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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NHP-2/2/03

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE	Virginia
COUNTY	Frederick
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
on Va. Route 727 near Middletown (Belle Grove) and vicinity

CITY OR TOWN:
Middletown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh (7th)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Frederick CODE: 069

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
National Trust for Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
748 Jackson Place

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC.
Frederick County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Winchester STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress/Annex

STREET AND NUMBER:
Prints and Photographs Division

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Isaac Hite, the builder of Belle Grove was a successful farmer who began with 483 acres in 1783 and acquired 7,437 by 1814. In 1820 a west wing was added to the mansion, increasing its dimensions from 74 x 40 feet to one exceeding 100 x 40. Sometime between 1815 and 1828, outbuildings were added. The smokehouse and icehouse are still extant.

In 1836 Major Hite died and in 1860 his family sold it to John and Benjamin Cooley. War damages forced them to sell to an Englishman, James Davison, in 1867. The names of Union soldiers can still be seen scratched on the walls and ceiling over the north portico.

Belle Grove was maintained as an inn from 1907 until the late 1920's. In 1929 Francis Hunnewell of Wellesley, Mass. bought Belle Grove and began its restoration. He bequeathed the mansion and 100 acres to the National Trust in 1964. Today, Belle Grove is an operating farm that also serves as a center for the interpretation of rural folk life.

It conducts varied educational programs, including, for the last three summers, student excavations on the mansion grounds. These have so far uncovered the remains of a late 18th or early 19th century outdoor bake oven, the limestone foundation of an early 19th century dairy, and numerous artifacts.

Belle Grove mansion is a dressed limestone house of one full story on a very high basement. The walls are quoined with rough-hewn stone, and keyed flat arches of stone emphasize each window opening. Four widely spaced chimneys, also of stone, rise symmetrically from the broad hip roof. Belle Grove was designed in the Classical Revival style; its four porticoes, three of which had been removed, are now restored to their original condition.

Some of the earthworks used by the 6th Corps at the beginning of the battle are still in existence. They surround the crest of a round hill just west of the Belle Grove mansion.

BOUNDARIES:

The boundaries are those recommended by John D. McDermott and Edwin C. Bears in their 1969 Special Report on Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove, Frederick County, Virginia, done for the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings. The boundaries include all the area where fighting occurred on October 19, 1864, except for Interstate Highway 81, which divides the site into two sections. The southern section contains Robert's Ferry and Bowman's Ferry, where the Confederates crossed the Shenandoah, and the site of the morning position of Crook's VIII Corps. The northern section contains Belle Grove, and the sites of the original positions of Wright's VI Corps and Emory's XIX Corps. The latter unit's entrenchments are the only ones still prominent. Enclosed is their verbal description of the boundaries. Also included are maps showing the position of the battle's focal points on the U.S.G.S. topographic maps for this area, and a sketch map showing the relationship of the buildings and excavations at Belle Grove.

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	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Belle Grove is a one and one-half story, hip roof, locally cut limestone structure; the front of the house laid in ashlar hand cut blocks, the sides and rear facade being of random coursing. Both front and rear facades are focused around a one-story Roman portico.

The interior is characterized by fine hand carved paneling, mantels, and woodwork. The parlor is especially fine with elaborate cornice pilasters and doors. An interesting feature of the house is the concealed stairway which rises from a closet in the hall. The layout of the rooms is symmetrically oriented around a longitudinal hall.

