Form 10-300  UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME  
COMMON:  
Pohick Episcopal Church  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Pohick Church  

2. LOCATION  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
9201 Richmond Highway  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Lorton  
STATE:  
Virginia  
CODE:  
45  
COUNTY:  
Fairfax  
CODE:  
059  

3. CLASSIFICATION  
CATEGORIES  
(Check One)  
District  
Site  
Object  

OWNERSHIP  
Public  
Private  
Both  

STATUS  
Occupied  
Unoccupied  
Preservation work in progress  

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  
Yes: 
Restricted  
Unrestricted  

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  
Agriculture  
Commercial  
Educational  
Entertainment  
Government  
Industrial  
Military  
Museum  
Religious  
Transportation  
Comments  
Other (Specify)  

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
OWNERS NAME:  
Trustees of Pohick Episcopal Church  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
9201 Richmond Highway  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Lorton  
STATE:  
Virginia  
CODE:  
45  

3. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Fairfax County Court House  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Fairfax  
STATE:  
Virginia  
CODE:  
45  

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:  
39.5 acres  

4. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey  
DATE OF SURVEY:  
1941  

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington  
STATE:  
District of Columbia  
CODE:  
08  

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY NUMBER:  
DATE:  

SEE INSTRUCTIONS
Pohick Church is a rectangular, two-story brick structure crowned by a modillioned cornice and a hipped roof. The brick is laid in Flemish bond with random glazed headers, and has been entirely repointed. Rubbed brick marks the jambs and arches of all the windows. The first floor windows feature flat lintels, while those of the second are arched.

The distinguishing feature of Pohick's exterior is its especially fine stonework which includes the large quoins at all four corners and the three doorways. Each of the two western doorways features a rusticated surround framed by Ionic pilasters which support a pediment with pulvinated frieze. The south doorway (the main entrance) is similarly treated but has a three-part keystone where the others have only a single stone for the keystone.

Pohick's exterior has undergone several restorations, and much of the fabric, such as the window sills and portions of the roof and cornice, have been renewed. Inside, only the cornice and a single baluster from the chancel rail are original. The remainder of the interior furnishings are a conjectural restoration installed, for the most part, between the years 1901-1916. Despite the fact that the church has two tiers of windows, there was no gallery in colonial times. The present gallery was added in the early part of the twentieth century.

The churchyard contains many colonial tombs, a number of which were moved there. The vestry house to the east was erected in 1931, according to plans of 1772 which had never been executed. The parish house to the south dates from 1955.
Pohick Church, in Truro Parish, was completed in 1772, replacing an earlier eighteenth century frame church of the same name. It has been suggested that George Washington drew the south elevation as well as the plans for the church. However, its affinity to two other colonial churches in northern Virginia - Christ Church in Alexandria, and Christ Church in Falls Church, both attributed to John Wren - suggests that perhaps the same person designed all three. During the Civil War, Pohick Church sustained extensive damage to its interiors when Federal troops used it as a stable, and its exterior walls were used for target practice.

In addition to being a fine example of colonial architecture, notable for its stonework, Pohick Church is associated with the names of several leading colonial patriots. George Washington and George Mason attended Pohick Church and served on the vestry of Truro Parish; and along with George William Fairfax, served on the building committee. It is also said that the colorful Parson Weems preached here.

In spite of extensive restoration and recent building, Pohick Church is particularly rich in historical associations, and is an excellent example of the colonial parish church in Virginia.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Meade, Bishop, Old Churches, Ministers, and Families of Virginia, Philadelphia, 1910.
Wayland, John W., Historic Homes of Northern Virginia, Staunton, Virginia, 1937.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director
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STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond
STATE: Virginia
CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [X] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Date: June 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Date: 

CHIEF, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register
   1968 State
   Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
   Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
   Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45