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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: Virginia	
COUNTY: Greene	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Octonia Stone

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Octoney, Octony, Octona, Octuna Stone

2. LOCATION.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
.4 mi. NW of Rt. 637, 1.7 mi. NW of intersection with Rt. 1001

CITY OR TOWN:  
(Stanardsville vic.)

STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY. Greene	CODE 079
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Is part of a rock outcrop in a hayfield.

Yes:  
 Restricted  
 Unrestricted

Comments  
 No longer a boundary marker.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. T. M. Shelton

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 133

CITY OR TOWN:  
Stanardsville

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Virginia State Library, Land Grant Records

STREET AND NUMBER:  
12th and Capitol Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Richmond

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #39-3

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  
 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:  
45

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COUNTY: Greene

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Octonia Stone is a granite-type rock which is part of a natural outcropping in a hayfield. This outcropping forms a small knoll which contains a few trees and undergrowth. This knoll is on the south side of a nearby small stream which flows into South River, a branch of the Rapidan River.

A figure 8, composed of two, nearly perfect circles, is engraved upon the Octonia Stone. A cross touches the top of this 8. The engraving was probably made in 1721, but could possibly have been made as early as the time of Alexander Spotswood's transmontane expedition in 1716 to identify the terminus of the land that some of the expedition's members wanted to take up.

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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)     circa 1721

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <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 Octonia Stone marks the terminus of the westernmost boundary line of the 24,000-acre Octonia Grant. This grant was made by Lieutenant Governor Spottswood to eight prominent Virginians on July 20, 1722. The name "Octonia" is probably derived from the Latin for eight. The eight grantees were Bartholomew Yates, Lewis Latane, John Robinson, Jeremiah Clowder, Harry Beverley, Christopher Robinson, William Stanard, and Edwin Thacker. The grant evidently was made as a result of several separate petitions presented and granted in Council.

The Octonia Grant started near the mouth of Laurell Run (Poplar Run) on the Rapidan River near Spicer's Mill in Orange County and extended to the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Greene County. With the Rapidan River and its South River branch as the northern boundary, it was roughly two miles wide and twenty miles long. Some of its lines exist today, including the one from near Spicer's Mill to the present day Montpelier property, the easternmost line. These lines formed the base of many Orange County surveys, and the Octonia Line is referred to in many deeds.

Inscribed stone boundary markers were rare in Virginia during the eighteenth century. A property boundary marker of this type so far west is unique.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Chamberlayne, Churchill Gibson, ed., Vestry Book of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1663-1767. Richmond: 1927.  
 Hening, William Waller, Statutes at Large.  
 McGill, John, The Beverley Family of Virginia. Columbia, S. C.: 1956.  
 Virginia Land Grant Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond.  
 Orange County Court Records, Orange County Court House, Orange.  
 Spotsylvania County Court Records, Spotsylvania Court House.  
 Executive Journals of the Council of Virginia.

**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	0 0 0	0 0 0		38° 19' 59"	78° 27' 14"	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 10 acres.**

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: **March 3, 1970**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman**

Title **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

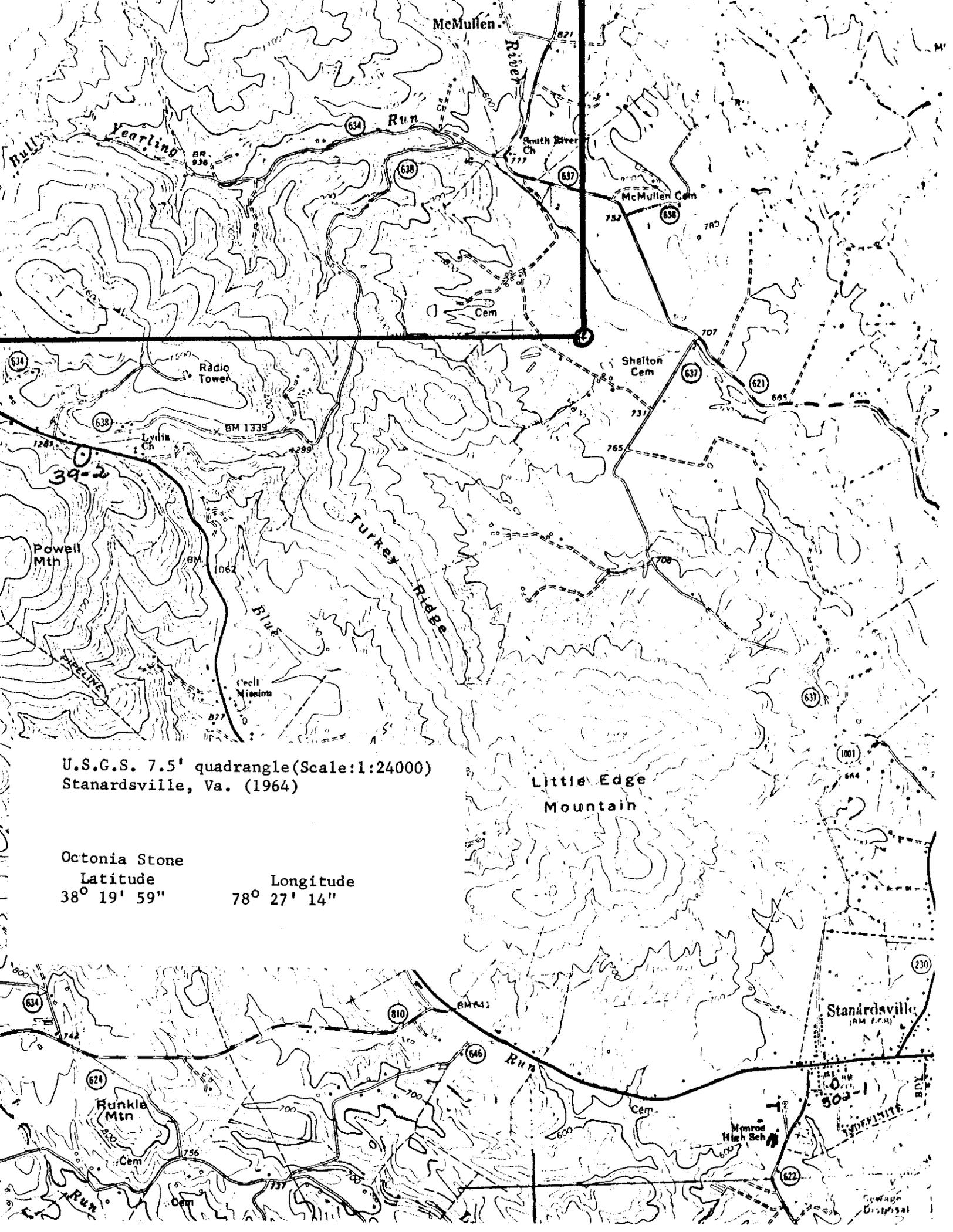
Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24000)  
 Stanardsville, Va. (1964)

Octonia Stone  
 Latitude 38° 19' 59"  
 Longitude 78° 27' 14"

Stanardsville  
 (AM 1964)  
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