

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
69-06-45-0027	6/23/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Peter's Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
St. Peter's Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
800 E. Grace Street; NE corner of 8th and Grace Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 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"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input 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"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Diocese of Richmond

STREET AND NUMBER:
800 Cathedral Place

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chancery Court

STREET AND NUMBER:
Richmond City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/5 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 08

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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed (Check One)

INTEGRITY

Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site (Check One)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Erected in 1834, St. Peter's Church was the first church built on what is now Grace Street, and is the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Richmond. From 1850, when Richmond became a separate diocese, until 1905, when the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart was erected, St. Peter's served as a cathedral church.

The Church has been attended by many well-known people including Littleton Tazewell, Governor of Virginia from 1834-36; the various French consuls residing in Richmond; famed Civil War General Beauregard; and Pearl Tyler, daughter of President John Tyler, who was married there.

St. Peter's stands today as one of the gems of nineteenth century ecclesiastical architecture in Richmond. Its location, along with St. Paul's Episcopal Church across the street, adds to the visual effect of the western end of Capitol Square and the Richmond cityscape.

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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) 1834

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

St. Peter's Church, a fine example of the Roman Revival style, is an elongated cruciform structure of stuccoed brick. Its facade features a slender pedimented portico with coupled Doric columns. The roof line on the facade is hidden by a stepped parapet above which is a cupola capped by an octagonal dome. The whole of the building is surrounded by a finely executed Doric entablature.

The interior of St. Peter's has suffered few serious alterations, and survives in an excellent state of repair. The bays are divided by curious Doric pilasters with Ionic capitals over the Doric. Other notable interior features are the very shallow transepts and semi-circular apse.

The church offices next door are fine examples of Edwardian townhouses.

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OR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bailey, James Henry, II, History of St. Peters Church, 1834-1959,
 Richmond: Lewis Printing Co., 1959.
 Dulaney, Paul S., The Architecture of Historic Richmond. University
 Press of Virginia, 1968.
 Scott, Mary Wingfield, Old Richmond Neighborhoods, Richmond: 1950.

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' 26"	77° 26' 12"	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

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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
 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.

Ernest Allen Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUN 23 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Huntley
 Keeper of The National Register
 JUN 23 1969

Date _____

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #127-15
1968
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