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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: Greene	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Greene County Court House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Greene County Court House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
NW corner of Rt. 649, .1 mi. S of intersection with Rt. 33.

CITY OR TOWN:
Stanardsville

STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Greene	CODE 079
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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"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Greene County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Stanardsville

STATE: Virginia	CODE 45
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Greene County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Stanardsville

STATE: Virginia	CODE 45
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 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)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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

Greene County Court House and its flanking jail and clerk's office (the latter destroyed) on the east and west respectively were completed by William B. Phillips in 1838. The two-story, gable roof court building was laid in Flemish bond with the nineteenth-century characteristic of thin, beaded mortar joints and even queen closers along some of the window openings and the corners of the building. The three-bay, gable end front has a pedimented tetra-style portico addition using Tuscan columns and a Roman Doric entablature. The entablature continues completely around the building and entirely surrounds the interior of the porch; wide pilasters match the columns on the facade of the building proper. The windows are framed rather simply with a corner block at either end of the lintels. The interior has been lightly garnished in Colonial Revival which may also explain the exterior cupola, but the gallery, with its attractive twin stairs and elliptical curve extending over approximately two-thirds of its span, adds a modest sense of sophistication to the court room.

Except for wooden "High School" auditorium seats and an exterior iron fence brought in for railing, the changes have not been harsh to Greene County Court House. Surprisingly, the portico, added in 1927-28, has enhanced the quality of the building and continues the spirit of the eclectic nineteenth century, an unusual occurrence in any addition which arrives ninety years later. It is unfortunate that the clerk's office has been torn down, but its replacement is not really obtrusive and does balance the unadorned brick jail which stands at the opposite flank.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

Greene County was formed from Orange County in 1838 and named for General Nathaniel Greene, the Revolutionary War soldier. The land for the court house, clerk's office, and jail was donated by Captain William Stanard, the founder of the town which became the county seat and was called Stanardsville. Originally built in 1839 at a cost of \$6,832, the court house did not take on its present appearance until the portico and columns were added in 1927-28. The county records are complete with the exception of Deed Book One. Governor Alexander Spotswood and his Knights of the Golden Horseshoe rode through this area in 1716 on their way to the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

This complex of buildings, complimented by a nineteenth-century church across the street, is separated from the main highway by over a block and represents the high standards of excellence which are repeated with amazing consistency in Virginia's courthouse groupings.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Evans, M. Louise, "The Trail of the Golden Horseshoe," Virginia and the Virginia County (October 1950), 21 ff.
 O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia. New York: Walker & Company, Inc., 1968.
 Street, Elwood, "Courthouse for Greene County," Richmond Times-Dispatch, March 15, 1942.

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	° ' "	° ' "		38° 17' 46"	78° 26' 23"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 10 acres.**

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: November 13, 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, Chairman
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

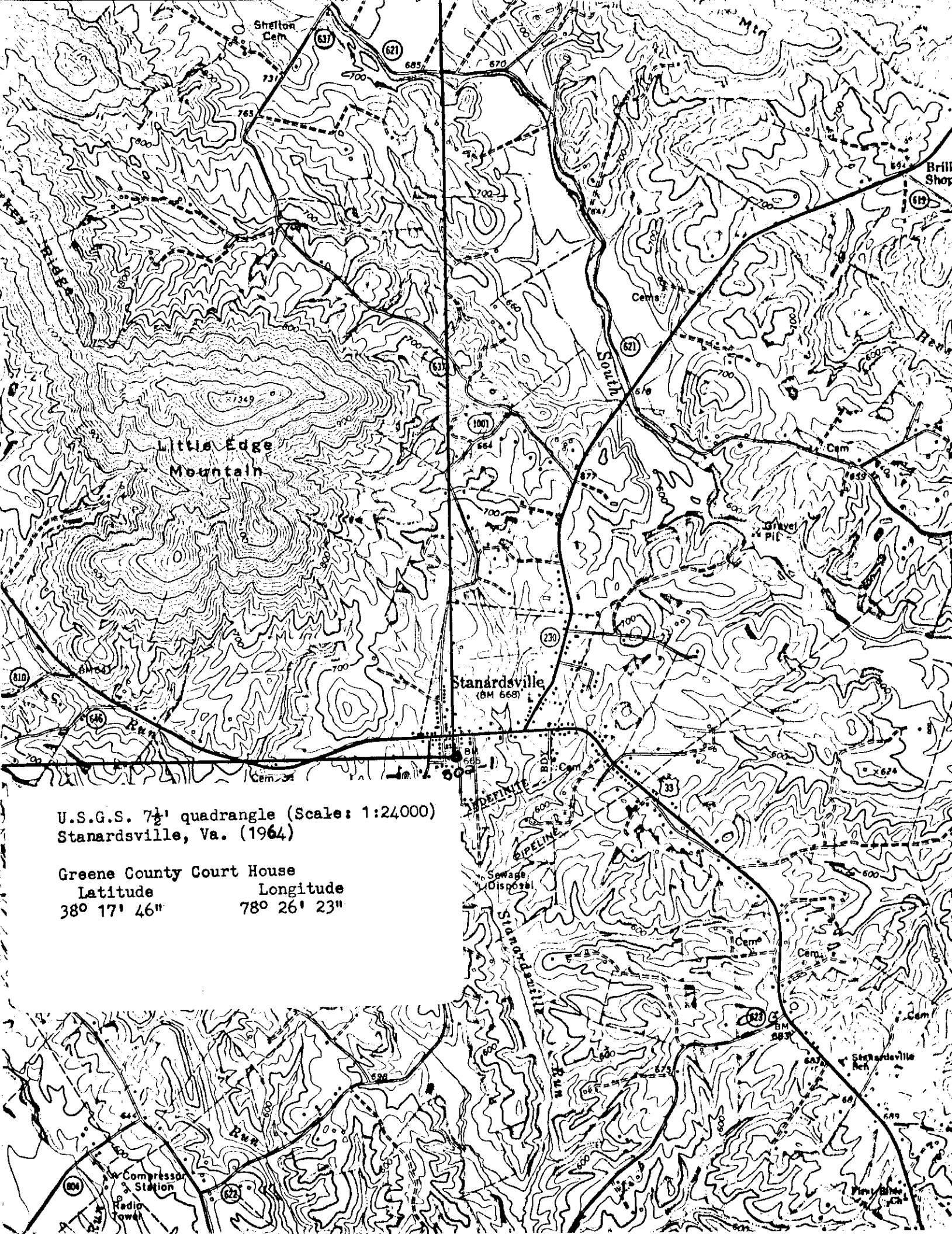
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register
 Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24000)
Stanardsville, Va. (1964)

Greene County Court House
Latitude Longitude
38° 17' 46" 78° 26' 23"