

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Richmond (in cit.)	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Jefferson Hotel

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Jefferson Hotel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: NE corner of intersection of W. Main Street and N. Jefferson Street. Bounded by W. Main Street, N. Jefferson Street, W. Franklin Street, and N. Adams Street.

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

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Virginia	45	(in cit.)	760

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/>				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Jefferson Hotel Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER:
104 W. Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Chancery Court

STREET AND NUMBER:
Richmond City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #127-1

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jefferson Hotel, completed in 1895, is a massive, yet graceful structure of buff brick and stone. Typical of the work of Carrere and Hastings, it is an effective blend of many architectural forms and styles, although the exterior is composed chiefly of Italian and Spanish Renaissance elements. The four towers rising from the main block with its imposing entrances, loggia, varied window forms, and wealth of rich architectural ornament make the structure an important Richmond landmark. Although gutted by fire in 1901, the exterior, for the most part, survives as originally designed. One basic change following the fire was the reconstruction of the wings on the southern end. These were rebuilt to run north-south rather than east-west to allow more light and air into the rooms.

The planning and circulation of the hotel were well thought out to serve the hotel's various functions. There were three principal entrances: The Main Street entrance leading into the Rotunda for commercial travelers; the Franklin Street entrance, known as the "Ladies Entrance" for those attending social functions; and the covered side entrance used by carriages. The Carrere and Hastings designed public rooms in the north end survive generally intact and display a diverse range of styles. These rooms include the Louis XVI Grand Salon, the Pompeian Palm Court, and a number of small reception and waiting rooms in various French styles. The lower southern end, however, was completely redesigned by J. Kevan Peebles following the fire. Instead of the iron supports fronting a massive arcade in the Rotunda, Peebles substituted a great colonnade and decorated the room and its grand staircase in typical "Edwardian Baroque". Peebles also added an auditorium to the east of the hotel which is now used by the Engineers' Club. While the hotel has suffered interior alterations, none has sufficiently damaged the original fabric so as to seriously hinder restoration.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1895

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------|----------------|--|
| Aboriginal | Education | Political | Urban Planning |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | Religion/Phi- | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | losophy | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention | Science | _____ |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | Sculpture | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture | Social/Human- | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature | itarian | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | Theater | _____ |
| | Music | Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Jefferson Hotel is one of the nation's outstanding examples of late-nineteenth century eclectic architecture. In many ways it fulfilled the command of its patron, Major Lewis Ginter, to the architects to provide Richmond with the finest hotel in America - in an era when sumptuous hotels were being erected throughout the country. Aside from its architectural merit, the hotel, as originally completed, contained many advanced technological devices such as service telephones, complete electrical lighting, complete central steam heating, and both hot and cold running water for each of its 342 guest rooms. It should be noted also, that among the fine appointments still contained in the buildings are an exceptional collection of late-nineteenth century academic paintings as well as the famous life-size marble statue of Thomas Jefferson by Richmond sculptor, Edward V. Valentine. Throughout its early history the Jefferson was "the" place to stay for any important person visiting Richmond. Notable guests included Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, General John J. Pershing, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Charles A. Lindberg, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Calvin Coolidge. The Jefferson has also been the scene of many important Richmond social events.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Christian, W. A., Richmond Her Past and Present, Richmond: 1912.

Howland, Richard Hubbard, "Echoes of a Gilded Epoch", Arts in Virginia, Vol. 5, Fall, 1964.

Moore, S. J., The Jefferson Hotel, A Southern Landmark, Richmond: 1941.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37 ° 32 ' 40 "	77 ° 26 ' 45 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director
 ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: April 22, 1969
 STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 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 State Local

Name Edw. P. Alexander per form
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date May 20, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

