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Form 10-300
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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: New Kent	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Saint Peter's Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Saint Peter's Church	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: N side of Rt. 642, .4 mi. NE of intersection of Rt. 642 and Rt. 609.			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: New Kent	CODE 127

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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"/>
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. Peter's Parish			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: New Kent	STATE: Virginia	CODE 45	STATE: Virginia

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input 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

Built in the early-eighteenth century and constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond, St. Peter's measures 64' - 4" by 28' - 4½" and is one story high. The gable roof has curvilinear gable ends; segmental arches appear over the windows of the church and the open arches of the tower which was added in the mid-eighteenth century replacing an earlier wooden belfry. The two-story brick tower is of Flemish bond with some glazing and has a pyramidal roof. The top of the tower is also decorated by four original stuccoed brick urns. A wing was added sometime before the Revolution but was removed in the middle of the nineteenth century.

The original south doorway and several windows had been bricked up but have been restored as have the curvilinear gable ends for which evidence was found in the fabric of the building during the 1940's and again during the restoration work of 1951-52. Much of the interior and exterior has been restored or replaced in what is thought to be its original condition.

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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)

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

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

Possibly built as early as 1701-03 by William Hughes, St. Peter's Church is one of the oldest remaining churches in the Commonwealth, and it is one of only four remaining Virginia churches constructed of brick laid in English bond. With Yeocomico Church, it represents the transition from the Gothic to the Classical style in Virginia ecclesiastical architecture. This is due principally to the restored curvilinear gable ends, the "Double casement windows," the "original chancel window and the differences in the two storeys of the tower," which is itself one of the most interesting features of St. Peter's.

St. Peter's was the church of Martha Washington in her younger years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rawlings, James Scott, Virginia's Colonial Churches. Richmond: 1963.
 Rose, Harold Wyckliffe, The Colonial Houses of Worship in America. New York: 1963.
 Brock, Henry Irving, Colonial Churches in Virginia. Richmond: 1930.
 Lancaster, Robert A., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches. Philadelphia: 1915.

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	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	37° 32' 24"	77°	03' 24"
NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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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 28, 1969
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Richmond	Virginia
	CODE
	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

Edw. P. Alexander per John

Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman

Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date June 2, 1969

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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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1958 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #63-27
1968 State
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7,5' quadrangle Tunstall			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1949			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
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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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia State Chamber of Commerce			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia State Chamber of Commerce Richmond, Virginia			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View from the Southwest			

