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Form 10-300  
 (July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Virginia</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Richmond (City)</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**CONFEDERATE CAPITOL**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Capitol Square**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Richmond**

STATE <b>Virginia</b>	CODE <b>51</b>	COUNTY: <b>Richmond (City)</b>	CODE <b>760</b>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Commonwealth of Virginia**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Richmond**

STATE: <b>Virginia</b>	CODE <b>51</b>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**City Hall**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Richmond**

STATE: <b>Virginia</b>	CODE <b>51</b>
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**HABSI**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1957**       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE: <b>D.C.</b>	CODE <b>11</b>
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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Please see attached pamphlet, "The Virginia State Capitol."

b. BOUNDARIES: Confederate Capitol is within Capitol Square. Capitol Street, from 9th Street to Governor Street, provides the northern boundary; Governor Street, from Capitol Street to Bank Street, provides the eastern boundary; Bank Street, from 9th Street to Governor Street, provides the southern boundary; and 9th Street, from Bank Street to Capitol Street, provides the western boundary.

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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)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE\* (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Virginia State Capitol in Richmond, which was constructed 1785-92, served as the State capitol for 70 years. Then from July 1861 until April 1865, the Confederate Congress met there. After the Civil War, the capitol became the State capitol again and still fulfills that function today. Jefferson was the architect and was the first American to use a classic temple-form as the model for modern public buildings.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Capitol Square Data-Grounds", Vol. 2, unpublished manuscript, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia.  
 Gaines, William H., Jr., "Warehouse and Roman Temple, the Capitols of the Commonwealth, 1780-1951", Virginia Cavalcade, Vol. 1, Winter, 1951.  
 Hamlin, Talbot, Greek Revival Architecture in America, New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1944.  
 Kimball, Fiske, Thomas Jefferson, Architect, Boston, 1916.

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	37° 32' 26"	77° 26' 13"		"	"	
NE	37° 32' 26"	77° 25' 55"				
SE	37° 32' 15"	77° 25' 55"				
SW	37° 32' 15"	77° 26' 13"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Frank S. Melvin**

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia State Office, National Park Service** DATE: **6/30/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box 10008**

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia 23240** CODE: **51**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

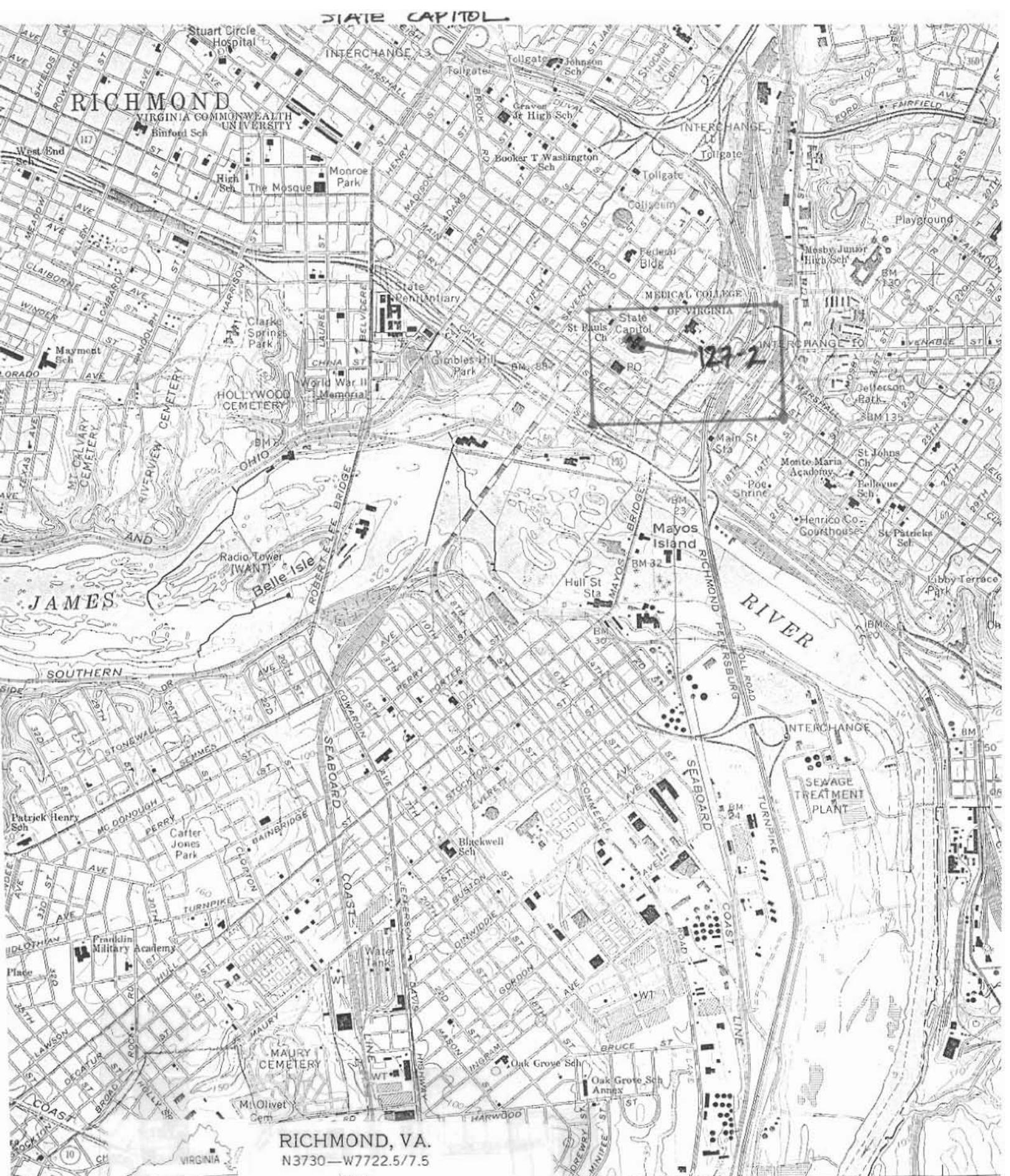
Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE CAPITOL

RICHMOND  
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH  
UNIVERSITY

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RICHMOND, VA.  
N3730-W7722.5/7.5

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MRY'S BLUFF 785  
558 IV NW

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2.8 MI. TO U.S. 1 & 301  
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

2.5 MI. TO INTERCHANGE & PETERSBURG 17 MI.

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