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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Fairfax	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
MOUNT VERNON

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
7 miles south of Alexandria

CITY OR TOWN:
Mount Vernon

STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51	COUNTY: Fairfax	CODE: 059
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
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 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

d. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Mount Vernon	STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC
Fairfax County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fairfax	STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NAVE

DATE OF SURVEY: 1942

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 type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Undoubtedly the best-known house in the United States, Mount Vernon is a living reminder of the "Father of His Country." Over a million Americans, each year, visiting Mount Vernon, gain an inspiring insight into the life of Washington.

Mount Vernon came into Washington's possession after the death of his half-brother, Lawrence, in 1752. It remained his home for the rest of his life, though the press of official duties kept him away for long periods, principally during the French and Indian War, the Revolution, and his two terms as President. In 1759 he brought his bride to Mount Vernon, and there both breathed their last, Washington in 1799 and Martha three years later. Both are buried on the grounds.

The house, built by George's father or by Lawrence, was enlarged and the grounds were developed by Washington in accordance with plans he drew up before the Revolution, though the work was not finally completed until 1787. Development included the enlargement of the main house and the addition of semi-detached wings, construction of a complex of detached outbuildings, landscaping of the grounds and the laying out of flower and kitchen gardens.

Status: The original plantation, comprising some 8,000 acres, was divided into five farms. Four of them have been divided and subdivided since Washington's death, and only the 500-acre Mansion House farm remains as an entity. It is owned by The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, which acquired title from Washington's great-grandnephew in 1858. The house and outbuildings have been restored, the grounds have been landscaped in accordance with Washington's original plan, and the house through the years has been gradually and painstakingly refurnished with a large number of the original Washington pieces. Both the house and the grounds are well maintained, and they are open to visitors every day of the year.

b. **BOUNDARIES:** The Mount Vernon Estate consists of approximately 420 acres. The locations of this acreage may be generally described as follows:

- (1) Approximately 300 acres are located south of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and east of Route 623.
- (2) Approximately 80 acres are located north of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Route 235, running in a north-south direction, runs almost through the center of this acreage.
- (3) Approximately 41 acres are located northeast of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and adjoins Hunting Creek.
- (4) The Department of the Interior has a scenic easement on some 10 acres of land located due north of and adjacent to the traffic circle at the main visitors' entrance to the Mount Vernon Estate.

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7 b. CONT'D.

FOR THE 300 ACRES: Beginning at the junction of Routes 623 and 235, proceed south along Route 623 for approximately 2800 feet; thence southeast for approximately 2600 feet to Potomac River; thence proceed approximately 6000 feet along Potomac River waterfront to George Washington Memorial Parkway; thence proceed approximately 7500 feet along this George Washington Memorial Parkway and Route 235 to point of beginning.

FOR THE 80 ACRES: Beginning at the junction of Routes 623 and 235, proceed north for approximately 200 feet; thence east for approximately 3200 feet; thence south for approximately 800 feet; thence west for approximately 800 feet; thence south for approximately 1000 feet to Route 235; thence northwest along Route 235 for approximately 2100 feet to point of beginning.

FOR THE 41 ACRES: Beginning on George Washington Memorial Parkway, where it connects at Hunting Creek, proceed along the Hunting Creek waterfront for approximately 2300 feet; thence southwest for approximately 800 feet to the George Washington Memorial Parkway; thence southeast along George Washington Memorial Parkway to point of beginning.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Home of George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of Patriot forces during the Revolution and outstanding Statesman, serving as first President of the United States.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Douglas S. Freeman, George Washington: A Biography (7 vols., New York, 1954-57; Vol. VII by John A. Carroll and Mary W. Ashworth); Gerald W. Johnson and Charles C. Wall, Mount Vernon: The Story of a Shrine (New York, c. 1953); Anonymous, Mount Vernon, Virginia, An Illustrated Handbook (Mount Vernon, c. 1958).

