

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Jackson Ward Historic District

Name of Property
Richmond, VA

County and State
N/A

Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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The Jackson Ward Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1978. At the time of both designations, a specific end date to a property's period of significance was not required, but rather, time spans, such as 17th century, 18th century, 19th century, and 20th century, were used. This additional documentation has been prepared to clarify the end date of the historic district's period of significance.

Section 8

As originally written, the National Register nomination for the Jackson Ward Historic District discussed events within the district through the mid-20th century. The statement of significance in the nomination noted that

“Jackson Ward has suffered considerably during the past generation. The northern part of the neighborhood was cut off, with much physical destruction, by the [Richmond-Petersburg] Turnpike developed in the 1950s. The eastern portion has been leveled in favor of the [Richmond] Coliseum and expanded facilities for medical education at the Health Sciences center of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU-MCV).”

Based on the information contained in the nomination, and confirmed by current research by DHR staff documenting the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike's completion on July 1, 1958, the evaluation committee recommended that the end date for the Jackson Ward Historic District's period of significance is **1958**. This period of significance is applicable to the original historic district as listed in the National Register in 1976, and does not apply to the buildings included in the 2002 Additional Documentation (which have an end date of 1970) and to the 2005 and 2008 Boundary Increase areas, each of which has a specified end date of 1926.

Documentation of the completion of the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike was obtained through the online archives of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, which has historic photographs of the opening ceremony for the newly completed turnpike. The newspaper noted that in June 1958, about 30 of the turnpike's 35 miles, along with nearly 20 interchanges, were ready to open; this roadway is now part of Interstate 95 and still in use today (Heather Moon, “Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike 1958,” March 18, 2014, published online at http://www.richmond.com/from-the-archives/article_3421bff6-ee70-5852-beab-0199b612fd57.html).

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Figure 1. Toll booth operators ready for duty on the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike, June 1958
(*Richmond Times-Dispatch*).