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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: <u>Virginia</u>	
COUNTY: <u>Henrico</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Flood Marker of 1771

AND/OR HISTORIC: Flood Marker of 1771

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .2 mi, SW of Rt. 5, .8 mi, SE of intersection with Rt. 156

CITY OR TOWN: (Richmond vic.)

STATE: <u>Virginia</u>	CODE: <u>45</u>	COUNTY: <u>Henrico</u>	CODE: <u>087</u>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Beth	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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Monument</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: J. E. Alexander

STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 5

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Richmond</u>	STATE: <u>Virginia</u>	CODE: <u>45</u>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC.: Henrico County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Richmond</u>	STATE: <u>Virginia</u>	CODE: <u>45</u>
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #42-23

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 9th Street State Office Building, Room 1116

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Richmond</u>	STATE: <u>Virginia</u>	CODE: <u>45</u>
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The flood marker is an obelisk, eighteen feet high and six feet square at the base, constructed of brick and faced with cement. There are three inscriptions appearing on the base of the marker.

That on the east side reads:

The foundation of this pillar was laid in the calamitous year, 1771, when all the great Rivers of this country were swept by inundations never before experienced which changed the face of Nature and left traces of their violence which will last for Ages.

The inscription on the south side reads:

In the year 1772, this monument was raised to the memory of the first Richard and Jane Randolph of Curls, by their third son, to whose paternal affection Industry and Oeconomy, he was indebted, for their tenderness in Infancy; a Good Education in Youth; and ample fortune in Mature age.

The west side displays an unfinished poem.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1771-1772

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>History</u> |
| <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 Architecture | <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

On May 27, 1771, there occurred a terrible flood, resulting from ten to twelve days of heavy rains falling in the central Blue Ridge Mountains and swelling the rivers that drained this area - the James, the Rappahannock, and the Roanoke, in particular. It was Virginia's worst natural disaster up to that time. Tradition has it that the monument at Turkey Island, erected by Ryland Randolph as a memorial to his parents, marks the highest point reached by the flood waters in that vicinity - a location that is some forty-five feet above the normal level of the river. The inscription on the monument, however, does not make this claim.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coleman, Elizabeth Dabney, "The Great Flood of 1771," Virginia Cavalcade, Vol. 1, No. 2 (Autumn 1951), 20-22.
Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 6 (July 1898-April 1899), 128.
William and Mary Quarterly, 1st ser., V, 157-158
 W. P. A. Survey, Virginia State Library, Richmond.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	° ' "	° ' "		37° 23' 44"	77° 15' 28"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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: 5/27/70

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 _____

Title Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
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:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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