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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC Brentmoor (Preferred)

AND/OR COMMON

Spilman-Mosby House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

173 Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Warrenton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Seventh (J. Kenneth Robinson)

STATE

Virginia

VICINITY OF

CODE

51

COUNTY

Fauquier

CODE

061

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
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. C. E. Shepherd

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 416

CITY, TOWN

Warrenton

VICINITY OF

Virginia

STATE

22186

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Fauquier County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Warrenton

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1971, 1976

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 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 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

Brentmoor is an L-shaped Italian-Villa-style building completed in 1861. The house sits on a handsome, tree-shaded lot which fronts upon the densely built-up Main Street of Warrenton to the south, but which has an unobstructed view of the rolling northern Virginia Piedmont landscape to the north.

Built of brick covered with stucco and scored in imitation of stonework, the two-story structure is three bays wide. Each of the outer-bay windows in the principal facade has a segmental head and louvred blinds, with six-over-nine sash used on the first floor and six-over-six sash on the second. The central bay is treated as a pavilion by recessing the surface of the outer bays a few inches and by the use of a central cross gable. The central entry has a round-arched doorway flanked by lower round-arched sidelights; this triple-opening motif is repeated in the central window of the second story. At each end of the main block is a one-story bay window, the west one demi-octagonal and the east one rectangular with a canopy roof and a machicolated cornice, which adds to the picturesque appearance of the exterior. An original one-story porch with coupled, bracketed columns stretches nearly the length of the facade, and a covered stoop shelters the east doorway of the ell. A shallow hipped roof covers the main block, with a gable roof over the ell, and a bracketed cornice encircles the whole. The house is crowned by interior chimneys; there are two on the main block and one on the ell.

The plan of Brentmoor is relatively simple. Two square rooms are separated by a central passage in the main block. This passage leads to a cross passage, containing the stairs, in the ell. Behind this are two other rooms with fireplaces in the partition between them. From the northeast room, one enters a one-story, one-room, twentieth-century kitchen ell.

Each of the two main rooms is decorated with a light-grey marble mantel with a round-arched opening, incised spandrel panels, and a central console supporting the shelf. Each of the main rooms has a plaster ceiling medallion and a picture rail, but no cornice. In addition, the bay window opening in the parlor (west room) has a handsome round-cornered architrave frame, similar to the door frames used in the main block but surmounted with a central acroterion.

A lozenge-shaped ceiling medallion decorates the central passage of the main block, and the doorway leading into the cross passage has a semi-circular fanlight and narrow sidelights.

In the cross passage is the open-string stair with a heavy turned newel, elliptical banister, two turned balusters to a tread, sawn brackets, and paneled spandrel. Simple Greek Revival mantels with unadorned pilasters and cambered-soffit friezes are used in each of the ell rooms.

Two original outbuildings of interest survive. Both of brick, one is a two-story, single-cell kitchen/quarters building two bays wide with six-over-six sash, a houndstooth cornice, gable roof, and interior end chimney. The other is a pyramidal-roofed smokehouse, also with a houndstooth cornice. The outbuildings and the ell combine to form a sort of courtyard northwest 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 type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Warrenton's Brentmoor, at 173 Main Street, is a fine specimen of the Italian Villa Style and is associated with several of northern Virginia's more illustrious citizens including Colonel John Singleton Mosby and General Eppa Hunton. Popular in the decade immediately preceding the War Between the States, the Italian Villa Style was inspired by farmhouses of the Italian countryside and was promoted by the noted American architectural theorist Andrew Jackson Downing as an appropriate style for warm climates. In his widely distributed book The Architecture of Country Houses (1850), Downing illustrates a design (figure 139) for a house resembling Brentmoor which he describes as a "simple, rational, convenient, and economical dwelling for the southern part of the Union." He stated that its broadly projecting roof and long extended veranda affords "that ample shade, so indispensable to all dwellings in a southern climate."

