

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Virginia | |
| COUNTY: Richmond (in cit.) | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| | |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Morson's Row

AND/OR HISTORIC:
James Morson's Row

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
219-223 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

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| STATE Virginia | CODE 45 | COUNTY: (in cit.) | CODE 760 |
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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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> | Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 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"/> | Public and | |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> | Museum <input type="checkbox"/> | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> | private agencies | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Varied public and private agencies

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219-223 Governor Street

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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:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

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| STATE: District of Columbia | CODE 08 |
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Morson's Row consists of three townhouses each having three stories and a flat roof. Although built of brick, the facade of the row is stuccoed. Characteristic of the Italianate style, the row features heavy bracketed cornices, arched door enframements, and elaborately molded consoled lintels over the windows. The distinctive feature of the row is the off-center, two-bay bow on each house which gives the row an undulating quality. Another interesting feature is the difference in levels of the houses necessitated by the grade of the lot. Fortunately the houses retain most of their original interiors, including mahogany doors and marble mantels.

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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) 1853

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.)

The three Victorian townhouses comprising Morson's Row were erected in 1853 by James Marion Morson as rental properties. The houses passed through several hands after they were sold by the Morson family, and are now separately owned.

The distinctive bow fronts on the group are reminiscent of a form widely used in Boston rows, most notably in Louisburg Square. They were used not only to add rhythm to the facade, but to increase the light for the rooms within.

Besides being a fine example of the Italianate style, the row serves an extremely important function by providing a lively termination for the east end of Capitol Street which borders the north side of Capitol Square. Morson's Row also forms a harmonizing backdrop for the Governor's Mansion.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scott, Mary Wingfield, Houses of Old Richmond, Richmond, Virginia: The Valentine Museum, 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 | |
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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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 23, 1969

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

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Ed. P. Alexander per John
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date May 20, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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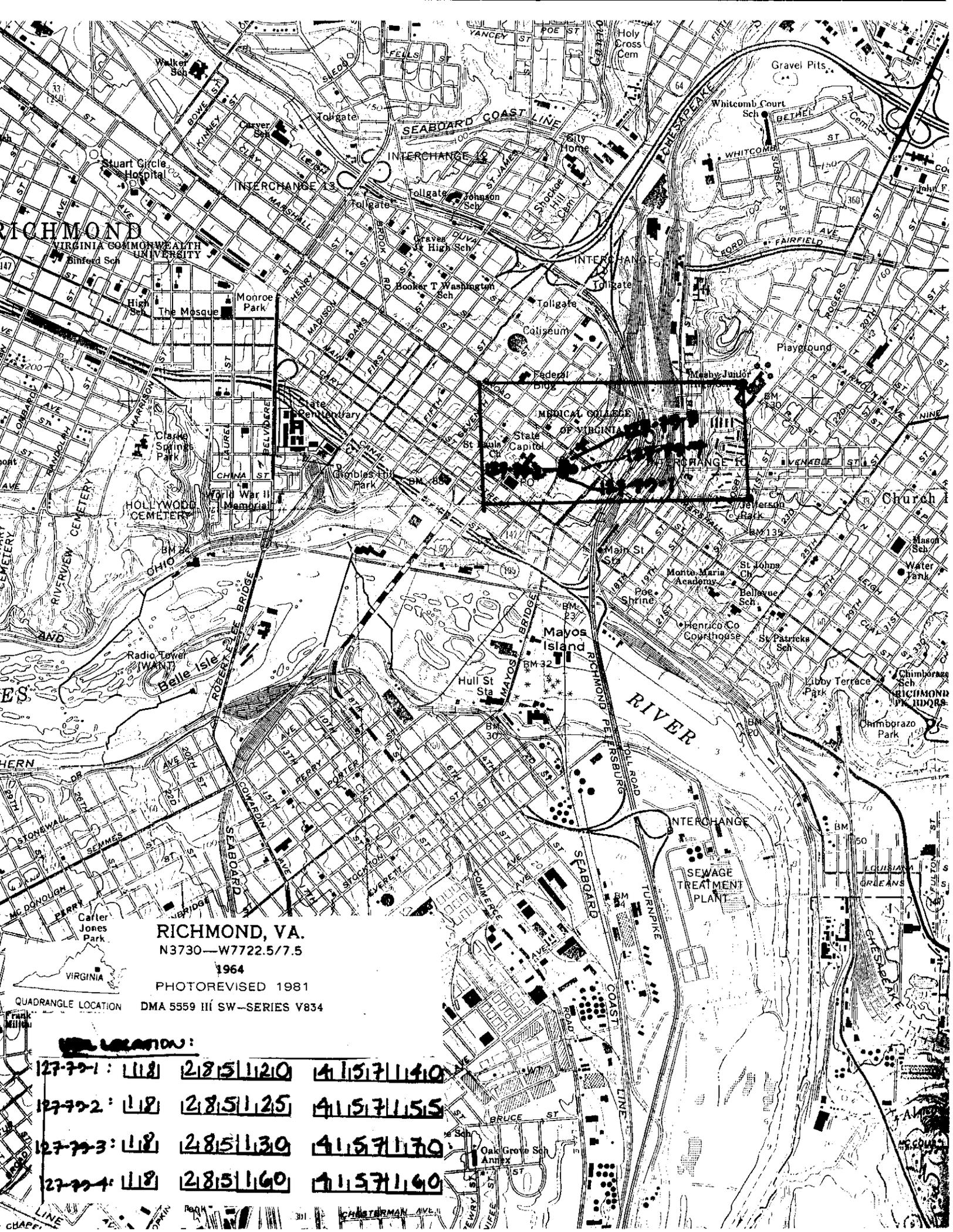
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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #127-79
1968
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45



RICHMOND, VA.

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1964

PHOTOREVISED 1981

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

LOCATION:

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| 127-77-1 | 118 | 2851120 | 4157140 |
| 127-77-2 | 118 | 2851125 | 4157155 |
| 127-77-3 | 118 | 2851130 | 4157170 |
| 127-77-4 | 118 | 2851160 | 4157160 |

