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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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
 Burlington
AND/OR COMMON

VLR Listed: 10/21/1975
NRHP Listed: 4/30/1976

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1.5 miles west of Petersburg; south side of Upper Appomattox Canal;
.3 mile northeast of intersection of Route 600* and Route 601.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Petersburg VICINITY OF Fourth (Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)
STATE Virginia CODE 51 COUNTY Dinwiddie CODE 053

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates
STREET & NUMBER RFD 4, Box 102
CITY, TOWN Petersburg VICINITY OF STATE Virginia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dinwiddie County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Dinwiddie STATE Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2)

TITLE (1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory (See Continuation Sheet #1)
DATE 1959 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Library of Congress
CITY, TOWN Washington STATE D. C.

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Burlington is situated south of the Appomattox River and the Appomattox Canal, in Dinwiddie County. It is one of several notable eighteenth-century houses which line the river just upstream from Petersburg.

The story-and-a-half house is approached from the south along a long, tree-lined drive. Built of frame construction, with the north side nogged, and sheathed with beaded weatherboards, it has brick exterior end chimneys which, like the underpinning, are laid in Flemish bond. There are three pedimented dormers on each plane of the gable roof, and the whole is covered with slates. All of the windows have architrave frames, beaded sills, and nine-over-nine sash, as well as louvred blinds which are copies of an original found in the house at the time of its restoration in the mid-1950s. The original porches, with their pedimented gables and chamfered columns, were removed in the early twentieth century. They have recently been restored with the aid of the recollections of the carpenter who removed them.

Burlington has a center-passage, double-pile plan. There is a corner fireplace in the inside gable-end corner of each room and a two-run, open-well, open-string stair in the passage. The latter is constructed of black walnut. The banister is ramped and eased and scrolled at the newel. There are three turned balusters to each tread and thick, but graceful, sawn brackets on each spandrel. The wainscot used in the passage and both south rooms consists of a raised panel below, and a smaller one above, the asymmetrical chair rail and is carried up the stairs.

The southwest (living) room has an overmantel arrangement common in the area. It consists of a large, square raised panel flanked by tall, narrow ones with a range of three corresponding horizontal panels under them. A Federal mantel has replaced the original. This has a molded shelf and reeded pilasters, entablature blocks, and central tablet. A molded cornice is carried around the room.

The southeast (music) room has a similar overmantel arrangement and a bolection surround and marble facing which are reproductions installed during the recent restoration. A molded cornice is used in this room as well.

Both of the rear (north) rooms have double-beaded chairboards rather than wainscoting. The woodwork in the west room (library) is a modern reproduction. The east room has the six-panel overmantel design as well as a later architrave surround and molded shelf. In this room is the most notable architectural feature of the house--a cupboard built into the northeast corner. Flanked by fluted Roman Doric pilasters with outsized capitals, it is composed of a lower section with single-panel raised-panel doors and an upper round-topped section with a carved keystone and neckings used under the impost blocks of the archivolt to suggest unfluted Doric pilasters recessed behind, and partly hidden by, the fluted ones. The interior of the upper portion is furnished with three dissimilar shelves vaulted by a semi-dome.

Burlington retains many of its early sash, doors, and hinges, one early wooden lock, and a number of nineteenth-century iron Carpenter's locks.

A one-story wing was added during the 1954 restoration.

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey
1968 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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COUNTY	
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1958 Federal

Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

code: 11



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COUNTY	
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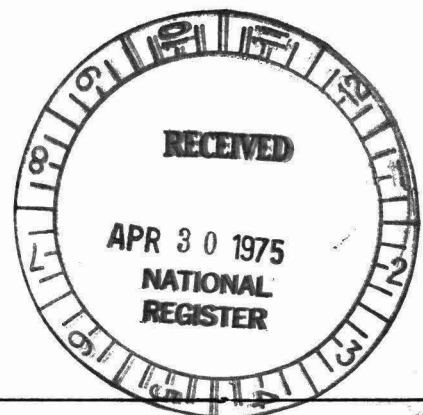
7. DESCRIPTION

The front entry reveal is treated with molded panels similar to those of the window reveals and is framed by symmetrically molded trim. The doorway into the ell, however, has architrave trim.

The dining room mantel is similar to that in the parlor, except that the paterae of the frieze and the symmetrical molding of the pilasters are replaced by reeding. The pent closet now serves as the passage into a kitchen in the twentieth-century wing.

A small, frame, central-chimney outbuilding several hundred yards west of the house is the only remaining service building other than modern ones. Despite its early-twentieth-century date, it retains a traditional form and has been attributed to an unnamed local craftsman who reportedly built similar buildings for a number of farms in the vicinity.

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Burlington Plantation's dwelling house is one of a number of architecturally similar mid-eighteenth-century houses scattered throughout Dinwiddie County. Set on a secluded site near the Appomattox River, it is, in addition, an important member of a group of fine houses, including Mannsfield and Olive Hill, which line the river in that section of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield counties, comprising an important remnant of the plantation landscape west of Petersburg.

The early ownership of Burlington is uncertain. It is thought to have been built by the Atkinson or Jones families and to have been owned at an early date by Mordecai Barbour, who operated a mill nearby. An 1802 Mutual Assurance Society policy shows Robert Pleasants to have been the owner of the plantation at that time. Burlington later came into possession of the Friend family and was held by it for over a century. In 1953, after four years' vacancy, Alene G. Thompson purchased the property and had the house restored by contractor Melvin Belcher, under the supervision of architect Randolph Gailey. Burlington is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Bates.

Burlington is related to several other fine Dinwiddie houses of the mid-eighteenth century in its use of the six-panel overmantel pattern and of the dado with a small panel above the chair rail. The similarities of detail and of workmanship are such, in fact, as to suggest a single builder or group of builders for all of the houses. It is the only one of the group, however, in which the dado is carried up the stairs. One of the outstanding features of the house is an impressive architectural corner-cupboard in the dining room. The cupboard is unique among Dinwiddie houses.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Wyatt, Edward A. IV. Plantation Houses in and Around Petersburg. Petersburg, Va.: reprinted from the Petersburg Progress-Index, 1955.
- Zehmer, John G. Jr., The Early Domestic Architecture of Dinwiddie County, Virginia. unpublished M.A. thesis, University of Virginia, 1970.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 34.7

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Burlington property is bound on the north by the Upper Appomattox Canal (2500 feet); on the east by a creek feeding into said canal (300 feet); on the south by a line running slightly southwest (2500 feet) along the south side of lake and continuing along tree line; on the west by a line following the tree line (800 feet), curving westward along tree line to Route 600, fronting Route 600 (200 feet), thence extending eastward (400 feet) and curving northward to above-mentioned canal.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

August 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

221 Governor Street

804-786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Richmond

Virginia

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

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

TITLE Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE OCT 21 1975

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HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9/30/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE 4.29.76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1, 8	3 1, 8 7, 0, 0	4, 1 3, 6 3, 4, 0	D	1, 8	3 1, 7 5, 4, 0	4, 1 3, 6 3, 6, 0



USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Petersburg, Va. 1969

BURLINGTON, DINWIDDIE COUNTY

UTM References:

A- 18/281200/4122320 B- 18/281200/4121960

C- 18/280360/4122010 D- 18/280370/4122340