Begun prior to 1859, the Warrenton dwelling was completed by 1861 when its owner, Edward M. Spilman, was taxed for adding \$5000 worth of buildings to his property on Main Street. Spilman gained prominence when in 1885 he became judge of the Fauquier County circuit court. The Spilman family continued to own the house until the early 1870s when it was acquired by James Keith, a member of an old Fauquier County family and himself a judge of the county circuit court. Keith later served as President of the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Keith sold the house in 1875 to John S. Mosby for \$8000. At the time, the former Confederate ranger was probably the best known citizen of Northern Virginia. During the War Between the States, Colonel Mosby and his small band of partisans outwitted and outfought the Union army in Northern Virginia to the extent that the upper end of the state from the Potomac to the Shenandoah Valley became known as "Mosby's Confederacy." Between the end of the war and the time he acquired Judge Spilman's house, Mosby lived with his family on a farm in Fauquier County. He resided in Warrenton only two years during which time he practiced law. The death of his wife in 1876 caused him to plunge deeper into his law practice and politics, and in 1877 he moved to Washington where he could pursue his career more actively. The next year President Hayes appointed him United States Consul at Hong Kong. It was during Mosby's Warrenton residency that the town missed the occurrence of what would have been one of its most interesting events. President Grant had accepted an invitation to visit Mosby in Warrenton and to participate in a big reception. But the meeting was canceled at the last minute because the President had to use the time to prepare his annual message to Congress.

Mosby sold his Warrenton house in 1877 to Eppa Hunton, who made his home there until 1902 when he moved to Richmond. One of Warrenton's most distinguished citizens, Hunton, an attorney, was elected to the Virginia Convention of 1861 and entered the Confederate army as Colonel of the Eighth Regiment of Virginia Infantry. He distinguished himself during the Battle of Gettysburg and was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. Following the war, he was elected to Congress for four terms and later served in the

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Day, Annie G. Warrenton and Fauquier County, Virginia. Warrenton, Va., 1970 (reprint of 1908 edition).

Fauquier County Bicentennial Committee. Fauquier County, Virginia 1759-1959. Warrenton, Va., 1959.

Fauquier County Deed Book 67, p. 171 (1875); Deed Book 68, p. 290 (1877); Deed Book 93, p. 459 (1902); Deed Book 114, p. 311, p. 313 (1916). (See Continuation Sheet #1)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	2,5,7,3,3,0	4,2,8,8,2,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The four acres comprising the Brentmoor property are bounded by a line beginning at a point on the north side of U. S. Alternate Route 15, 400 feet NW of the intersection of U. S. Alternate Route 15 and State Route 672 within the limits of the town of Warrenton; thence extending 200 feet NW along northern side of U. S. Alternate Route 15 to intersection with a cross street; then extending approximately 400 feet NE along eastern side of said cross street; then extending a little over 400 feet in a generally eastward direction; then running 200 feet S; then running approximately 300 feet W cutting across end of a new street; then extending a little over 200 feet SW to point of origin.

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

January 1977

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

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

DATE FEB 15 1977

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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SIGNIFICANCE

