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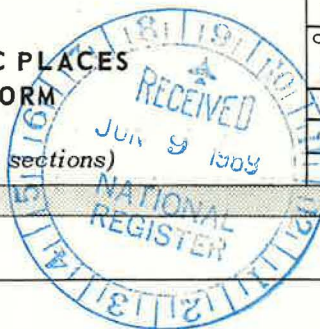
Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

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: Cumberland	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE



<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON: Cumberland County Court House	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cumberland County Court House	

<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: NW side of Rt. 60, .1 mi. N of intersection of Rt. 60 and Rt. 45.			
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Cumberland	CODE 049

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Preservation work in progress <input 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"/>		

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME: Cumberland County			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE: Virginia	CODE 49	STATE: Virginia COUNTY: Cumberland

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Cumberland County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE: Virginia	CODE 45	STATE: Virginia COUNTY: Cumberland
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres			

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941 Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 08	FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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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 ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☐

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☒

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

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☒

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

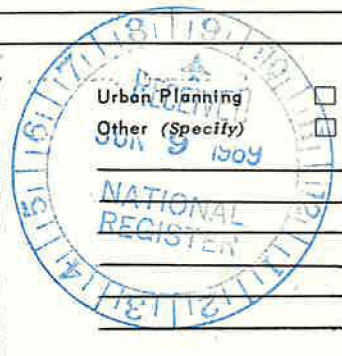
Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐



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.

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# 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				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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  
April 24, 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, Jr.  
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman  
Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date June 2, 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

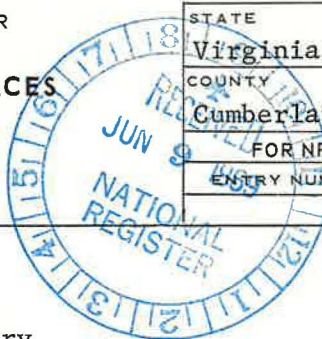
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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory  
1957 Federal  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

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



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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Virginia	45	Cumberland	049
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 15', quadrangle Jetersville, Va.			
SCALE: 1:62500			
DATE: 1958			
<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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<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
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 Southeast			



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