Form 10-300 (Dec. 1968) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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ENTRY NUMBER (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 77.2.45.003 1. NAME COMMON: Saratoga AND/OR HISTORIC: Saratoga 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: NW bank of Westbrook Run, .5 mi. of Rt. 723, SE of intersection of Rt. 723 and Rt. 617. CITY OR TOWN: STATE COUNTY: CODE CODE 45 Clarke 043 Virginia 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP STATUS (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Z Public Yes: Public Acquisition: X District Building Occupied Private Restricted X In Process Site Structure Unoccupied Being Considered Both Preservation work Unrestricted [Object in progress No: X PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural Government X Park Transportation Comments œ Private Residence Commercial Industrial X Other (Specify) Educational Religious Military Entertainment | Museum Scientific OWNER OF PROPERTY Z OWNERS NAME: Roland G. Mitchell, Jr. ш STREET AND NUMBER: ш Saratoga CITY OR TOWN: STATE-CODE . Boyce Virginia 45 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clarke County Court House STREET AND NUMBER: Court Square CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE 45 Berryville. Virginia larke APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 268.5 acres 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey DATE OF SURVEY: 1920, 1926 Federal X State County Local ENTRY NUMBER DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: FOR NPS USE Library of Congress STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE ONLY District of Columbia 08 DATE Washington

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Saratoga is a massive two-and-a-half story stone house laid in random gray limestone and covered by a gable roof with two interior end chimneys. The modillion cornice on either side of the house is original, but the three dormers on either side are possibly later additions. The central entrance on the first floor is covered by a simple gable roof porch whose posts have been replaced. The central bay on the second floor on either side of the house is distinguished by a semicircular arched window, while the remaining windows throughout the house have flat arches. Later additions to the exterior include the undistinguished frame enclosed porch covering the rear entrance and the one-story brick wing containing the present dining room on the southwest side of the house. This wing has been connected to the stone kitchen outbuilding by a frame gallery. In addition to the early stone kitchen, Saratoga retains its smokehouse, stone shed, and stone dairy.

On the interior the central stairhall, which originally extended the depth of the house, has been partitioned into two sections, resulting in alterations to the staircase. The large drawing room to the right features a panelled dado, modillion cornice, and projecting panelled chimney piece. This chimney piece, like that in the southeast room, has had a Regency marble mantel added, creating an interesting effect. The southwest chamber is of similar size and arrangement as that on the southeast although the woodwork is much simpler. The most distinguished woodwork on the second floor is found in the large chamber over the drawing room which features a projecting panelled chimney piece similar to the one beneath it.

The house has an unusually dramatic setting at the top of a steep rise overlooking a large pond fed by a bold spring below with the Blue Ridge Mountains beyond. The rise is dotted with limestone outcroppings which creates a special affinity between the limestone house and its surroundings.

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Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45



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Saratoga was begun in 1779 by the famed Revolutionary soldier, Daniel Morgan (1736-1802), who first established himself as a farm laborer and teamster in the Shenandoah Valley in the 1750's. Serving first as captain and later as colonel in the Revolutionary Army, Morgan resigned his post in July, 1779, due to ill health and dissatisfaction with his rank in the army. It was at this time that he began the building of Saratoga, perhaps with the aid of Hessian prisoners, a tradition that may not be unfounded as the Hessian soldiers taken at the Battle of Saratoga were moved from Charlottesville to nearby Winchester in October of 1780. Recalled to active service in 1780 and made a brigadier-general, Morgan won a brilliant victory against Tarleton at Cowpens, January 17, 1781, one of the decisive battles of the war. In 1794 in command of the Virginia militia, he helped subdue the Whiskey Rebellion in western Pennsylvania.

