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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: Loudoun
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Oatlands Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Oatlands Historic District

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 9 mi. N of Goose Creek, .5 mi. NE of Rt. 15, 1 mi. S of intersection of Rt. 15 and Rt. 651

CITY OR TOWN: Leesburg vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Tenth (Joel T. Broyhill)

STATE Virginia	CODE 51	COUNTY: Loudoun	CODE 107
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input 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 Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) archaeological	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: National Trust for Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER: 740-748 Jackson Place, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D. C.

CODE: 11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Loudoun County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Leesburg

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D. C.

CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

Designated a National Historic Landmark February 1972, Oatlands included the house and approximately 300 acres. It was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places 21 August 1969 by the Virginia Historic Landmark Commission. Recently through easements and gifts this district has been trebled in acreage to include more of the environment that has been associated with George Carter's plantation.

Prior to the initial nomination, three easements were accepted by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation to maintain the surrounding open space. Acquisition of two properties (Oatland Mills and Mountain Gap School) and pending easements on the Church of Our Savior and additional land, all originally part of Oatlands, require the expansion of the already designated district. Combining the National Trust properties with the areas under easement creates a contiguous district.

Expansion of the district permits presentation of a visually integrated ensemble to the public. All of the areas and structures cited in the proposed expansion are related historically. The proposed district delineates the operational center of Carter's plantation. Major portions of the proposed district have been recognized by the federal government, while easements have been accepted by the state on the open space areas of the valley. Expansion of the district to include the newly acquired properties will enable the National Trust to fulfill the goals stated in the Oatlands deed of Gift and assist in the maintenance of this historic landscape.

a. Oatland Mills -

The existing appearance of the mill site consists of brick, stone fragments and evidence of the mill race. On the east bank of Goose Creek the fragment of the stone wall measures 150 ft. in length and 3' to 7' high above the creek bed. The stones are set without mortar. Stones in the creek bed indicate that the dam crossed diagonally above the rapids. The mill race from this point appears along the west side of U. S. Highway 15 and resumes on the east side diagonally across the original Leesburg-Aldie Turnpike, terminating at the mill head. Stone foundations, approximately 3'-0" thick stretch 66'-0" along the north bank of the former creek bed. A fragment of a brick wall bonded every 4th course with headers stands on the west end of the stone foundation. It is 1'-10" thick, 16'-0" long. There is evidence of a window 4'-4" above the stone wall. Thirty-two feet north of this wall parallel to it is evidence of another stone foundation wall which measures approximately 38'-0" in length. These dimensions appear to approximate the two story section of an early undated photograph. At the extreme east end of the foundation wall along the creek appears a definite corner block. Forty-eight feet north of this corner block are fragments of another foundation wall, extending 28'-0"

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westward. This evidence seems to indicate that the original ell-shaped millhouse had overall dimensions approximately 66'-0" x 48'-0". No trace of the original mill equipment remains.

b. Mountain Gap School

This is a simple one-room rectangular building, 20'-3" x 30'-3", excluding the porch and the coal shed. The peak of the gabled roof which is covered with standing-seam sheet metal is 20'-6" above the rubble stone foundation wall. The clapboard walls and eave brackets are painted red. At the entrance on the east is a wood porch, 6'-5" x 6'-0" with a wood railing and wood steps and railing on the north. The 6'-0" x 8'-0" lean-to on the west has random width, rough-sawn vertical board siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. The entrance door on the east contains a pair of wood doors with five recessed panels. There is a glazed transom with four lights, 10" x 17", above. The flat trim at the doorway has a beaded edge, and the transom bar is moulded. High in the gable over the doorway is a small window with four lights, 8" x 10". On the north and south walls there are three double-hung wood windows with six over six lights, 10" x 18". In the interior the east end has been partitioned with T & G beaded vertical siding to create an apparent hand-wash room on the north and an enclosed coat closet on the south of the central entrance way. The north, south and west walls are plastered above a 2'-5" beaded board wainscot and chair rail. There is a large blackboard of recent vintage above the chair rail on the west wall, behind the raised teacher's platform. Two smaller blackboards are located between windows on the north and south wall. There is a coal stove in the center of the room with a vertical stove pipe up to the chimney. Electricity has been installed.

c. Church of Our Savior (Protestant Episcopal)

The original Church was a simple rectangle. According to Mrs. David E. Finley, (Margaret Eustis) her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis, added a small rectangular apse with an arched leaded stained glass window. Later the Choir Dressing Room was added south of the altar and a small furnace room was added on the north. Over-all dimensions are now 23'-0" x 33'-0". The rubble stones of the foundation wall have been dressed to a relatively smooth face and brought up to window-sill height. A bead of mortar has been

