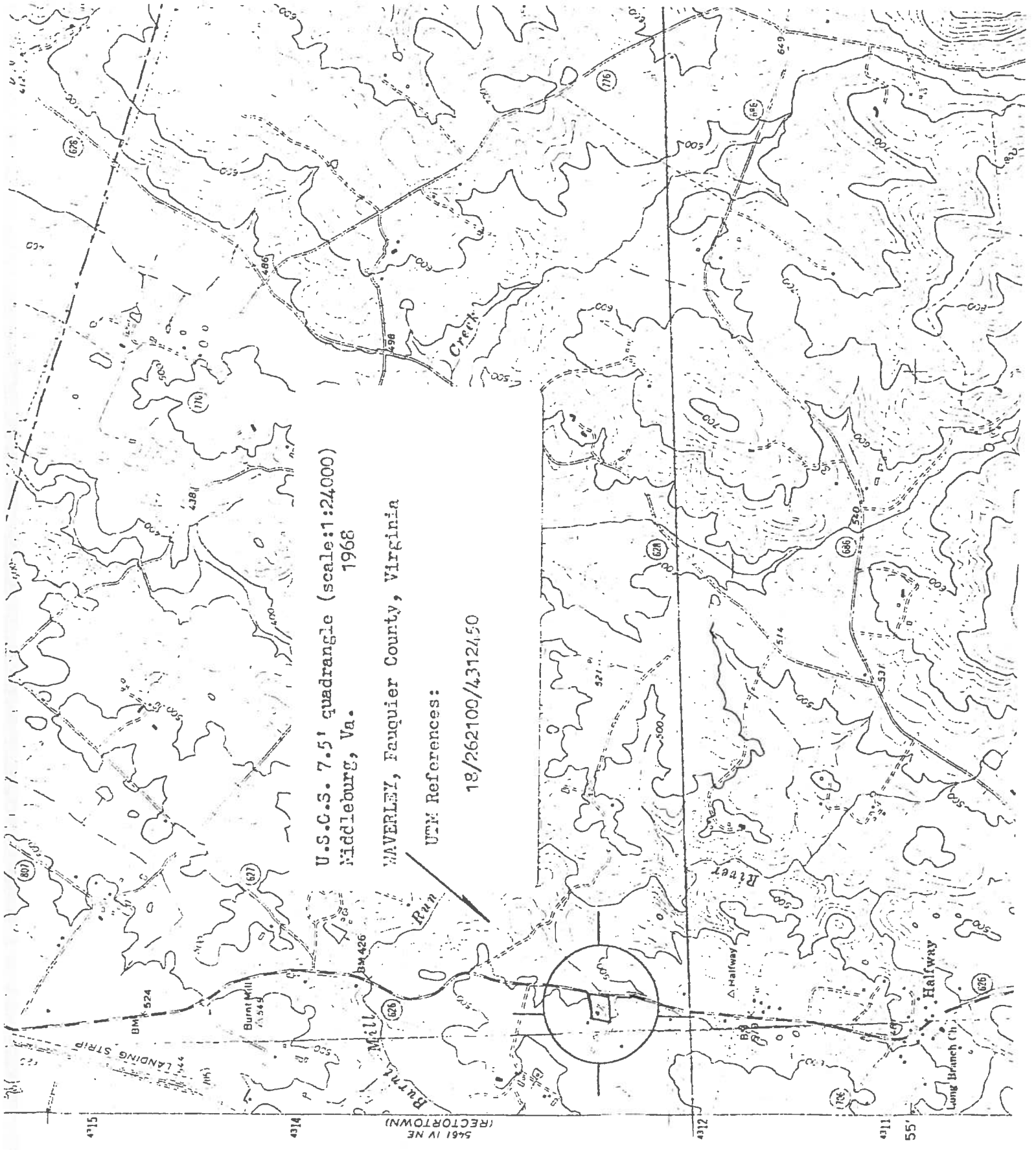
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ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



U.S.C.S. 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)  
1968  
Middleburg, Va.

MAVERLEY, Fauquier County, Virginia

UTM References:

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