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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: Northampton	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hungars Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Hungars Parish Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: S side of Rt. 619, .2 mi. E of intersection of Rt. 619 and Rt. 622.

CITY OR TOWN:
Bridgetown

STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY Northampton	CODE 131
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input 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	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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Trustees of Hungars Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bridgetown

STATE: Virginia	CODE 45
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Northampton County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Eastville

STATE: Virginia	CODE 45
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: c. 1934, 1940 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D. C.	CODE 08
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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

Hungars Parish Church is a brick, one-story colonial structure with four-bay north and south facades, two-bay end walls, and gable roof with modillioned cornice. Notable brick details are a beveled watertable, rubbed brick at the corners, and the arches over the round headed doors and windows which use gauged rubbed brick with fluted brick tiles. Although there is no definite glazed header pattern in the Flemish bond, there are areas of the north and east walls in which all the headers are glazed. The two massive double doors on the west with their large H and L hinges appear to be original, possibly having been taken from the north and south entrances which were closed when the structure was shortened in 1851. Little is definitely known to be original from the interior other than the four tall fluted heart pine columns and possibly some of the sash and window framings. The west gallery is an 1851 replacement for the original one; the cornice, roof, and floor may date from 1922. Some authorities feel that the baldachino may be colonial.

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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)

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

The third parish church of Hungars Parish was begun in 1742 and completed by 1751. The first parish church of Nuswattocks (later Hungars) Parish was erected about 1646, and the second church was built about 1681, just west of the existing structure. Hungars Parish Church was abandoned after the Disestablishment but was restored to service in 1819. Although major repairs were made to the building in 1840, the church was declared unsafe only a decade later. In 1851 Thomas H. Stevenson of Snow Hill in Maryland took down the west gable and the extremities of the north and south walls as far as the first bay from the west. Thus the building was shortened from its original length of about 92 feet (which had made it the longest church and next to the largest rectangular church in colonial Virginia) to 74 feet, 8 inches. Subsequent repairs and alterations were made in 1892, 1922, 1950 and 1955. Hungars Parish Church owns one of the few complete sets of colonial communion silver in existence. Its still impressive size and its location in a broad clearing of pines within view from a secondary road make it one of the most accessible and memorable structures on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brock, Henry Irving, Colonial Churches in Virginia. Richmond, 1930.
 Mason, George Carrington, Colonial Churches of Tidewater Virginia.
 Richmond, 1945.
 Rawlings, James Scott, Virginia's Colonial Churches. Richmond, 1963.
 Rose, Harold Wickliffe, The Colonial Houses of Worship in America. New
 York, 1963.
 Whitelaw, Ralph T., Virginia's Eastern Shore: A History of Northampton
 and Accomack Counties. 2 Volumes. Gloucester, Mass., 1968 (reprint).

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	° ' "	° ' "		37° 26' 47"	75° 55' 27"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3 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: **May 7, 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

<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 _____</p> <p>Title Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman Virginia 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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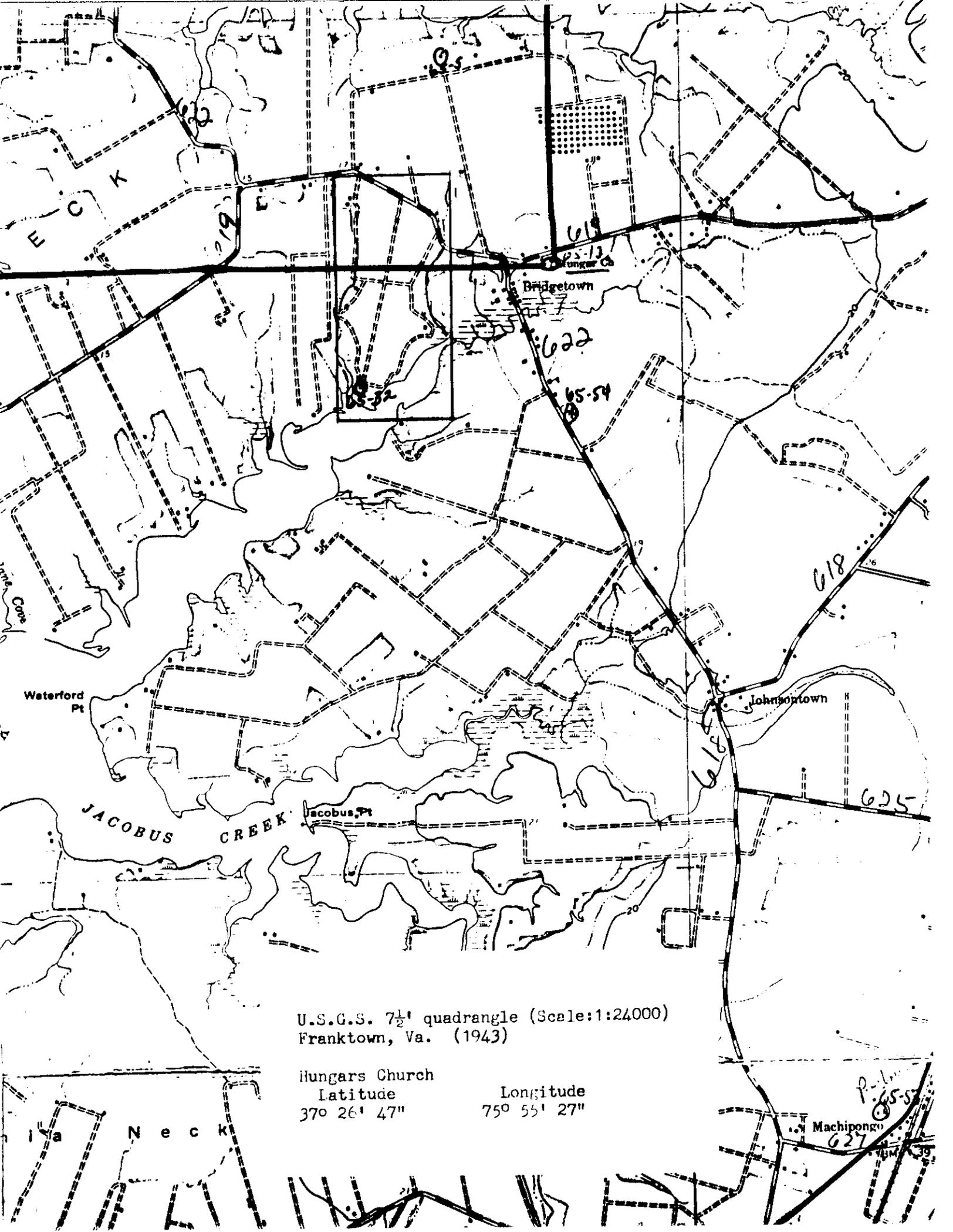
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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1958 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #65-12
1968 State
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia Code: 45



U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale:1:24000)
Franktown, Va. (1943)

Hungars Church
Latitude
37° 26' 47"

Longitude
75° 55' 27"

Machipongo
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