

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:  
First Baptist Church (Student Center)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
First Baptist Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
NW corner of 12th Street and E. Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
	(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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" 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"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Center <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
Virginia Commonwealth University (Medical College of Virginia)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Richmond

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
760

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Chancery Court, Richmond City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/3 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #127-168

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

CITY OR TOWN:  
Richmond

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
760

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STATE: Virginia  
COUNTY: Richmond (in cit.)  
ENTRY NUMBER: 760  
DATE:



3. 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)      1839-41

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

The construction of this imposing Greek Revival edifice was begun in 1839 and completed in 1841. Its architect, Thomas U. Walter, was a Philadelphia architect of national importance who is best remembered for having designed the wings and dome of the Capitol in Washington. The congregation of the church was composed of the white membership of the old Baptist Church at Broad and College Streets (thereafter known as the First African Baptist Church) and was the oldest Baptist congregation in Richmond. During the Civil War the building served as an emergency hospital for Confederate soldiers. In 1938 the congregation sold the church to the Medical College of Virginia; it now serves the college as a student center.

The church with its monumental proportions and conspicuous location on Broad Street is a major landmark in Richmond. It is an able piece of architecture and ranks as first in quality among buildings of the Greek Revival style.

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8. MAPS OR TOPOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sect. Mary Wainfield, Old Richmond Neighborhoods, Richmond: Whitcomb and Shepperson, 1930.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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
NW	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	37	32	27
SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "	77	25	50

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, V H L C, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: March 27, 1969

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

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 760

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 Dr. Edward P. Alexander

Title Chairman, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date March 29, 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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