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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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Built by Daniel Morgan, 1779-1782, Saratoga survives as one of the largest and best preserved Revolutionary period mansions in the Shenandoah Valley. Saratoga is a massive two-and-one-half story stone house laid in random gray limestone and covered by a gable roof. A chimney is built within the walls at either end. The mansion is about 44 feet long and 28 feet deep. The modillion cornices on the north and south elevations are original, but the three dormers on each of these sides may be later additions.

The central entrance in the five-bay-wide south or front facade is sheltered by a simple gable-roofed porch. In the central bay above the porch, and in a similar position on the rear elevation, is a large semi-circular arched window. All other windows have flat arches. The one-story brick wing, containing the present dining room and adjoining the main house on the west side, is a later addition. This wing is in turn connected by means of a one-story frame passageway with the original stone kitchen that stands to the northwest of the mansion. Other original buildings include the smokehouse, a stone shed, and stone dairy.

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 or east features a paneled dado, modillion cornice, and projecting paneled chimney piece. The Regency marble mantel has been added. The west or left side of the hall contains two rooms, each with a corner fireplace and good woodwork. The most distinguished woodwork on the second floor is found in the large bedroom over the east drawing room which featured a projecting paneled chimney piece similar to the one beneath it.

Used as a private residence, Saratoga is not open to visitors.

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of the Burwell descendants until the present. Used as a private residence, the house is not open to visitors.

History

Daniel Morgan is believed to have been born in 1735 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. After a quarrel with his father, Morgan fled to the frontier at the age of 17. By the spring of 1753, he was in Winchester, Virginia, where he worked as a farm laborer and teamster until he saved enough money to become an independent wagoner. When the war began in 1755, Morgan accompanied General Edward Braddock's ill-fated expedition against the French as a wagoner. Later he transported supplies to the frontier posts of Virginia. In 1755-56 he also served in a Virginia ranger company, and in 1771 he was appointed a captain in the militia.

In 1774 Captain Morgan saw strenuous service in the Ohio Valley against the Shawnee, destroying their crops and burning their villages. Later, in the same year, he participated in a similar mission that razed the lands of the Mingo, allies of the Shawnee.

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted to raise 10 companies of "expert riflemen,"--six from Pennsylvania, two from Maryland, and two from Virginia. Morgan was commissioned captain of one of the two Virginia companies on June 22. Within 10 days he enlisted his company and 21 days later arrived in Boston. After a short period of comparative inactivity, Morgan's rifle company was selected as part of Colonel Benedict Arnold's expedition to invade Canada.

Arnold appointed Morgan to command all the riflemen and put him in charge of the advance guard. In December 1775 he took part in the assault on Quebec. When Arnold fell wounded, Morgan assumed the command, captured the first barrier, and penetrated a considerable distance into the lower city. When other troops were unable to support him, Morgan was trapped and reluctantly surrendered to overwhelming odds.

After his release in the fall of 1776, Congress commissioned him colonel of a regiment of the riflemen, the 11th Virginia. In the spring of 1777 his regiment joined Washington's army in Morristown, New Jersey. In early June Washington gave Colonel Morgan command of a specially created corps of light infantry. Morgan participated in various movements in New Jersey until August 17, when Washington ordered him north to assist Major General Horatio Gates in opposing Burgoyne's advance down the Hudson River. On August 29 Morgan joined Gates' army at Van Schaick's Island, and fought in the two Battles of Saratoga. In November of 1777 he rejoined Washington's

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army and took part in the operations around Philadelphia. From early 1778 to June 1779 Morgan assumed temporary command of Brigadier General William Woodford's Virginia brigade while the general was absent. On July 18, 1779, because of ill health and dissatisfaction, he resigned and returned to his farm in Virginia.

In the summer of 1780 he was recalled to duty, and on October 13 Congress promoted Morgan to brigadier general. The disposition of his men against Tarleton at Cowpens, South Carolina, on January 17, 1781, was unorthodox and brilliant. His troops were disposed in three lines, with the militia in the first two lines and the Continentals in the rear. The formation was unusual in that it put the weakest contingents so far in front of the battleline to receive the first shock of the attack without immediate support from the regulars. The sharpshooters in the front line were to take cover behind trees and withhold their fire until the advance of the enemy was within 50 yards. After firing two volleys they were to retire slowly, firing at will, and fall into the spaces in the second line of militia. The second line also was to fire and when too hard-pressed, retire to the left and around the rear of the main formation, where safe, they were to rally and reform, forming a reserve. The cavalry was to be held in reserve behind the Continental line. The officers and all the men were informed of the plan of action.

Morgan's first two lines of militia functioned as planned--killing many British, and then retiring. British cavalry was charging the retreating militia when Morgan's cavalry swept down and destroyed the surprised British dragoons. The Continental line fired, advanced, and crushed Tarleton. Morgan's victory was one of the most decisive battles of the war. For this victory, Morgan received the thanks of Congress and a gold medal.

He began to withdraw northward after the battle and notified the commander of the Southern Army, General Nathanael Greene, of his plans. Greene then began to move his forces towards Guilford Courthouse to join with Morgan's forces on February 9. Morgan was now so ill with ague and rheumatism that he was unable to continue in the campaign. On February 10 he left for home in an effort to regain his health. He retired from the army on November 3, 1783.

General Morgan began construction on the massive two-and-one-half story house about 1779 or 1780 and finished it in 1782. He also built and operated a grist mill, distillery, and store. In 1798, his lameness made it so difficult for him to look after Saratoga that he moved to Soldier's Rest, one of his smaller farms. But in 1799, feeling the need of regular medical attention, he and his wife took up residence with his daughter's family in Winchester. He died there on July 6, 1802, and was buried in

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the Presbyterian graveyard. In 1868 his remains were reinterred in Mount Hebron Cemetery, at Winchester. In 1951 the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society erected a large granite monument at his grave.

Under his will, Saratoga passed to his daughter, who sold it in 1809 to a son of Nathaniel Burwell. The house has remained in the possession of the Burwell descendants until the present.



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