

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

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Clarke
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Greenway Court

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Greenway Court

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
South 1.2 miles on Route 658 from White Post

CITY OR TOWN:
White Post

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh (7th)

STATE: **Virginia 22663** CODE: **51** COUNTY: **Clarke** CODE: **043**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building(s) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) none
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
J.C. Digges & Sons, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Fairfax Acres

CITY OR TOWN:
White Post

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clarke County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Berryville

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 type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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

Greenway Court was in Fairfax's time a small complex of buildings. The main building was a story-and-a-half structure with long sloping roof in back and front. There were chimneys studded with swallow and martin coops at each end of the house. Two small belfries were evenly spaced on top of the roof in between the two end chimneys. The front roof was pierced by four dormer windows and sloped down in the old Virginia fashion into low projecting eaves that formed a verandah extending along the entire length of the house. From the flagstone pavement of this porch one looked out across a terraced lawn to a green meadow and the Blue Ridge. Negro servants lived in log huts scattered about in the woods. The only other significant structure was the limestone Land Office, 28.4 ft. x 18.4 ft., where quit rents were received and land records kept.

The main building at Greenway Court was intended to be the steward's house (explaining the belfries) and the first of a series of buildings. None of the others were ever built. Of the main building put up by Fairfax, nothing now remains. When the roof collapsed in 1834, the rest of the house was torn down. The Land Office still stands. It was probably built in 1762, when the land records were transferred to Greenway Court. The door is made of hewn boards given double thickness by other boards laid diagonally on the inside and secured to those on the outside by hand-wrought clinched nails. The limestone walls, 28.4 ft. x 18.4 ft., are extremely thick. The four narrow windows are fitted with heavy wrought iron staples and hooks for the purpose of boarding up the windows at night. The fireplace has a triangular flagstone hearth. The building was restored in 1930, but has deteriorated since then with disuse.

Nearby is a log smokehouse, 10 ft. x 10 ft. of hewn logs squared, which instead of being notched at the ends are fitted into four upright corner posts by a sort of tongue and groove arrangement. The walls are nine feet high and are surmounted by a conical roof with a flat overhang of about three feet. The door is 5 ft. 3 in x 3 ft. and 3 in. thick; its construction is similar to that of the Land Office door. This building, like the Land Office, is suffering from disuse but still sturdy.

The brick farmhouse at Greenway Court was built around 1828 and is in use as a private residence today.

BOUNDARIES: Greenway Court is located on the property of J.C. Digges, a farmer. He runs a modern farm and is not interested in maintaining the historic buildings on his land. Since the rest of the Digges property has been enormously altered since the time of Lord Fairfax, the boundaries include only that parcel of land, about 5 acres, containing the Land Office, Smokehouse, and 1828 brick building.

As shown by the bright red line on the accompanying copy of an aerial photograph, labelled "J.C. Digges & Sons, Inc." and initialled as being accurate in 1974, from a point on a side road running west from Virginia Route 658, at the junction of lot P18 (1.7 acres) and the road, proceed north along the western line of lot P18, west along the southern line

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8. 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) 1748 - 1781

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Territorial</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Expansion 1700-1775</u> |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Greenway Court was the wilderness manor of Thomas Lord Fairfax, proprietor of Virginia's five million acre Northern Neck. Of the structures erected by Fairfax in 1748, only the Land Office remains. Here quit rents were collected and here George Washington, the youthful surveyor hired by Fairfax, probably kept his instruments.

HISTORY: Lord Fairfax inherited the Northern Neck grant from his mother, a daughter of Thomas, Lord Culpeper. In 1669, Charles II had granted to several loyal friends all the land between the Rappahannock and the Potomac Rivers. In 1673 Lord Culpeper bought out the grantees and became the sole proprietor.

Fairfax first laid out a residence at Greenway Court in 1747, at which time the place was called "the Quarter." In 1751, Fairfax was joined by his nephew from England, and together they went to live at what was now to be called "Greenway Court Manor." Fairfax's life here was not happy. He had come to Virginia completely embittered because his fiancée had married another man; he would invite no women to his lavish parties. Quit rents were not always willingly paid, and he was constantly involved in boundary litigation. The only peer to have his chief residence in America, Fairfax lived in comparative simplicity on his frontier estate until his death in 1781. He was an early patron of George Washington, whom he engaged as a surveyor for three years, 1749-51. It is thought that the great peer's experience, sophistication and library did much to broaden the young Virginian's interests and outlooks. Like many other landed men, Fairfax was a Loyalist during the American Revolution. When the news of Cornwallis' surrender came, the old man turned in his bed to remark that it was time for him to die.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cartnell, Thomas K., An Historic Sketch of the Two Fairfax Families in Virginia, 1913.
 Harrison, Constance Cary, "My Lord Fairfax of Virginia," in Scribner's Monthly, September 1879, pp. 715-728.
 Harrison, Fairfax, "Thomas Fairfax," in Dictionary of American Biography, Vol VI, 1931
 Porter, Charles, "Greenway Court, Virginia," Historic Sites Survey Report.

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			
NW	° ' "	° ' "			
NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

UTM
17.749320.4325650

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.3

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Stephen Lissandrello, Historian, Landmarks Review Project

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service** DATE: **3/15/75**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 L Street NW.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington 20240** STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **11**

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: (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

Title: _____

Date: _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. **Landmark Designated: OCT 9, 1960** date

Boundary Certified:
Gene Tunney
 Gene Tunney
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: (NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11/24/78

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of lot 23P (22.3 acres), south along the eastern
26P (13.4 acres), and east along the northern
(12.3 acres) to the point of beginning.

line of lot
line of lot 17