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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 INGLEWOOD (Preferred)

(VDHL 82-51)

and/or common Robert Gray House

2. Location

street & number VA 753

N/A not for publication

city, town Harrisonburg

vicinity of

state Virginia

code 51

county Rockingham

code 165

3. Classification

Category

district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

public
 private
 both

Public Acquisition

in process
 being considered
N/A

Status

occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Margaret Grattan Weaver

street & number Route 10, Box 163

city, town Harrisonburg

N/A vicinity of

state Virginia 22801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rockingham County Courthouse

street & number Court Square

city, town Harrisonburg

state Virginia 22801

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Virginia Historic Landmarks Division

title Survey (82-51)

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1972, 1980

federal state county local

depository for survey records Virginia Historic Landmarks Division, 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 date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Inglewood is one of the finest double-pile Georgian farmhouses in Rockingham County in the Valley of Virginia. This stylish type of plan, which reflects the contributions of English settlers into the rich architectural vocabulary of the Shenandoah Valley, did not become established in the Valley until the mid-19th century. The formal brick dwelling, with its carefully landscaped and manicured lawns, is picturesquely sited on a hilltop overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains.

ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS

The present dwelling is composed of a mid-19th-century Georgian house and a later, 19th-century lateral brick extension. The original five-bay, Flemish-bond facade, pierced by 9/6 sash, has been rather modestly finished around the entrance with a transom and sidelights, framed by molded trim with plain blocks. A three-bay, single-story Greek Revival portico with wooden columns highlights this entrance. The back and side walls have been constructed of six-course American bond. Frame cornices currently adorn both front and back walls, but structural evidence suggests the presence of a more elaborate, layered brick cornice as found on the brick extension. Built of eight-course American bond with Flemish variant, this addition contains a single room on each floor. The front transom-lighted entrance has also been articulated by molded trim with plain corner blocks.

The interior displays a blend of late Federal and Greek Revival detailing. Delicately turned newels, carved stair brackets, and square balusters adorn the single-run stairwell. The original mantels in the second-floor rooms are composed of slightly or fully projecting pilasters, blocky in proportion, supporting plain paneled friezes and narrow shelves. A variety of door and window finish remains throughout the house, from molded trim with carved blocks to architrave frames, employing Greek Revival profiles.

Later in the 19th century, the garret was remodeled into two additional bedrooms divided by a central hall at the top of the stairs. The partial cellar under the original east rooms provides storage space, but there is no evidence of a fireplace in either of these rooms.

The present owner has made several changes to Inglewood during the restoration work in the late 1940s. The most notable additions are three early 19th-century mantels installed from the Roller house, now partially razed, in Harrisonburg. The exaggerated, heavily carved detailing, with popular Federal and unusual local motifs, illustrates the rich Valley interpretations of pattern book designs. The partition between the first-floor west rooms has been removed to create a double-parlor which highlights two of these decorative, regional mantels. A second partition, added later to create a small entrance foyer off the front (south) door, has also been removed. The northeast room of the main house had been converted into a kitchen before the Weavers acquired the property, but this has since been remodeled into a modern kitchen. The large adjacent east room in the addition has been divided to create a bathroom, back stairwell, and front hall to the west and a large sitting room to the east. The original Greek architrave trim was copied in the new woodwork. Mrs. Weaver has added another elaborately carved Valley mantel in this room.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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 1849-51 Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sited on a beautifully landscaped hilltop overlooking the city of Harrisonburg, Inglewood is a fine example of a mid- to late 19th-century farm complex which has associations with some of Rockingham County's leading families. Robert Gray, who purchased the land on which it stands in 1818, had the double-pile Georgian mansion house constructed between 1849 and 1851 for his son, Douglas. The fashionable dwelling and accompanying farm buildings are distinguished reminders of the prosperous agricultural society that was typical of the mid-Shenandoah Valley region in the 19th century. Threatened by the intrusion of industry into the area, the property with its buildings preserves a conspicuous historic and scenic backdrop for the north side of Harrisonburg.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Inglewood stands on one of the more striking elevated sites in the mid-Shenandoah Valley. The land was purchased in 1818 by Robert Gray, a prominent Harrisonburg lawyer and farmer. Gray was responsible for several other houses in the area including his own home, Collicello, and Hill Top built for another son, neither of which survive. Presumably on the occasion of his younger son Douglas's marriage to Isabella Pinckney, Robert Gray built Inglewood ca. 1849-51. Miss Pinckney was the daughter of William Pinckney, the prominent Maryland lawyer whom President Thomas Jefferson dispatched as special envoy to London to join James Monroe in negotiating a treaty with Great Britain in 1806. The younger Gray and his family lived at Inglewood until 1857 when they sold the property to A.B. Irick.

