

Milburne (127-6160)

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Location and Current National Register Status: Milburne is located at the end of Lock Lane in Windsor Farms, overlooking the James River. The property is not currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

History and Significance: The nomination states that Milburne is eligible for listing under Criteria B and C, with a period of significance of 1934-1970. The nomination states that the 2½ story Georgian Revival mansion is significant at the statewide level under Criterion B in the area of politics/government as it was the home of Walter Spencer Robertson. Robertson, who served in the State Department and as Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, constructed the home in 1934-1935. Milburne is also significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the statewide level as it was designed by William Lawrence Bottomley and built by Herbert Augustine Claiborne. The home's gardens and grounds were also the work of four prominent landscape architects, including Charles Freeman Gillette. The home and grounds maintain a high level of integrity due to the long period of ownership of the original owner and the careful consideration of the current owner.

Staff Recommendations and Comments: Milburne is an exceptional example of Georgian Revival architecture and continues to reflect the meticulous work of a celebrated architect and landscape architects. The home also represents the preferences and care of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer Robertson and their long period of ownership and stewardship.

Staff recommends that the Commission support the listing of this property on the State and Federal Historic Registers, under National Register Criteria B and C.