



Located on a tract of land adjacent to George Washington's Mount Vernon property, Huntley was built around 1820 as a secondary house for Thomson Francis Mason, grandson of George Mason IV of Gunston Hall. Surrounded by a farm complex which includes a springhouse, ice house, tenant houses, root cellar and necessary, Mason's house is built against a hillside overlooking the Hybla Valley and Potomac River.

Thomson Francis Mason was born at Gunston Hall. After graduating from Princeton in 1807, he returned to Virginia and began his law practice in the region of Fairfax County. After his marriage in 1817 to Miss Elizabeth Price of Leesburg, he began building at Huntley within the next few years. As a prominent lawyer, Mason played an important role during the 1820s in the fight to separate Alexandria from the District of Columbia. Only six months before his death in 1838 he was appointed as Judge of the newly organized Criminal Court of the District of Columbia.

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