

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Alexandria (in cit.)	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE: 5/27/69

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

VLR-5/13/69 NRHP-5/27/69  
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:  
The Lyceum

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
The Lyceum

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
201 South Washington

CITY OR TOWN:  
Alexandria

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51045 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 510

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <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"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
Estate Of Maurice D. Rosenberg

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3330 Stephenson Place, NW.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Clerk of the Court, Alexandria City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Royal and Cameron Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Alexandria STATE: Virginia CODE: 51045

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/5 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1941 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lyceum is a Greek Revival two-story brick structure faced with scored stucco. The principal facade is composed of three widely spaced bays separated by pilasters; the central bay has a projecting two-story pedimented tetrastyle Doric portico. The sides of the building have pedimented gable ends with pilasters separating the bays. The recessed front door is framed by two Doric pilasters supporting a full Doric entablature with triglyphs and metopes which surrounds the building. The rear facade features a shallow one-story ell with a later one-story wooden porch.

Unfortunately little original woodwork remains as the inside was much altered in the early-twentieth century; however, the staircase is intact. The original arrangement of the interior is known through a description by Benjamin Hallowell, the founder of the Lyceum. At present, the building is abandoned and is badly deteriorated.

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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)

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

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

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The Lyceum was founded by Benjamin Hallowell in 1834 as a society for scholarly activity for the citizens of Alexandria. The meetings of the Lyceum were first held in Hallowell's school, but he soon purchased a lot on which he had erected the present building as headquarters for the society. The actual date of construction is uncertain, but it is thought to have been built circa 1837. The building also provided facilities for the Alexandria Library Company, founded in 1749 as the city's first organization for the advancement of learning.

The Lyceum continued as an important and valuable institution until its activities were disrupted by the Civil War. After the war the Lyceum was dissolved and the building was converted into a handsome residence by John B. Dangerfield for his daughter, Mary.

Architecturally, the Lyceum building is an unusually fine example of the monumental Greek Revival style in Virginia. It is a rare surviving structure built for its particular function to house important local cultural institutions.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davis, Deering, Stephen P. Dorsey and Ralph Cole Hall, Alexandria Houses, 1750-1830, New York: Bonanza Books, 1946.  
 Moore, Gay Montague, Seaport in Virginia, Richmond: Garrett and Massie, Inc., 1949.

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38° 48' 31"	77° 02' 52"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission      DATE: May 22, 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 Edo P. Alexander per form  
 Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman  
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date 5/13/69  
 May 22, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/27/69

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #100-91  
1968  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building  
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: ~~760~~ 45

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Alexandria, Va.-D.C.-Md.			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1965			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Richmond, Virginia			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  View of front from the East			

