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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Hanover	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hanover County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East side of U.S. Rt. 301 at its intersection with County Rt. 1006

CITY OR TOWN:
Hanover

STATE Virginia	CODE	COUNTY: Hanover	CODE
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Size <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Hanover County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Hanover 23069

STATE: Virginia	CODE
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, LTC
Hanover County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Hanover

STATE: Virginia	CODE
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey. (1 photo)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress, Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE
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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
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hanover Courthouse is a one-story T-shaped brick structure with a high hipped roof and modillioned cornice surrounding the entire building. Its most distinguishing feature is the beautifully executed five-bay wide front arcade. The walls are of brick laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers and there are three interior end chimneys, one located at the end of each arm.

The front or west elevation is about 55 feet or five-bays wide and 28 feet deep, including the 13-foot-deep arcaded porch. The rear central arm is about 32 feet or four-bays deep and 27 feet or two-bays wide. The courtroom occupied the entire long central arm and is flanked by a room for the judge on one side and a jury room on the other. Each of these two small 14-foot-square rooms has a corner fireplace.

Little altered, Hanover Courthouse is in very good condition and is still used for its original purpose.

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6. 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) **1735, 1763**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input 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

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Hanover Courthouse is a very fine and well-preserved architectural example of a type of courthouse building widely used in Virginia in the 18th century. The one-story T-shaped brick structure was erected around 1735. Patrick Henry first came into prominence where he successfully pleaded the Parson's Cause in Hanover Courthouse in December 1763. Henry lived across the road for some time at the still extant Hanover Tavern, which his father-in-law John Shelton acquired in 1760.

History

Hanover County was created by an act of the Virginia Assembly from the western part of New Kent County in 1720 and the existing courthouse was built near the center of Hanover County around 1735.

Patrick Henry first came into prominence where he successfully pleaded the Parson's Cause in Hanover Courthouse in December 1763. The early 19th-century small brick clerk's office and the stone jail typical of a small Virginia Courthouse group are nearby.

Hanover Courthouse has been in continuous use since its construction and is still utilized for its original purpose. The building is open to visitors.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lancaster, Robert Bolling, A Sketch of the Early History of Hanover County, Virginia, Ashland, Virginia: 1957.

O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia, New York: Walker and Company, Inc., 1968.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
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NW	°	'	"	37°	45'	43"	77° 22' 02"
NE	°	'	"				
SE	°	'	"				
SW	°	'	"				

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: April 25, 1969

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 State Local

Name: Dr. Edward P. Alexander
Title: Chairman Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

ante June 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Crumley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: Oct 1 1969

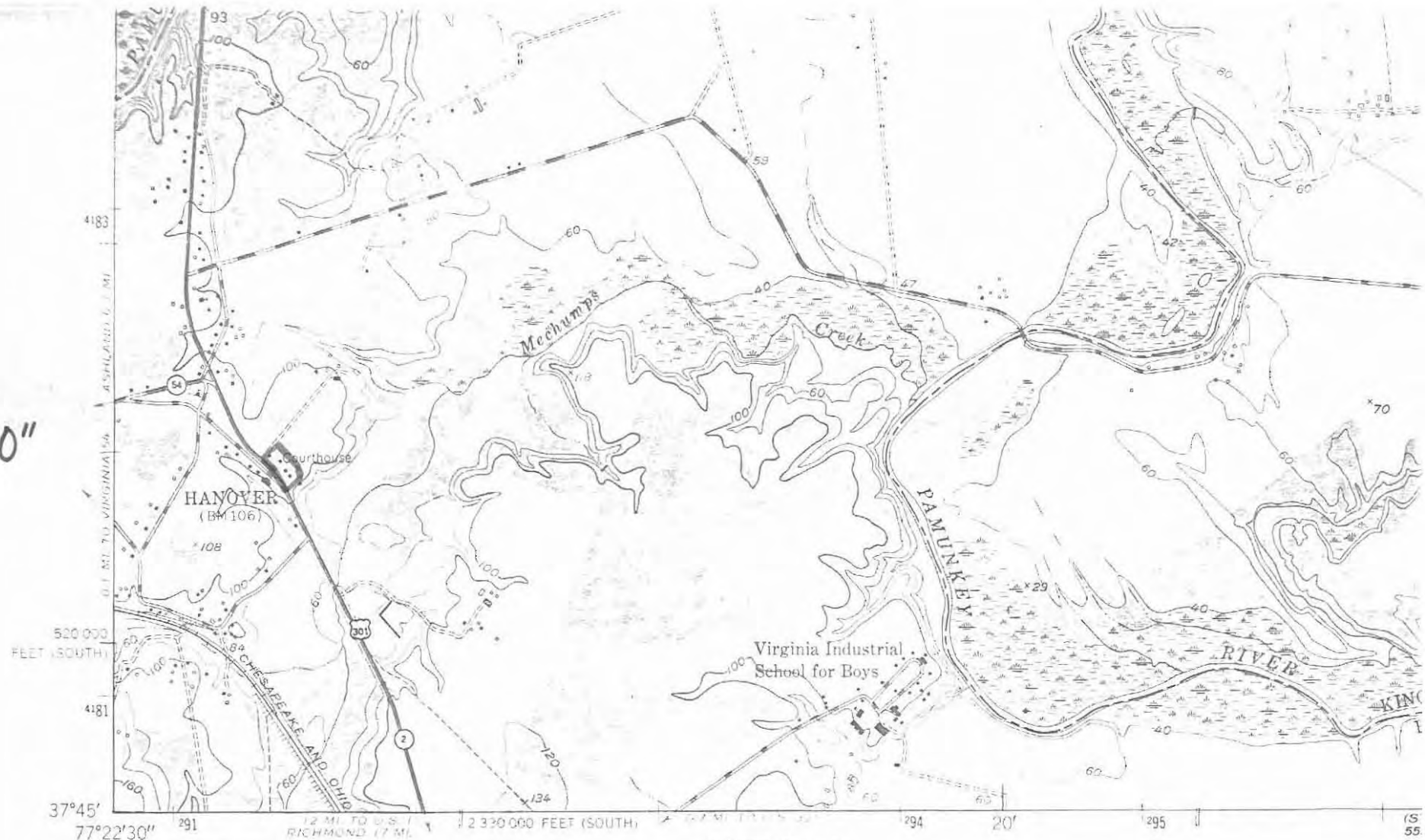
ATTEST:

William G. Swartz
Keeper of The National Register

Date: Oct 1 1969

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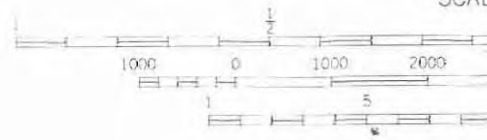
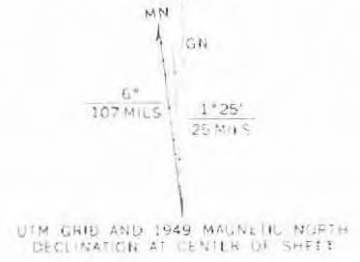
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 Aerial photographs taken 1947. Field check 1949

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000 foot grids based on Virginia coordinate system,
 north and south zones

Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
 1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18, shown in blue

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