In 1876 Inglewood was purchased by Gen. John E. Roller for his mother and father. General Roller, CSA, represented Rockingham County in the Senate of Virginia from 1869 to 1873, served as major general of the Virginia militia, and founded the Augusta Military Academy (National Register of Historic Places, 1982). General Roller continued to live at Inglewood after his parents' deaths until his own demise in 1932. His daughter, Lucy, resided at Inglewood until conveying it to James Madison and Margaret Grattan Weaver, the present owners, in 1944.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

Burnt Deed Record Book 4 (1818).

Richmond, Va. Virginia Historic Landmarks Division Archives.

Virginia State Library. Works Progress Administration, Historic Buildings Files, Rockingham County, 1935-1939.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 44 acres

Quadrangle name Harrisonburg, Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	1 7	6 8 3 0 4 0	4 2 6 1 1 8 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	1 7	6 8 8 1 2 0	4 2 6 0 7 2 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	1 7	6 8 7 2 0 0	4 2 6 1 1 2 0
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D	1 7	6 8 7 2 9 0	4 2 6 1 2 7 0
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E	1 7	6 8 7 9 2 0	4 2 6 1 2 1 0
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Verbal boundary description and justification. Beginning at a point on E side of VA 753, about 8500' NE of intersection with Southern RR tracks and on N side of farm road to Ingleswood; thence extending about 1700' SE along N side of said farm road, then curving about 500' NE, then curving about 150' E; thence about 450' NNE; thence about 450' ESE, thereby crossing farm

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (See Continuation Sheet #1)

state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code
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state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Virginia Historic Landmarks Division Staff

organization Virginia Historic Landmarks Division date October 1982

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 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

H. Bryan Mitchell, Director

title Virginia Historic Landmarks Division

date April 16, 1985

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
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INGLEWOOD, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA

Continuation sheet #1

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7. DESCRIPTION--Architectural Analysis

A full complement of outbuildings and farm buildings complete the farmstead. The two-story, three-bay rectangular frame cabin, reportedly used as a schoolhouse, has been extensively remodeled into a dwelling. The recent west lateral extension, enclosing the stone portion of the end chimney, houses another Valley mantel moved to Inglewood from Harrisonburg. The mid- to late 19th-century creamery displays the two-level outbuilding form with overhang commonly found in the Valley. A hand-dug stone well remains conveniently located at the west end of this building. A wrought-iron fence behind the house and white picket fence to the sides help enclose the domestic yard. Two frame barns, both from the very early 20th century, and a low limestone wall enclose the farmyard northwest of the farm. While the north barn illustrates the traditional Valley bank barn form, the gambrel roof "hog barn," adorned here with cupolas and diamond windows, reflects the more progressive barn designs popularized through agricultural literature in the early 20th century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

U.S. Census, 1850, Rockingham County, Va., pp. 113, 138.
Weaver, Margaret Grattan. "A History of Inglewood Farm and Its People." MS, Harrisonburg, Va., 1976.
Rockingham County Deed Books 13 (1873); 110 (1933); 199 (1945); Land Tax Books 1815-1860.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA--Verbal Boundary Description/Boundary Justification

Boundary Justification: The bounds have been drawn to include a small portion of the 450-acre farm ; to encompass the main house, domestic outbuildings, dairy and bank barns, and the barnyard enclosed by the stone wall; and to exclude the 20th-century tenant house located about 125 yards southeast of the main house. The 44-acre tract nominated consists of two parcels of land purchased solely by Mrs. Weaver in recent years to help protect the rural character of the farmstead.

Verbal Boundary Description (continued)

road; thence about 500' SSW to fence line; thence about 200' ESE along fence line; thence continuing about 975' SSE along fence line to the point of intersection with two other fences; thence about 3250' NW to E side of VA 753; thence about 550' NE along said side to point of origin.

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(SINGERS GLEN)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH
DIVISION OF MINES
JAMES L. CALVER,

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38°30'

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5261
(BRO)

USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Harrisonburg, Va. 1964 (PR1978)

INGLEWOOD, Rockingham County, Va.

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- B-17/688120/4260720
- C-17/687200/4261120
- D-17/687290/4261270
- E-17/687920/4261210

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