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

NAME

HISTORIC
Moorefield

AND/OR COMMON

VLR 9-20-77
NPH 4-19-78

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

On Moorefield Hill Place, 500 feet W of Nutley Road; .4 mile
NW of the intersection of Interstate Route 66 with Nutley Road.

CITY, TOWN

Vienna

VICINITY OF

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Eighth (Herbert E. Harris, II)

STATE

Virginia

CODE
51COUNTY
FairfaxCODE
059

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: None

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Town of Vienna, Virginia

c/o Mr. Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

STREET & NUMBER

127 Center Street, South

CITY, TOWN

Vienna

VICINITY OF

STATE
Virginia

22180

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Fairfax County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Fairfax

STATE
Virginia

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) County of Fairfax Historic Landmark Survey

DATE

1963

-- FEDERAL -- STATE COUNTY -- LOCALDEPOSITOR FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

County of Fairfax, Division of Planning

CITY, TOWN

Fairfax

STATE
Virginia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Moorefield is a typical example of a Virginia vernacular farmhouse of the late eighteenth century. Although its exterior was significantly altered in the 1950s, its original appearance is discernible, and old photographs indicate clearly how the house was intended to look. The original portion of the house began as a one-and-a-half-story weatherboarded structure with four bays on its entrance front. It was covered by a wood-shingled gable roof with three gabled dormers on the front slope. Exterior chimneys with tiled weatherings were placed on either end.

The plan originally consisted of a center passage with a room on either side. The passage has since been altered, but the principal rooms retain original woodwork. The west room is distinguished by its paneled wainscoting and original simple mantel. Also surviving are six-panel doors with beveled panels and tapered strap hinges.

A low, two-story wing was added to the east side of the house in the mid-nineteenth century, and a one-story wing was placed on the rear at about the same time.

In the 1950s the original portion and east wing were encased in brick veneer and the dormers were altered. A long shed dormer was placed on the rear slope of the original section. Despite these changes, sufficient original fabric survives to make restoration feasible.

Although the character of the surroundings has been changed by the construction of townhouses, the house retains a pleasant setting atop a rise with numerous large trees dotting the lawn. The graves of Jeremiah Moore and members of his family are located in a family cemetery about 100 yards to the west of the house.

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Moorefield was originally the home of Jeremiah Moore (1746-1815), a pioneer Baptist preacher and reformer. Born near Dumfries, Virginia, Moore was converted to the Baptist faith at an early age and made his chosen denomination a respected one in Virginia. He helped to establish Baptist churches in Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, and served as pastor at the Difficult Run, Back Lick, Frying Pan, and Alexandria churches. Moore was known to George Washington, George Mason, Patrick Henry, and Thomas Jefferson, and it is apparent that his preachings against religious discrimination encouraged them in active support of religious freedom and separation of church and state in Virginia. Much attention was brought to his cause when he was tried as a dissenter in Alexandria in 1773 and subsequently released. In addition to his campaigning for religious freedom, Moore also actively promoted electoral reform and abolition.

Moore acquired his Fairfax County farm, Moorefield, after 1789 and probably built the modest house that stands there today around 1794. It was in this house that Moore wrote his sermons and set off on his tours of preaching throughout the South. It is estimated that he covered some 52,000 miles during his career. Moore's theology follows basically Calvinistic principles. In his major published work, The Doctrine of Universal Conditional Salvation (undated) he argues for predestination and particular election.

Moorefield remained in the ownership of Moore's descendants until 1874 when it was bought by James Hunter. It passed through numerous owners until 1969 when the house and 44 acres were purchased by De Luca Enterprises which subdivided the property into townhouse lots, reserving approximately one-half acre for the house. Since that time the house and its surrounding parcel have been acquired by the Town of Vienna which plans to restore the house and develop it as a cultural amenity.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

DiBacco. Thomas V. Moorefield. Fairfax, Virginia, 1971.

Semple, Robert B. History of the Rise and Progress of Baptists in Virginia. Richmond, Virginia, 1810.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	303090	4306170	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Moorefield property is completely surrounded by townhouse lots. The area is bounded on the N by Tapawingo Road S.W.; on the E by State Route 243; on the W by Moorefield Hill Road S.W.; and on the S by the corporate limits of the town of Vienna.

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

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

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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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Richard Hill
TITLE: Richard Hill, Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE SEP 20 1977

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

DATE

APR 19 1978

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

APR 19 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Moorefield, Fairfax County, Virginia

CONTINUATION SHEET

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ITEM NUMBER

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1969 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.



USGS 7.5' quadrangle
Vienna, Va.-Md.

(Scale: 1:24000)
1966

MOOREFIELD, VIENNA/FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA
UTM Reference:

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