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#### CONDITION

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Warren House, known locally as the Enos House, is set on a wooded tract of land near the junction of State Routes 10 and 31 in Surry County. It is a story-and-a-half, four-bay structure, with a low, full-length shed porch on the front. This porch is a later addition, but it appears to have replaced an earlier one. Some early nine-over-nine and nine-over-six sash survive in the house. Set on a low Flemish-bond underpinning, the house has two brick exterior end chimneys on the west gable end; the front (south) one is laid in Flemish bond, while the rear one is laid in three-course American bond. A chimney which served the southeast room has disappeared and has been replaced by a window. The whole is clad with beaded weather-boards, with some unbeaded late nineteenth-century replacement weatherboards used on the gable ends. Box cornices embellish the ends, and two pedimented dormers break each slope of the standing-seam sheet-metal-covered roof. The porch roof has preserved several courses of original, round-butt shingles at the eaves of the south facade.

The plan of the house is an unusual one in Virginia, but one found in a number of late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century houses in the river counties south of the James from Surry to Chesterfield. It is essentially a double-pile, hall-parlor house with the front (south) rooms slightly deeper than the rear rooms, and the west rooms wider than the east ones. Tandem exterior doors lead into the two front rooms, and an enclosed winder stair ascends in the northwest (inside rear) corner of the southeast room. An original mantel with paired rectangular recessed panels surmounted by an unsupported shelf survives in the southwest room. A similar mantel in the northwest room has been torn from the wall and broken by vandals, but all of the pieces survive. A pedestal chair rail survives in the two west rooms as well. No other early trim remains on the first floor; it is unlikely that there ever was much more.

A double-beaded chair board is used throughout the second floor, which is distinguished by its beaded, whitewashed ceiling joists (which are actually the collar beams of the roof).

An ell of no distinction was added to the house early in the twentieth century. At the same time a matchboard ceiling was installed throughout the first floor of the old house, while matchboard wainscoting and a brick stove flue were installed in the northeast room which was then being used as a kitchen.

No early outbuildings survive.

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The 107 acres surrounding the Enos House have been selected for use by the County of Surry as a tract for se by the county administration and for recreation purposes.

(See Continuation Shell #2)

### 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)	
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SPECIFIC DATES

#### BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warren House, more commonly known as the Enos House, is a good example of a middle-class farmhouse of the early nineteenth century in Surry County. Built by the Warren family before 1820, the house has an unusual double-pile, hall-and-parlor plan, a regional peculiarity found in a few late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century houses in that area south of the James stretching from Surry County to Chesterfield County. It is a hybrid type of plan and represents the first infiltration of Georgian ideas, in the form of two-room-deep houses, into an area which was traditionally isolated and which consequently clung tenaciously to traditional forms, such as the hall-and-parlor house, until well into the nineteenth century.

Because of the inconspicuous social status of its builders -- a significant fact since few earlier dwellings of persons of this status in Virginia have survived -- the ownership of the Warren House has been difficult to trace. However, land book data indicates that the property was owned in the early nineteenth century by the Warren family who had probably held it since the seventeenth century. The earliest county land books for 1783 credit ownership of 275 acres to Joseph Warren. In 1803 the land was divided between Joseph Warren and Rebecca Warren, possibly an unmarried sister to whom a life tenancy was specified. It was apparently sometime between 1803 and 1817, when Rebecca Warren's portion was transferred to a Mark Warren, that the present house was built for her. Several rapid transactions after 1817 resulted in ownership passing to James Jones by 1819. If the Warrens did not construct the house then Jones likely did it during the first year of his tenure, for in 1820, the first year in which building valuations were recorded in the land books, the buildings on the property were assessed at \$250, a valuation which remained unchanged. until 1840 when a \$50 increase was recorded. No more change in the assessment occurred until 1858 when \$200 was added to the valuation of the land.

Several more changes in ownership occurred between 1826 and 1837, when the land was acquired by the Spratley family who held it until 1870. Twelve changes in ownership later, the property, by then known as the Enos Tract, was acquired by the county government. A comprehensive site plan has been developed for use of the tract for county administration and for recreation, with the adaptive use of the house and the construction of new buildings sympathetic to it as central concerns.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Berryman, Linda. "Cinderella Story for Enos House." Daily Press, Newport News,

Virginia, September 30, 1976. Ms. data supplied by William A. Logan, Spring Grove, Virginia, 1977. Surry County Deed Books; Land Books; Will Books. E 18 335340/ 4110460 TOGEOGRAPHICAL DATA F 18 335440/ 4110890 ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 107 acres REVISED - SEE CONTINUATION SHEET UTM REFERENCES. B 1.8 3 B 6 0.8 0 4.1 1, 08.4.0 #2

ZONE EASTING NORTHING A 1, 8 33,5 9 2,0 ZONE EASTING C[1,8] [3]3,5 9,4,0 D[18] [3 [3,5] 3,8,0] [4,1]1,0[1,0,0] VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The 107 acres comprising the Enos House property are bounded by a line beginning of a point (A) on the W side of State Route 31/10, a little over .7 mile SW of the intersection of State Route 626 with State Route 31/10 in the town of Surry, Virginia; then extending 408 feet SE; 200 feet S; 200 feet SE; 500 feet S; 300 feet SW; then extending approximately 1600 feet S in a straight line to intersection with State Route 10; thence running approximately 1800 feet W in a straight line following north side of State Route 10; then extending approximately 200 feet N; then 200 feet NNE; then running approximately 600 feet N; (See Continuation Sheet #1) LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES CODE COUNTY STATE STATE CODE COUNTY M FORM PREPARED BY Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff May 1977 <u>Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission</u> TELEPHONE STREET & NUMBER (804) 786-3144 221 Governor Street STATE Virginia CITY OR TOWN Richmond STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS: STATE\_X NATIONAL .. As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 ly has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Pack Service FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE Tucker Hill, Executive Director Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE MAY 1 7 1977. TITLE Virginia Landmorks Register FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CONTINUATION SHEET # 1

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA (Verbal Boundary Description cont'd)

then 200 feet E; then extending approximately 1800 feet in a generally northward direction, crossing intermittent tributary of Dark Swamp several times; then extending 1600 feet E in a straight line to point of origin.

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Enos House, Surry County, Virginia

CONTINUATION SHEET 2

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Revision of acreage, verbal boundary description and UTM references for nomination report originally submitted Augsut 12, 1977

Acreage:

10 acres

UTM References:

A - 18/335880/4110580

B - 18/335870/4110380

C - 18/335660/4110390

D - 18/335670/4110590

#### Verbal Boundary Description:

The 10 acres comprising the Enos House property are bounded by a line beginning at a point (A) a little over .6 mile WSW of the intersection of state routes 10/31 and 626 near the southern limits of the town of Surry, Va.; then extending approximately 700 feet S in a straight line; then extending approximately 700 feet W in a straight line; then extending approximately 700 feet N in a straight line; then extending approximately 700 feet E in a straight line to point of origin.