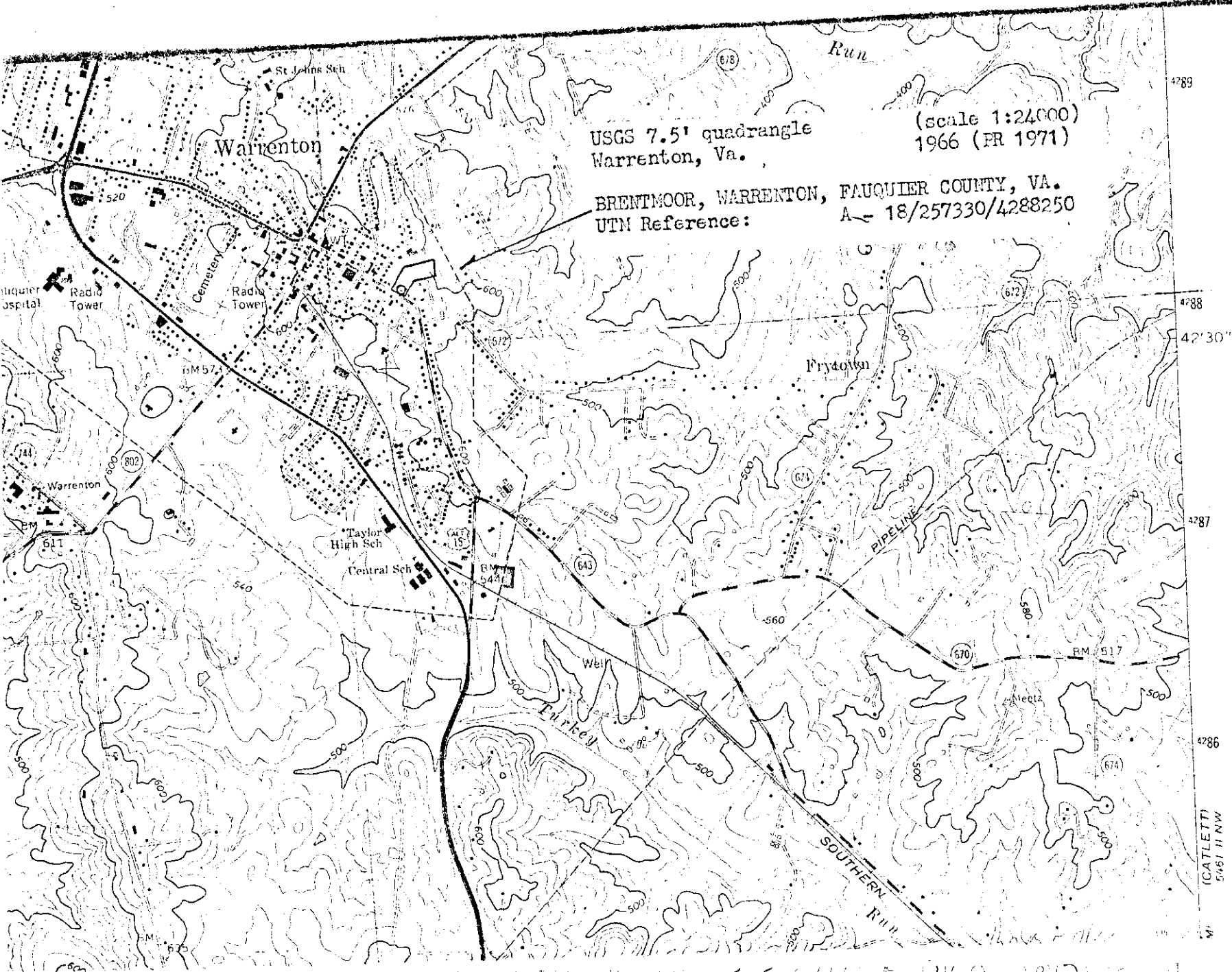
United States Senate. In his autobiography, Hunton stated of his Warrenton home: "In March, 1877, I purchased from Colonel John S. Mosby for eight thousand dollars a very fine residence on Main Street in Warrenton, some distance from the Courthouse. . . . It made a charming home and we lived for many years there in happiness." Following his sale of the house, Hunton retired from law practice and moved to Richmond. His son, Eppa Hunton III, with whom he shared his firm in Warrenton, went on to establish the firm now know as Hunton and Williams, one of the largest in the South.

Hunton sold the house in 1902 to Sara R. Hoge. In 1916 it came into the possession of L. A. Bataille whose heirs sold it in 1923 to Mr. and Mrs. Ford G. Anderson. Mrs. C. E. Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, makes her home there today.

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- Hunton, Eppa. Autobiography of Eppa Hunton. Richmond, Va., 1933 (dictated 1904).
Jones, Virgil C. Ranger Mosby. Chapel Hill, N. C., 1944.
Mutual Assurance Society policy #838A, October 28, 1859, R7 V60.



USGS 7.5' quadrangle
Warrenton, Va.

(scale 1:24,000)
1966 (PR 1971)

BRENTMOOR, WARRENTON, FAUQUIER COUNTY, VA.
UTM Reference: A- 18/257330/4288250

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