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(NATIONAL HISTORIC
LANDMARKS)

Cedar Creek Battlefield (Continuation Sheet)

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Location: Generally, Cedar Creek Battlefield lies between Middletown and Strasburg in Frederick County, Virginia. Interstate Highway 81 divides the battlefield into northern and southern units. North Section: Beginning at 78° 18' 46" Longitude and 39° 0' 33", the boundary line runs in a northeasterly direction to 78° 17' 16" and 39° 1' 23", then in a northwesterly direction to 78° 17' 21" and 39° 1' 26", then in a northeasterly direction to 78° 16' 47" and 39° 1' 53", then in a northwesterly direction 78° 16' 55" and 39° 2', then in a northeasterly direction to 78° 16' 30" and 39° 2' 15", then in a north-easterly direction to 78° 16' 6" and 39° 2' 35", then in a northwesterly direction to 78° 16' 42" and 39° 3' 1", then in a southwesterly direction down the center of State Highway 625 to its intersection with State Highway 621, then in a southeasterly direction down the center of State Highway 621 to its intersection with State Highway 625, then in a southwesterly direction down the center of State Highway 625 to 78°17'40" and 39° 1'49", then in a westerly direction 78° 18'2" and 39° 1'55", then in a westerly direction to 78° 18'28" and 39° 1' 48", then in a northwesterly direction to 78°18'38" and 39°2', and then down the center of Cedar Creek in a southerly direction to the point of beginning. Excepted within this section is a rectangular unit whose boundary line begins at 78° 18' 34" Longitude and 39° 1'16" Latitude and runs in an easterly direction to 78°18'2" and 39°1'20", then in a northerly direction to 78°18'4" and 39°1'33", then in a westerly direction to 78°18'4" and 39°1'33", then in a westerly direction to 78° 18'38" and 39° 1'20" and then in a southerly direction to the point of beginning. Generally, this rectangle excludes most of the small community of Meadow Mills. South Section: Beginning at 78°19'15" Longitude and 38°58'29" Latitude, the boundary runs in a northeasterly direction to 78°17'40" and 38°58'56", then follows the center of State Highway 611 to its intersection with State Highway 612, then continues in a northerly direction down the center line of Highway 612 to 78°18'12" and 39°0'11", then in a westerly direction to 78°19'30" and 39°0'6", then down the center of Cedar Creek and the North Fork of the Shenandoah River to the point of beginning.

2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	History	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>			_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>			_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Belle Grove was built by Major Isaac Hite, grandson of Jost Hite, one of the largest landholders and earliest pioneers in the Shenandoah Valley. Because of this association, the property is closely linked with the history and development of that part of Virginia. On October 19, 1864, it was the scene of the Battle of Cedar Creek, the decisive battle of the Civil War in the Valley. At this time it served as headquarters for Union General Philip Sheridan.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Belle Grove," Special Issue of Historic Preservation, Vol. 20, Nos. 3-4 (July-December, 1968), published by National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1968.
 "Belle Grove" pamphlet, National Trust for Historic Preservation.
 Wayland, John W., Historic Homes of Northern Virginia. Staunton, Va.: The McClure Company, Inc., 1937.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
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SW	° ' "	° ' "			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: April 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

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 Dr. Edward P. Alexander
 Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date June 2, 1969

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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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .3 mi. SW of Meadow Brook, .1 mi. E of Rt. 727, .5 mi. NW of intersection of Rt. 727 and Rt. 11.
CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Virginia	45	Frederick	069

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 15', quadrangle Middletown, Va. - W. Va.
SCALE: 1:62500
DATE: 1937

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Richmond, Virginia

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

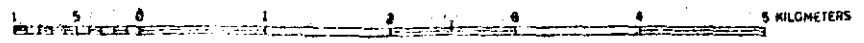
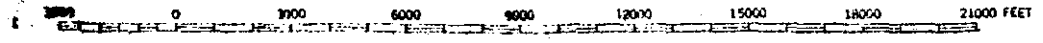
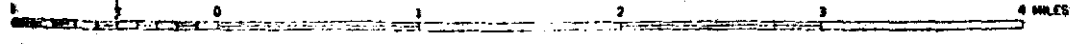
View of front from the West



SCALE 1:62500

WASHINGTON D.C. 1983

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SURVEY



CONTOUR INTERVALS 20 AND 50 FEET CHANGING AT THE STATE BOUNDARY

BATHY IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

Polyconic p.
10,000-foot
West Virg. c.
1000-meter
zone 17.57

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