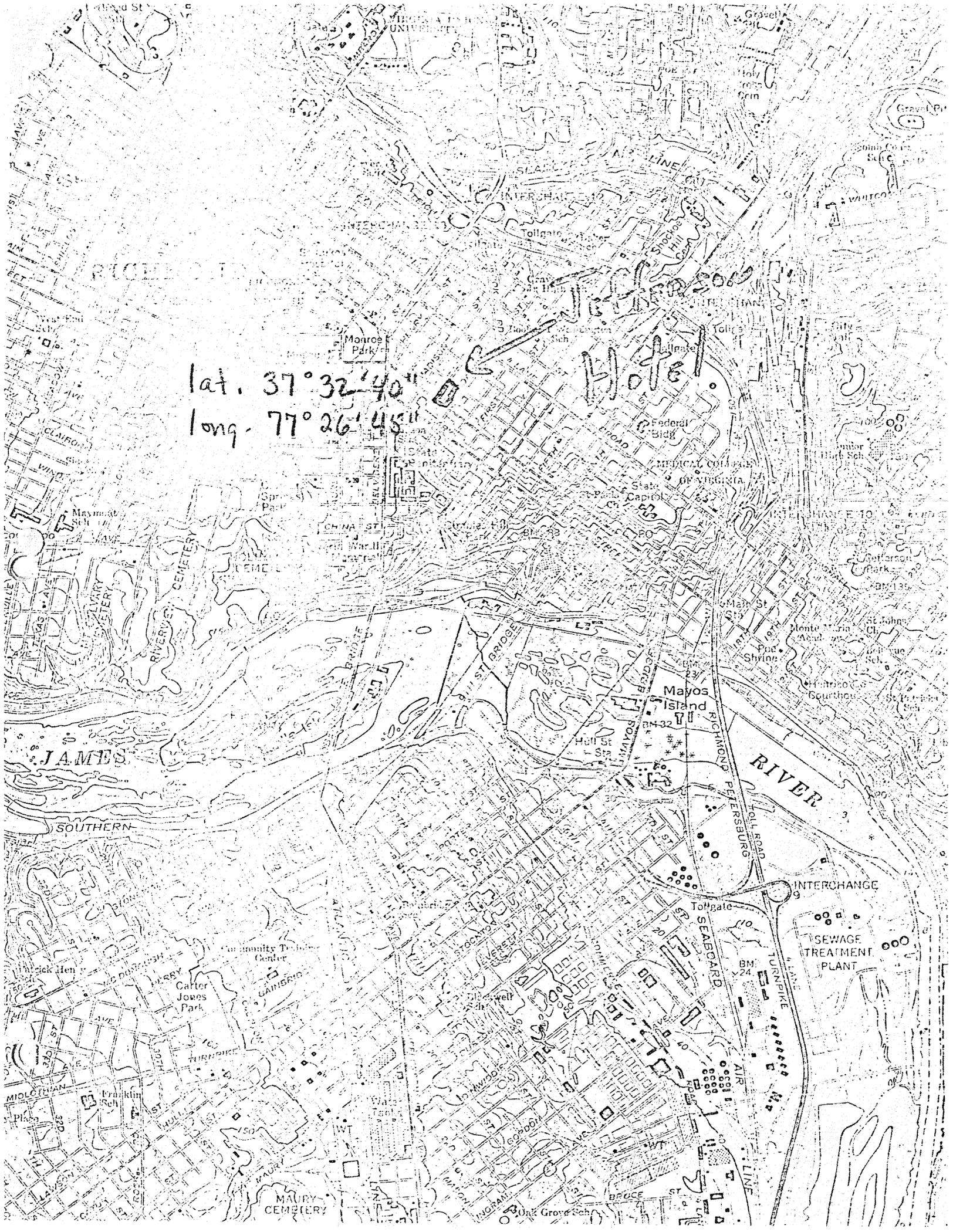
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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lat. 37° 32' 40"
long. 77° 26' 45"

Hotel



JAMES RIVER

RIVER

INTERCHANGE

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

MAURY CEMETERY

Mayos Island

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA

Federal Bldg

State Capitol

Monroe Park

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

St. John's Church

St. John's School

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:	U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Richmond, Virginia		
SCALE:	1:24000		
DATE:	1964		
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:	Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission		
DATE OF PHOTO:	1968		
NEGATIVE FILED AT:	Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Richmond, Virginia		
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View of North facade			