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38°	43'	09"	77°	06'	08"	°	'	"
NE	38°	43'	09"	77°	04'	34"	°	'	"
SE	38°	42'	43"	77°	04'	25"			
SW	38°	42'	06"	77°	05'	39"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 420

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Frank S. Melvin

ORGANIZATION: Virginia State Office, National Park Service

DATE: 6/30/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 10008

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia 23240

CODE: 51

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

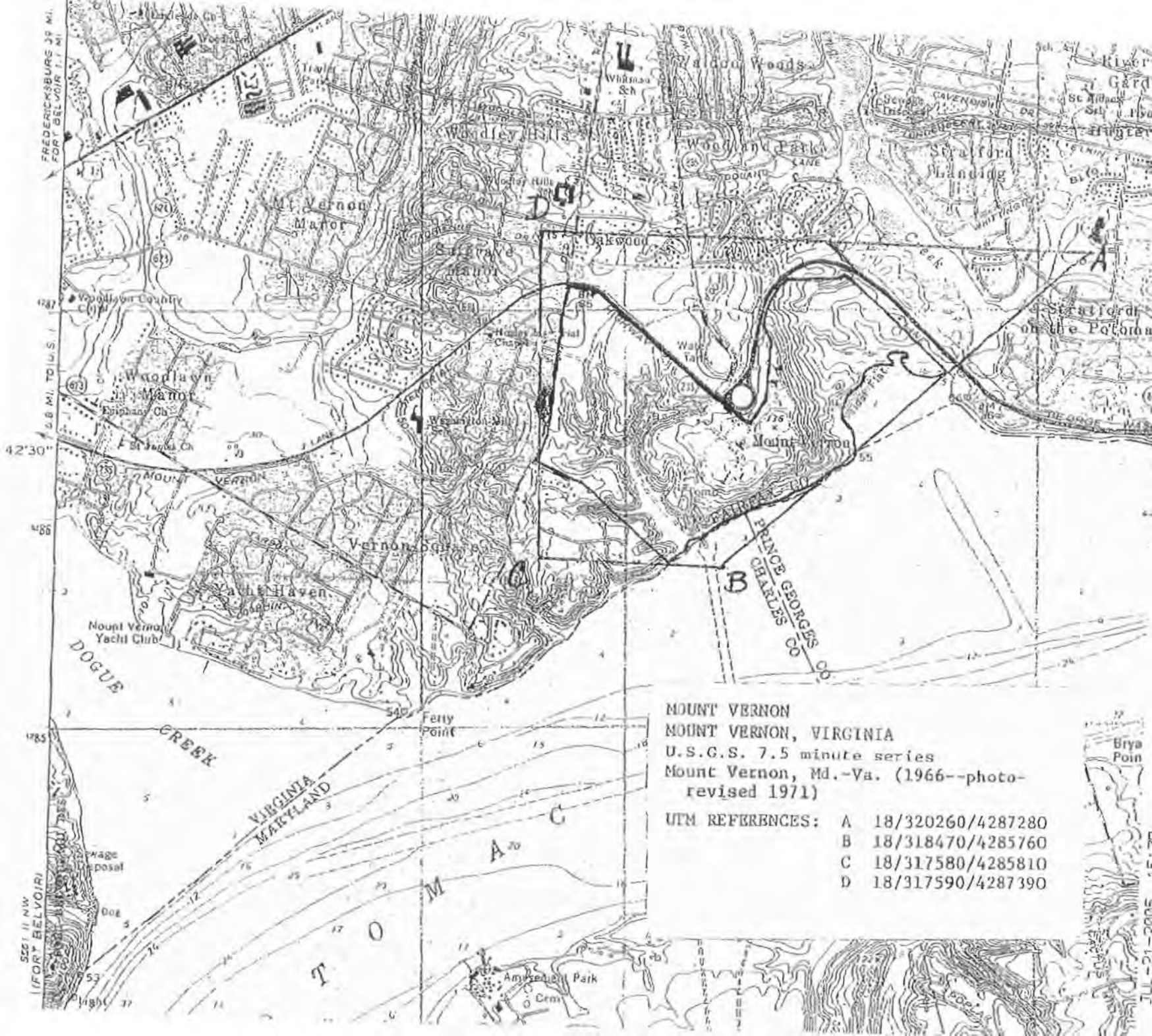
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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MOUNT VERNON
MOUNT VERNON, VIRGINIA
 U.S.C.S. 7.5 minute series
 Mount Vernon, Md.-Va. (1966--photo-revised 1971)

UTM REFERENCES: A 18/320260/4287280
 B 18/318470/4285760
 C 18/317580/4285810
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