

VLR-11/5/68 NRHP-4/16/69

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Richmond (in cit.)	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
127-0356	4/23/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Beers House 127-0356

AND/OR HISTORIC:
William Beers House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1228 E. Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE: Virginia CODE: 760 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 760

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Offices
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Virginia Commonwealth University (Medical College of Virginia)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 760

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Chancery Court, Richmond City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 760

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/10 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 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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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Beers House is a rectangular brick structure of three stories crowned by an Italianate bracketed cornice and shallow hipped roof. The house as originally built was two and-a-half stories with a gable roof and dormers; the third story was added by the Beers family in 1860. Although the alteration was sympathetic with the original architecture, the change is apparent upon examination of the brickwork. The facade of the house is three-bays wide with the front door located in the bay nearest College Street. The door is enriched by sidelights and pilasters, and is framed by a finely executed porch containing coupled Greek Doric columns. Though indifferently maintained, most of the interior features, including a fine early staircase, remain generally intact. The small yard in front of the house is enclosed by an iron fence set in a brick retaining wall.

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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) 1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Aboriginal | Education | Political | Urban Planning |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Architecture</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This Greek Revival townhouse was built in 1839 by William Beers, a merchant tailor, and was owned by the Beers family until 1872. The only other family who lived there for any length of time was the Morris Nelson family who owned the house from 1883 until 1909. In 1965 the house was acquired by the Medical College of Virginia which now uses it for offices.

While the Beers House is not especially distinguished in a historic sense, its location on the corner of College and Broad Streets make it an integral link in a group of historic buildings in the Medical College of Virginia area. Directly above the Beers House, on Broad Street, is Monumental Church; below it is the African Baptist Church; and behind it is the Egyptian Building. The Beers House is also the last remaining early house on Broad Street west of Shockhoe Valley.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Richmond, Va.

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1964

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE OF PHOTO: 1968

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Richmond, Virginia

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Beers (William) House, 1228 E. Broad Street.
Exterior from the southeast.

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #127-30
1968
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: ~~355~~ 45

