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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)

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY																																					
OWNERS NAME: St. Peter's Parish																																					
STREET AND NUMBER:																																					
CITY OR TOWN: New Kent		STATE: Virginia	CODE 45																																		
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																																		
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres																																					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS																																					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey																																					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input type="checkbox"/> 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																																		
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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.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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.

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

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

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

OR	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

April 28, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:

Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond

STATE

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

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

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 _____

Date June 2, 1969

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

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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

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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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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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

