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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:	
Cumberland	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE



1. NAME

COMMON:

Cumberland County Court House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Cumberland County Court House

2. LOCATION

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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>				
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Cumberland County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Cumberland

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Virginia

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49

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VirginiaCOUNTY:
Cumberland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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

District of Columbia

CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cumberland County Court House is a one-story brick rectangular five-bay structure with a gable roof featuring pedimented ends. Its facade is laid in Flemish bond while the other three sides are laid in American bond. The principal exterior architectural feature is the finely executed tetrastyle Tuscan portico on the facade, the columns of which are brick covered with stucco. The portico features a full entablature while only the Tuscan cornice is carried about the rest of the building. The main entrance is composed of recessed double doors framed by an architrave and topped by a well-proportioned pediment and pulvinated frieze.

The plan consists of a judge's room, conference room, and jury room contained in the western end of the building, with the courtroom occupying the remainder of the interior. Despite alterations much of the interior decoration remains intact, however the original judge's bench has disappeared. The window and door surrounds as well as much of the wainscoting in the courtroom is original. At present, the courthouse is undergoing extensive restoration.

Mention should also be made of the adjoining clerk's office with its fine Doric entablature. This building, along with the nearby jail, was probably built about the same time as the courthouse.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

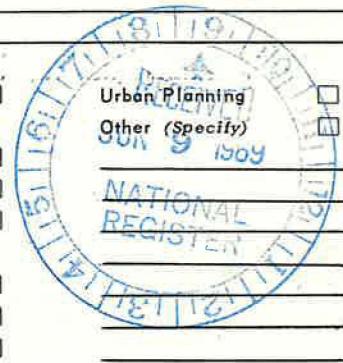
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>	19th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

SPECIFIC DATE(s) (If Applicable and Known) 1818-1821

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy	<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"/>
Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>		



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

The Cumberland County Court House was begun in 1818 and completed by 1821. Its builder was William A. Howard. The building is an excellent example of the influence of Thomas Jefferson on the architecture of public buildings in Virginia. Essentially it is a temple-form building with the main portico on the side rather than the end. The building exhibits few provincialisms; the Tuscan portico, as well as the general proportions of the main body are 'correct' according to Palladian standards. The courthouse further serves as an expression of the desires of the men of the early republic to house their cherished democratic institutions in dignified surroundings.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gaines, William H., Jr., "Courthouses of Cumberland and Powhatan Counties", Virginia Cavalcade, Vol. 17, No. 3, 1968.
 Hopkins, Garland Evans, Story of Cumberland County.
 Letter from Tucker H. Hill to the Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors regarding restoration of the Cumberland Court House.

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			
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	OR	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	OR	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		Degrees Minutes Seconds 37° 29' 50"	Degrees Minutes Seconds 78° 14' 40"		
NE							
SE							
SW							

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

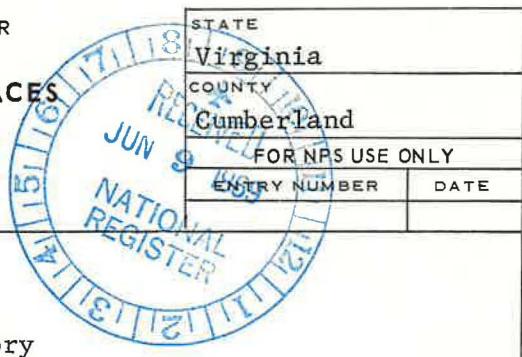
NAME AND TITLE:	Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director		
ORGANIZATION	DATE		
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	April 24, 1969		
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Richmond	Virginia	45	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Jr.</u></p> <p>Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.</p> <p>Date June 2, 1969</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1957 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #24-5
1968 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S.

15', quadrangle

Jetersville, Va.

SCALE: 1:62500

DATE: 1958

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

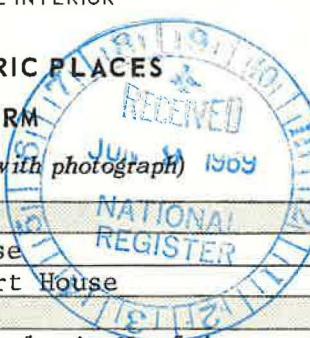
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Richmond, Virginia

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of front from the Southeast



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