In 1809 Saratoga was purchased from General Morgan's heirs by Nathaniel Burwell. On May 1, 1837, Saratoga saw the marriage of Williama Burwell to Philip Pendleton Cooke (1816-1850), famous story-writer and poet whose best-known work was the lyric poem "Florence Vane." John Esten Cooke (1830-1886), outstanding historical novelist and biographer, and brother of Philip Pendleton Cooke, also lived at Saratoga from 1867 until 1869 following his marriage to Mary Frances Page, daughter of Dr. Robert Powel Page. Susan Page, wife of Dr. Robert Powel Page, had inherited Saratoga from her uncle, Nathaniel Burwell, upon his death in 1849. The Virginia Comedians (1854), a story of late colonial Virginia, is considered to be his best work, while Surry of Eagle's Nest (1866) and its sequel Mohun (1869), are romantic yet essentially authentic accounts of the Civil War in Virginia. Saratoga was used briefly in November, 1862, as headquarters for General Jackson, and in June, 1863, General Lee camped near the house on his way to Gettysburg.

Saratoga survives as one of the largest and best preserved of the Revolutionary-period mansions in the Shenandoah Valley. Its massive random laid walls of native limestone are characteristic of the structures of the region, owing to the abundance of that material. As with many Pennsylvania country seats, Saratoga is a fine example of the blending of Georgian architectural features with building methods employed by the German settlers in the Valley region.

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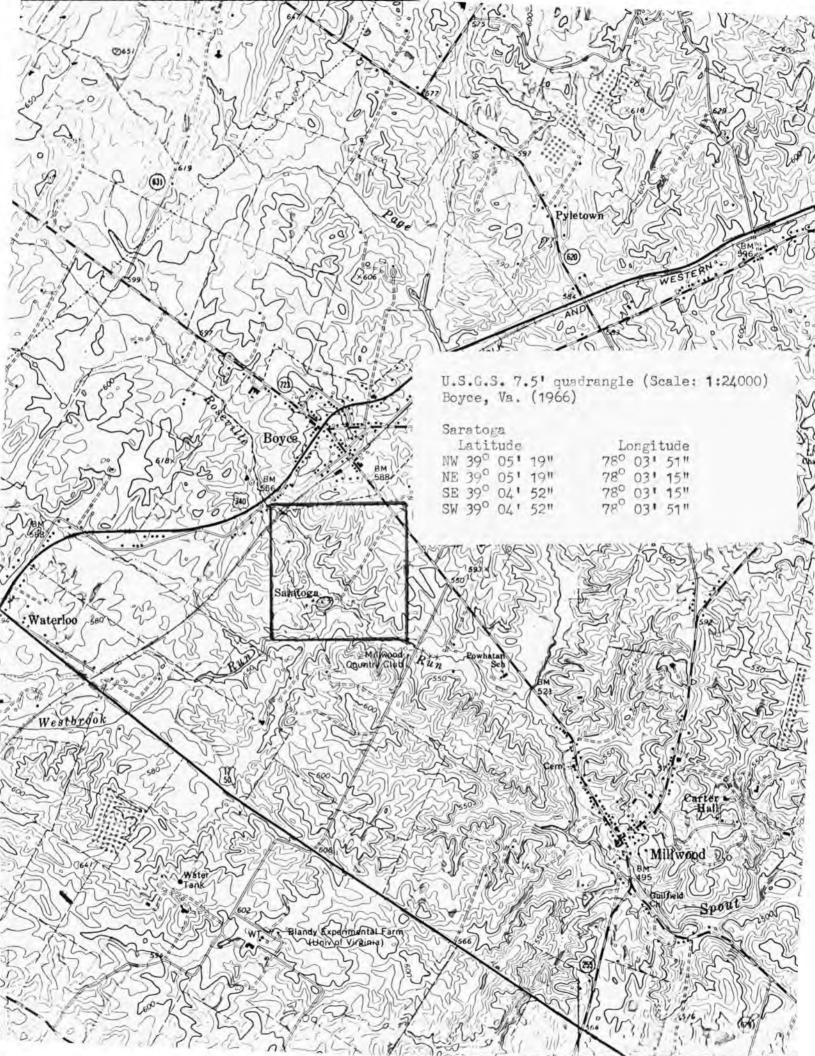
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