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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Virginia	
COUNTY:	Culpeper	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:

Little Fork Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Oak Shade Church; Little Fork Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .8 mi. N of Hazel River, .6 mi. E of intersection of Rt. 726, Rt. 229 and Rt. 611, NE corner of intersection of Rt. 624 and Rt. 726.

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

Virginia

CODE

45

COUNTY:

Culpeper

CODE

047

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP			STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
	District	Building	Public			Private
Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Object	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
						No: <input 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 type="checkbox"/>		
Educational	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

St. Mark's Parish

STREET AND NUMBER:

115 N. East Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Culpeper

STATE:

Virginia

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45

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Virginia

COUNTY:

Culpeper

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Culpeper County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Culpeper

STATE:

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

STATE:

D. C.

CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(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

Little Fork Church is a one-story brick structure which measures approximately 83½' x 33½'. Its walls are laid in Flemish bond with random glazed headers above and below the water table. Unfortunately most of the brick below the water table as well as the brick gutter have been covered by cement. Rubbed brick marks the four corners of the building as well as the window jambs, principal window arches, and original door jambs. The long south wall of the church is divided into seven-bays containing six semi-circular arched windows and a central door. This door, as well as the west door, has been altered but probably both originally featured brick pediments. The west facade has two small rectangular windows placed high on the wall as if to be gallery windows although it is not certain that the church ever had a gallery. The whole of the building is surrounded by a modillion cornice (probably the original) and is crowned by a hipped roof.

The church's most important interior feature is its original reredos located between the two arched east windows. It consists of four tablets separated by Doric pilasters and topped by a triangular pediment. Other original interior fabric includes the wainscoting and probably the coved cornice. The pulpit, which is thought to have stood opposite the south door, has disappeared as have the original pews. The window trim and sash is early but thought not to be colonial.

Little Fork's churchyard contains no graves but does possess a large marble monument erected in 1904 to the memory of the Little Fork Rangers, a Confederate company.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE																																								
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)																																								
<p>Little Fork Church was erected during the years 1774-76 to replace an earlier wooden structure destroyed by fire in 1773. It is believed that Little Fork was designed by John Ariss, to whom the nearly identical Lamb's Creek Church (1769-70) is also attributed.</p>																																								
<p>Little Fork Church is one of the few colonial churches to survive in northern Piedmont Virginia, however it was never a parish church. It served only as a chapel for St. Mark's Parish until the Disestablishment. Like most of Virginia's colonial churches, Little Fork served as a stable for Union troops during the Civil War. Used by the Methodists until several years ago, the church once again serves as a chapel for St. Mark's Parish.</p>																																								
<p>Although relatively neglected at present, Little Fork Church remains one of Virginia's finer and better preserved colonial churches. It is also one of the few colonial churches to retain a large proportion of its original interiors. It has been said that the church's elaborate reredos was executed by the same craftsman who built the mantel at Salubria, a colonial mansion also in Culpeper County.</p>																																								
<p>Located in a somewhat remote section of the county, Little Fork's immediate environs still possess the rural character they had in the eighteenth century.</p>																																								

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rawlings, James Scott, Virginia's Colonial Churches: An Architectural Guide, Richmond: Garrett and Massie, 1963.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

11. LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NE	° ' "	° ' "
SE	° ' "	° ' "
SW	° ' "	° ' "

12. LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Degrees Minutes Seconds 38 ° 36 ' 00 "	Degrees Minutes Seconds 77 ° 57 ' 18 "

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

June 2, 1989

STREET AND NUMBER:

Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond

STATE

CODE

Virginia

45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Comm.

Date _____

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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1958 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #23-13
1968 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 760 45

Lat. 38°

U.S.G.S. 15' quadrangle (Scale: 1:62500)
Warrenton, Va. (1927)

Little Fork Church

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Shiloh, S. H.

31000
FEET

38°30

300' 1/150,000 FEET
Topography by J.M. Rawls, R.H. Runyan, G.E. Sisson, and H.R. Kilmer
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
taken by Air Corps, U.S. Army
Surveyed in 1927

12,150,000 FEET

CULPEPER 1.7 MI.
CHARLOTTESVILLE 48 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unpaved _____

APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECONTAMINATION, 1957

U.S. Postage

State Review

**CONTOUR
DATUM**

FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGIC
SURVEY
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC