

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Georgia</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Richmond</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**College Hill (George Walton House) (Harper House)**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**College Hill (Walton-Harper House)**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2216 Wrightsboro Road, 2 miles west of Augusta**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Augusta**

STATE: **Georgia**      CODE:      COUNTY: **Richmond**      CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
				No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**Miss Nell Harper (733-6771)**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2216 Wrightsboro Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta**      STATE: **Georgia**      CODE: **30904**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta**      STATE: **Georgia**      CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**GA-69  
Historic American Buildings Survey (11 sheets, 4 photos) (Harper House)**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1934**      Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Division of Prints and Photographs, Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built for George Walton in 1795, College Hill is a two-story wood house with weatherboarded and clapboarded walls, gable roof, and a brick chimney at either end. A fine two-story wood veranda, consisting of a series of segmental arches supported on delicate square columns on pedestals, extends across the full width of the seven-bay wide front (north) elevation. The main house is about 52-feet wide and 30-feet deep and has a one-story 15 by 16-foot kitchen, added in 1898, attached to the southwest (rear) corner.

The wide center double doors in the first and second stories of the facade are framed by pilasters and have segmental fanlights over sidelights. Windows on both stories are adorned by exterior louvered shutters.

In plan a central hall, divided into two sections, extends through the house and separates the four rooms on the first floor into pairs. The two major (front) rooms have fireplaces and the smaller (rear) rooms have none. A graceful curved U-shaped stair is located in the right-hand rear corner of the large front hall, and behind this hall is a smaller rear hall. The hall walls are plastered and the principal rooms have board walls covered with paper and wainscotting. The mantels in these larger rooms are enriched with Adam style pilasters and sunbursts in their entablature.

The center hall plan is repeated on the second floor, where there are five bedrooms. The house has been little-altered and has never been restored. Used as a private residence, College Hill is not open to visitors. The original kitchen was located in a separate building that is no longer standing.

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**8. 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) **1795-1804**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Aboriginal                              | Education <input type="checkbox"/>    | Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi-                                 | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | losophy <input type="checkbox"/>              | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Science <input type="checkbox"/>              | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape                             | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-                                 | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | itarian <input type="checkbox"/>              | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>              | _____                                    |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>       | _____                                    |

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

College Hill, also known as the Harper House, was the residence from 1795 to 1804 of George Walton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence for Georgia, lawyer, politician, soldier, governor and chief justice of Georgia, and a U.S. Senator.

HISTORY

On January 10, 1787 the State of Georgia granted Walton the 100 acres of land that originally made up this farm, then located on the outskirts of Augusta. College Hill was built by George Walton in 1795 and on July 4 of that year he wrote to a friend, "Having completed a mansion of my own at this place and removed my family, you will please take possession of Meadow Garden place (the cottage in which the Waltons' had been residing prior to 1795) as trustee of my sons," thus indicating that Walton had moved to the newly completed "College Hill." During this last period of Walton's life he was a judge of the superior court of Georgia from 1793 to 1795 and from 1799 to 1804. In 1795-96 he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of a Georgia Senator in the U.S. Senate. Walton died at College Hill on February 2, 1804 and was buried in the Rosney Cemetery at Augusta. In 1848, however, his remains were removed and reinterred at the monument erected in Augusta to Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence.

College Hill has been owned by the Harper family, descendants of George Walton, since 1885.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Dictionary of American Biography, Vol. XIX, 403-05. Article by Fletcher M. Greene.

Georgia, A Guide to Its Towns and Countryside (American Guide Series) (Athens, Ga., 1946), 209.

Frederick D. Nichols and Frances B. Johnston, The Early Architecture of Georgia (Chapel Hill, 1957), 122, 123, 129, 133, 135, 137, 138. 125.

Medora F. Perkinson, White Columns of Georgia (New York, 1952), 256.

**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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		33 ° 28 ' 00 "	82 ° 00 ' 49 "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES **6 acres**

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian

ORGANIZATION: Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service DATE: 5/21/71

STREET AND NUMBER: 801 - 19th Street N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**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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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

College Hill, 2216 Wrightsboro Road,  
Augusta, Georgia

George Walton, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence for Georgia, was a lawyer, politician, soldier, governor, chief justice, and U.S. Senator. Born near Farmville, Virginia, and left an orphan at an early age, Walton was raised by an uncle and apprenticed to be a carpenter. In 1769, at the age of 20, he moved to Savannah, Georgia, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1774. With the exception of 1778 and 1779, Walton served continuously in the Continental Congress from 1776 until September 27, 1781. In 1778 he was commissioned a colonel in the Georgia militia, served during the siege of Savannah, and was there wounded and captured by the British in December 1778. He was exchanged in September 1779. The revolutionary government of Georgia was torn by dissension in 1779 and the most influential faction elected Walton governor; he held this office from November 1779 to January 1780. After the War he served from 1783 to 1789 as chief justice of Georgia, his second term as governor from 1789 to 1790, and as a U.S. Senator for Georgia, from 1795 to 1796.

About 1790 Walton took up residence in Augusta and in 1795 built College Hill which served as his home from 1795 until his death in 1804. The little-altered house has never been restored. College Hill is a private residence, and is not open to visitors.

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