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| STATE: Virginia | |
| COUNTY: Bath | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hidden Valley

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Warwickton

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2.1 mi. N of Rt. 621, 1.1 mi. N of intersection of Rt. 621 and Rt. 39 (Bacova vicinity)

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Bath CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input checked="" 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) <u>Conservation</u> |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
George Washington National Forest

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisonburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bath County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Warm Springs STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

Warwickton is a brick, two-story structure with hipped roof and four interior end chimneys. The pedimented tetra-style portico, placed over the central three bays of the five-bay facade, uses Greek Ionic caps with fluted shafts resting on a plinth; the plain entablature continues around the rest of the structure. The brickwork is in Flemish bond above the "watertable" with American bond below, both laid with narrow mortar joints typical of the period. The rear ell has seen at least two stages of evolution in its brick first story with frame enlargements. The doorway is an extremely close adaptation of Plate 28 in Asher Benjamin's Practical House Carpenter, Fourth Edition, 1835.

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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 | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1858

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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area around Warwickton was one of the earliest settlements in this remote section of Virginia and was first acquired by William Jackson, for whom the Jackson River was named, in the middle part of the eighteenth century. On this property settled Robert Hall, the first known white settler in Bath County who built a log cabin there for his family sometime before 1750. In 1788 Jacob Warwick (1747-1826) purchased one thousand acres of part of the original Jackson tract and settled on this property, part of which was later to become the Hidden Valley land.

Jacob Warwick was one of the first settlers in Bath County, a noted Indian fighter and one of the principal land owners in the area. At his death his property descended to his son Andrew S. Warwick who married Mary N. Woods (1791-1822). They were the parents of Judge James Woods Warwick (1813-1897) who built the present mansion house, Warwickton, in Hidden Valley circa 1858. Judge Warwick served in the Virginia legislature in 1880 and as judge of the county courts of Highland and Bath Counties for some years. At his death in 1897 the property passed to his second wife, Eliza J. Gatewood, and after her death the following year, the property was sold to the Jackson River Hunt Club. Both Judge and Mrs. Warwick are buried in the family cemetery behind the house. In 1965 the United States Forest Service, under the Department of Agriculture, purchased the Warwickton tract. One of the owners renamed the historic property "Hidden Valley" circa 1940, but the historic name is Warwickton.

Warwickton is an interesting example of the basic five-bay Georgian block adapted to the needs of a Victorian-Greek Revival house builder in 1858. Other than the hybrid portico, the most unusual feature is the use of Asher Benjamin's stylebook in designing the entranceway, certainly an extremely rare source for architectural design in Virginia. In addition to its unique details it is amazing that Warwickton dates from as early as it does, especially considering its remote site and grand proportions. The provincial handling of the portico combined with the inherently bold patterns of Benjamin blend well with the healthy feel of the Alleghany tablelands whose stark hills surround it.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. 1884.
 Wheeler, Roy, Historic Virginia. Charlottesville, Va.
 Report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service on Hidden Valley.

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 | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: October 20, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

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 _____

Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 15' quadrangle (Scale: 1:62500)
 Warm Springs, Va.-W.Va. (1946)

Hidden Valley

| Latitude | Longitude |
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