

VLR-8/15/72 NRHP-9/22/72

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: VIRGINIA	
COUNTY: KING GEORGE	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
LAMB'S CREEK CHURCH

AND/OR HISTORIC:
REEK CHURCH

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
E side of Rt. 607, .4 mi. NW of intersection with Rt. 3.

CITY OR TOWN:
Sealston vicinity (William Lloyd Scott, Eighth District Congressman)

STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51	COUNTY: King George	CODE: 099
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Sits <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
(The Reverend William Dennis, Jr.) THE VESTRY

STREET AND NUMBER:
LAMB'S CREEK

CITY OR TOWN: King George Court House	STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
King George County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: King George	STATE: Virginia	CODE: 51
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: WASHINGTON	STATE: D. C.	CODE: 11
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Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

1958

Federal

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C. 11

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

Lamb's Creek Church stands in a clearing in the woods about one half mile west of the banks of Lamb's Creek. The church is a rectangular, seven-bay building along the sides, measuring 79'11" X 33'11". It is covered by a moderately pitched hipped roof with a modillion cornice around the base. The west end contains a single doorway and no windows. There is a doorway in the middle of the south side, six windows on both the north and south side, and two windows on the chancel end. The walls are laid in Flemish bond above and below the bevelled water table. Only randomly placed glazed headers are employed. Rubbed brick is employed at the corners and around the jambs. Gauged brick is used in the rounded arches in fulls and pairs of halves of all the windows. Queen closers are used at the corners and at the windows. Both doorways have a severely plain molded brick triangular pediment, a flat arch and shallow pilasters of rubbed brick. The date, 1770, incised above the west doorway, is not original.

There is nothing left of the original colonial interior; the walls are plastered and the ceiling which forms a cove at its junction with the wall is executed in early twentieth century tongue-and-groove board. There is a raised chancel with a simple altar and altar rail in the east end. The window heads and jambs are splayed. A raised wooden floor is over the slate flagstone floor which still forms the nave. The building is lighted by kerosene lamps installed around 1908. The original roof trusses are thought to be largely intact.

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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)

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

Built in 1769-1770, Lamb's Creek Church stands as an excellent example of the hipped roofed rectilinear type colonial church - an architectural form favored in the second half of the eighteenth century. The chaste structure is regarded as one of the most refined examples of colonial architecture in Virginia and illustrates the keen sense of proportion acquired by colonial builders. This refinement is especially evident in the beautifully designed and executed brick doorways with their simple pilasters and pediments.

Named for nearby Lamb's Creek, the church is the parish church of Brunswick Parish which was formed from Hanover Parish in 1732. It is possible that the first church of what is now Brunswick Parish was built as early as 1700, at which point it would have served as a chapel of St. Mary's Parish. This first church was known as Muddy Creek Church, because of its location near that creek, just over the line in Stafford County.

Lamb's Creek is believed to have been designed by the colonial architect John Ariss. Ariss is known to have designed Payne's Church, Truro Parish, (now destroyed), which was very similar in design to Lamb's Creek Church. After the Disestablishment, the parish dwindled and the church was abandoned until about 1825 when the parish was reorganized and the church was restored to use. Most of the interior and furnishings were destroyed when the building was used as a stable by Federal Troops during the War Between the States. The church was repaired after the war, used for a short while and then abandoned by the Episcopalians once again. During this period it was used by the Baptists. Byrd Thornton Turner, rector of the parish, was instrumental in repairing and restoring the building to use in 1908. There have been further repairs in 1939 and 1954. Although the church remained active under the leadership of Dr. George McLaren Brydon, the church has been inactive since Dr. Brydon's departure in 1914. At the present time only one service a year is held in the church.

Lamb's Creek owns a Vinegar edition (1716) of the Bible and a 1739 Prayer Book.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rawlings, James Scott, Virginia's Colonial Churches, An Architectural Guide. Richmond: Garrett and Massie, 1963.
 Rose, Harold Wickliffe, The Colonial Houses of Worship in America. New York: Hastings House, Publishers, 1963.

