

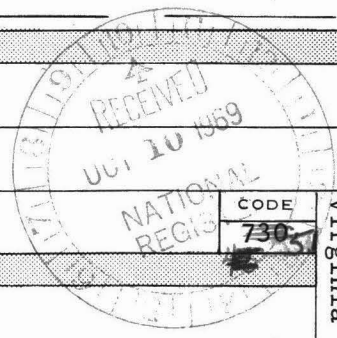
Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: (in Petersburg City).	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-45-0057	DATE 11/2/69

1. NAME			
COMMON: Battersea			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Battersea			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 793 Appomattox Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg			
STATE Virginia	CODE 730	COUNTY: (in City)	CODE 730
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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			
OWNERS NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Russell S. Perkinson			
STREET AND NUMBER: 793 Appomattox Street P.O. Box 455			
CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg	STATE: Virginia		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hustings Court			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg	STATE Virginia		CODE 730
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 35 acres			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
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: D. C.		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 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

The original appearance of Battersea must be a matter of conjecture as the house underwent significant alterations in the early-nineteenth century. As one authority noted, however, these did not alter the basic integrity of the original design. The house is built on a five-part plan, having a two-story central block, one-story hyphens, and two-story pedimented gable end pavilions. The central block is covered by a pyramidal roof with a carved pineapple at its apex. Apparently the central block was fronted by a two-level portico as evidenced by the break in the cornice. The present one-story porch appears to date from the alterations although early materials may have been used. The finely executed dwarf porticoes at the ends of the building are original. Other alterations to the exterior include the stuccoing of the Flemish bond brick walls, the insertion of the Palladian windows in the end pavilions and three-part windows in the hyphens, and the installation of the fan-and side-light front entrance. The window arrangement on the rear of the house appears to be original although some of the windows may have been enlarged.

The plan of the house survives intact, however some of the original woodwork has been lost. The entrance hall retains its magnificent Chinese trellis stair and its original paneling. The paneled dados survive in the west pavilion and hyphen as well as in the drawing room, more properly known as a saloon.

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STATE Virginia	
COUNTY Petersburg (in City)	
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(Number all entries)

6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1959 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report 123-59
1967 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: ~~760~~ 45



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) C. 1765-1770

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☐

Architecture

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

History

Art ☒

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

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

Although the early-nineteenth century alterations have given Battersea an Italianate feeling, it remains one of the finest Palladian houses in the state. There is strong circumstantial evidence that it was designed by Thomas Jefferson but positive authentication has never been established. However the house does contain many of the Roman and Palladian forms so admired by Jefferson.

Battersea was built circa 1765-1770 for Colonel John Banister, a close friend of Jefferson's. Colonel Banister served in the House of Burgesses, the State Assembly, the Continental Congress, and all the Revolutionary conventions. In addition, he also served as the first mayor of Petersburg.

Battersea was visited in 1781 by the Marquis de Chastellux who observed, "Mr. Banister's handsome country-house...is really worth seeing. It is decorated rather in the Italian, than the English or American style, having three porticoes at the three principal entries...."

It should be noted that the Chinese trellis stair in the house is considered to be the finest of its type in Virginia.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kimball, Fiske, Thomas Jefferson, Architect, Boston: 1916.

Virginia Magazine of History, Vols. 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 28, and 36.

Waterman, Thomas Tileston, Domestic Colonial Architecture of Tidewater Virginia, New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1932.

_____, The Mansions of Virginia, 1706-1776, New York: Bonanza Books, 1945.

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	37°	13'	43"	77°	26'	42"		
NE	37°	13'	43"	77°	25'	35"		
SE	37°	13'	03"	77°	25'	35"		
SW	37°	13'	03"	77°	26'	42"		

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: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: June 2, 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 Edw. P. Alexander by John

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

Date 10-7-69

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 12 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Smutsky
Keeper of the National Register

Date OCT 23 1969

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 11-10-75 Wm
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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24,000)
Petersburg, Va. (1952)

Battersea

Latitude

NW 37° 13' 43"
NE 37° 13' 43"
SE 37° 13' 03"
SW 37° 13' 03"

Longitude

77° 26' 42"
77° 25' 35"
77° 25' 35"
77° 26' 42"

