**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. **NAME**
   - COMMON: Blandford Church
   - AND/OR HISTORIC: Blandford Church

2. **LOCATION**
   - STREET AND NUMBER: 319 S. Grater Road
   - CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg
   - STATE: Virginia

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - CATEGORY (Check One)
     - District
     - Site
     - Structure
     - Object
   - OWNERSHIP
     - Public
     - Private
     - Both
   - STATUS
     - Occupied
     - Unoccupied
     - Being Considered
     - Preservation Work in Progress
   - ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
     - Yes
     - Restricted
     - Unrestricted

   **PRESENT USE (Check One or None if Appropriate)**
   - Agricultural
   - Commercial
   - Educational
   - Entertainment
   - Government
   - Industrial
   - Military
   - Museum
   - Other (Specify)
   - Religious
   - Scientific
   - Transportation
   - Other (Specify)
   - Comments

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
   - NAME: City of Petersburg
   - STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall
   - CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg
   - STATE: Virginia

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - COURTHOUSE REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk's Office of Hustings Court
   - CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg
   - STATE: Virginia

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
   - DATE OF SURVEY: 1959
   - DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
   - CITY OR TOWN: Washington
   - STATE: D.C.
### Description

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**Blandford Church** is an eighteenth century brick, one-story structure, built during two periods of construction. The original block, approximately 64' by 29', was joined later by a north wing which measured approximately 30' by 29'. Both portions have a slate gable roof with an upturn or splay at the eavesline and a modillioned cornice. The brick is laid predominantly in Flemish bond with a beveled watertable and an almost total use of glazed headers. English bond occurs below the watertable on the original block and on the upper portion of the eastern gable. The eastern doorway and all of the principle window openings have roundheaded arches of rubbed brick whose voussoirs alternate full bricks with two half bricks. The north and south doorways and the north gallery windows have flat arches. Rubbed brick is used on the quoining and the door and window jamb. Notable repairs to the brickwork are the repointing in several areas, rebuilding the central portions of the old north wall as well as the reconstruction of the south and north doorways. The sills and parts of the window framing are probably colonial. The interior is entirely new except for the oak beam supporting the west gallery. The original form of a segmental arched ceiling has been retained but with the addition of exposed beams. The small churchyard is surrounded by an eighteenth century wall in English bond brick with moulded cap and encloses numerous colonial tombs.

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Blandford Church of Bristol Parish is the third building of that parish and receives its name from the town of Blandford, now part of the City of Petersburg. The original block was completed in 1736 or 1737 by Mr. Thomas Ravenscroft with a north wing and the surrounding brick wall added sometime between 1752 and 1769 by Colonel Richard Bland. The parish began to hold most of its services at Saint Paul's, the new church in Petersburg circa 1802, in 1819. John Grammar, a citizen of Petersburg, bought the building and gave the property to the town. By 1882, the church had deteriorated considerably and some repair work, including the building of the present slate roof, was undertaken by the city council. In 1901, the city council authorized the Ladies Memorial Association to restore the building. Blandford Church was modeled after Merchant's Hope Church (traditionally dated 1657) in Prince George County, and indeed, bears a striking resemblance in form and detailing to its more famous predecessor. The survival of most of its fine brickwork intact along with the existence of an eighteenth century churchyard wall place Blandford in Virginia's important collection of eighteenth century Anglican church architecture.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Colonial Churches, Richmond: Southern Churchmen Company, 1908.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10 acres

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond

STATE:

Virginia

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-9) (A), 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 [x] State [x] Local [ ]

Name:
James W. Moody, Jr., Director

THV. Historic Landmarks Commission

Date: APR 18 1972

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register