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	38 ° 15 ' 54 "	77 ° 16 ' 12 "		0	0	
NE	38 ° 15 ' 54 "	77 ° 16 ' 05 "				
SE	38 ° 15 ' 46 "	77 ° 16 ' 05 "				
SW	38 ° 15 ' 46 "	77 ° 16 ' 12 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **10 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION STAFF

ORGANIZATION: **VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION** DATE: **July, 1972**

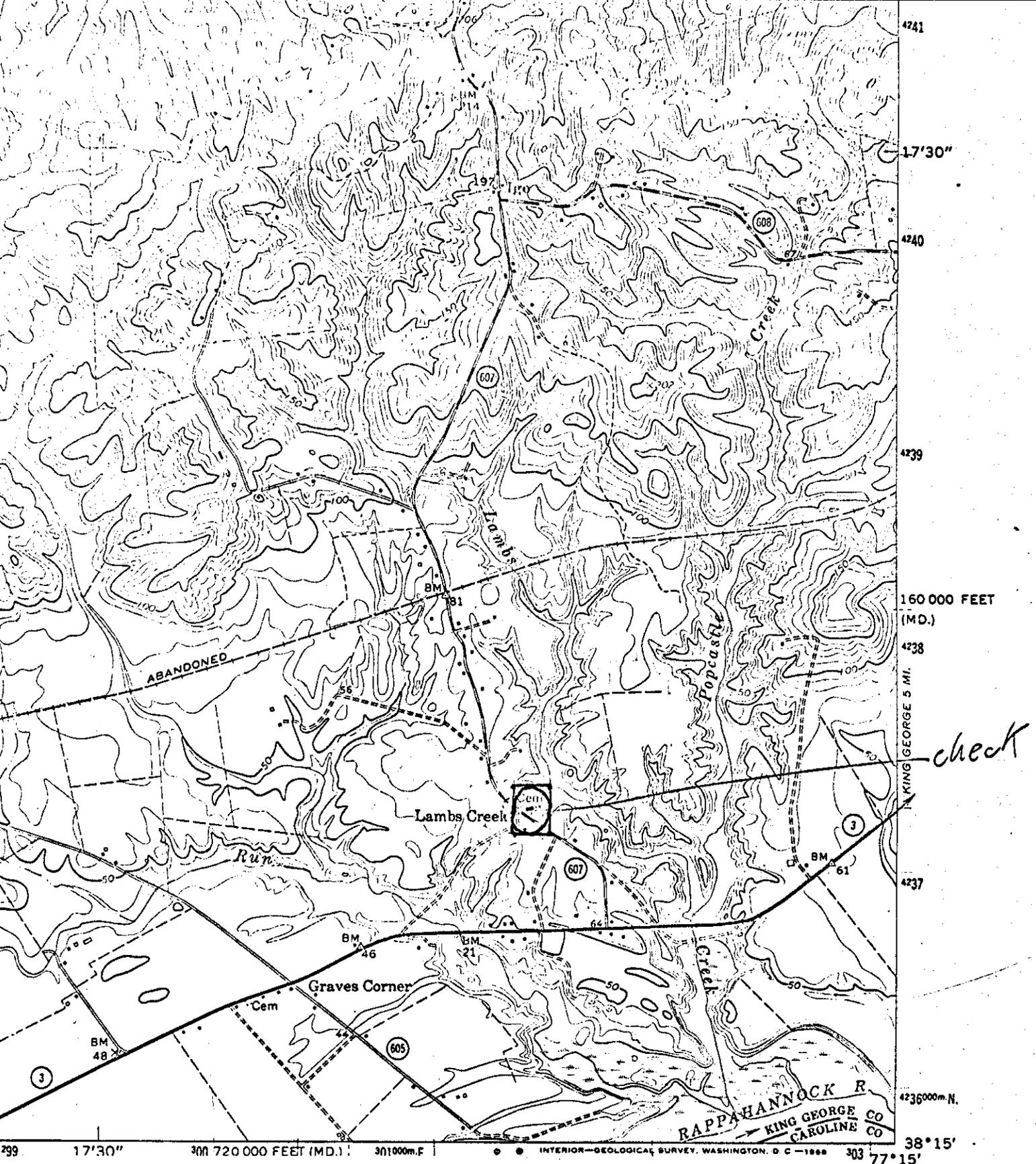
STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____ J. R. Fishburne, Director Title Va. Historic Landmarks Commission</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ <i>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
 Passapatanzy, Va.-Md. 1966

LAMB'S CREEK CHURCH
 latitude longitude
 NW 38°15'54" 77°16'12"
 NE 38°15'54" 77°16'05"
 SE 38°15'46" 77°16'05"
 SW 38°15'46" 77°16'12"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
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 m-duty ————— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
 ○ State Route

PASSAPATANZY, VA. - MD.
 N3815-W7715/7.5