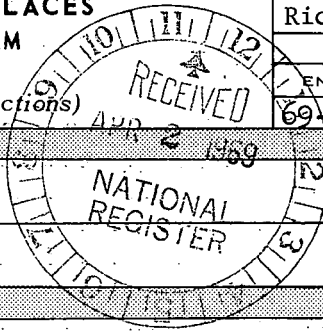


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Richmond (in cit.)	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Benjamin Watkins Leigh House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Wickham-Leigh House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1000 E. Clay Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE: Virginia CODE: 760 COUNTY: CODE:

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"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <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 type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Offices
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:
Virginia Commonwealth University (Medical College of Virginia)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 760

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chancery Court, Richmond City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 760

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3/4 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

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 type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <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 Benjamin Watkins Leigh House, a rectangular three-story structure, is distinctive for its four-bay facade and off-center front door. Although built in the early-nineteenth century, the exterior character of the house has been somewhat altered by the addition of an Italianate bracketed cornice and a small Italianate front porch. The house has been stuccoed for many years but it is not known whether this is an original feature. When the building became part of the Sheltering Arms Hospital, a large three-story wing was added to the east side connecting it to the Grant House.

The interior of the Leigh House has suffered many unfortunate alterations, however, the original stair and some of the woodwork survive.

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #127-65
1968
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 760



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) **1812-1816**

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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 townhouse known as the Benjamin Watkins Leigh House was built by John Wickham between 1812 and 1816. Wickham's daughter, Julia, who married Benjamin Leigh, received the house from her father, and the couple made it their residence. Benjamin Leigh, a noted jurist and lawyer, helped in the revision of the Virginia Constitution in 1831. He was an ardent supporter of states' rights, and served in the United States Senate during the Jackson administration. Leigh died in 1849, and the house was sold to Lieutenant Governor John M. Gregory. The property eventually passed into the hands of Mrs. Julia M. Sprately who sold the house to the Sheltering Arms Hospital in 1932. The house is now owned by the Medical College of Virginia and is used for offices.

Although rich in historical associations, the Leigh House is a fine Federal townhouse. It plays a very significant role, both architecturally and historically, in one of Richmond's most venerable neighborhoods.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scott, Mary Wingfield, Houses of Old Richmond, Richmond: 1941.
Old Richmond Neighborhoods, Richmond: Whittet and Shepperson, 1950.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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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: Edward P. Alexander CHAIRMAN

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: March 27, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 760

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

Title Chairman, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date March 28, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 16 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Mustangh
 Keeper of The National Register

APR 16 1969

Date _____

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Richmond

69000352

Leigh (Benjamin Walkers)
House
Richmond

State VA

NPS Number

89-04-45-0007

RECEIPT

SIGN OFF COLUMN
Surname & Date

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REVIEW

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Keeper	Comments
	OK

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ENTRY

Chief, OAHP	Comments		
Date of Entry	4/16/69		
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Title: LEIGH (BENJAMIN WATKINS)

HOUSE

Loc. RICHMOND (IND. CITY), VIRGINIA

1000 E. CLAY ST.

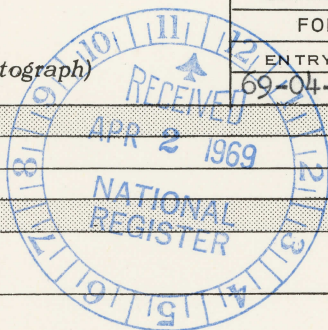
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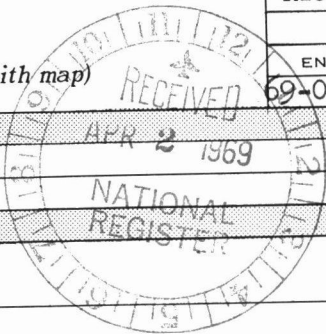
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Richmond, Virginia			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. (Benjamin Watkins) Leigh House, 1000 E. Clay Street. Exterior from the southeast.			

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
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SCALE: 1:24000
DATE: 1964

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 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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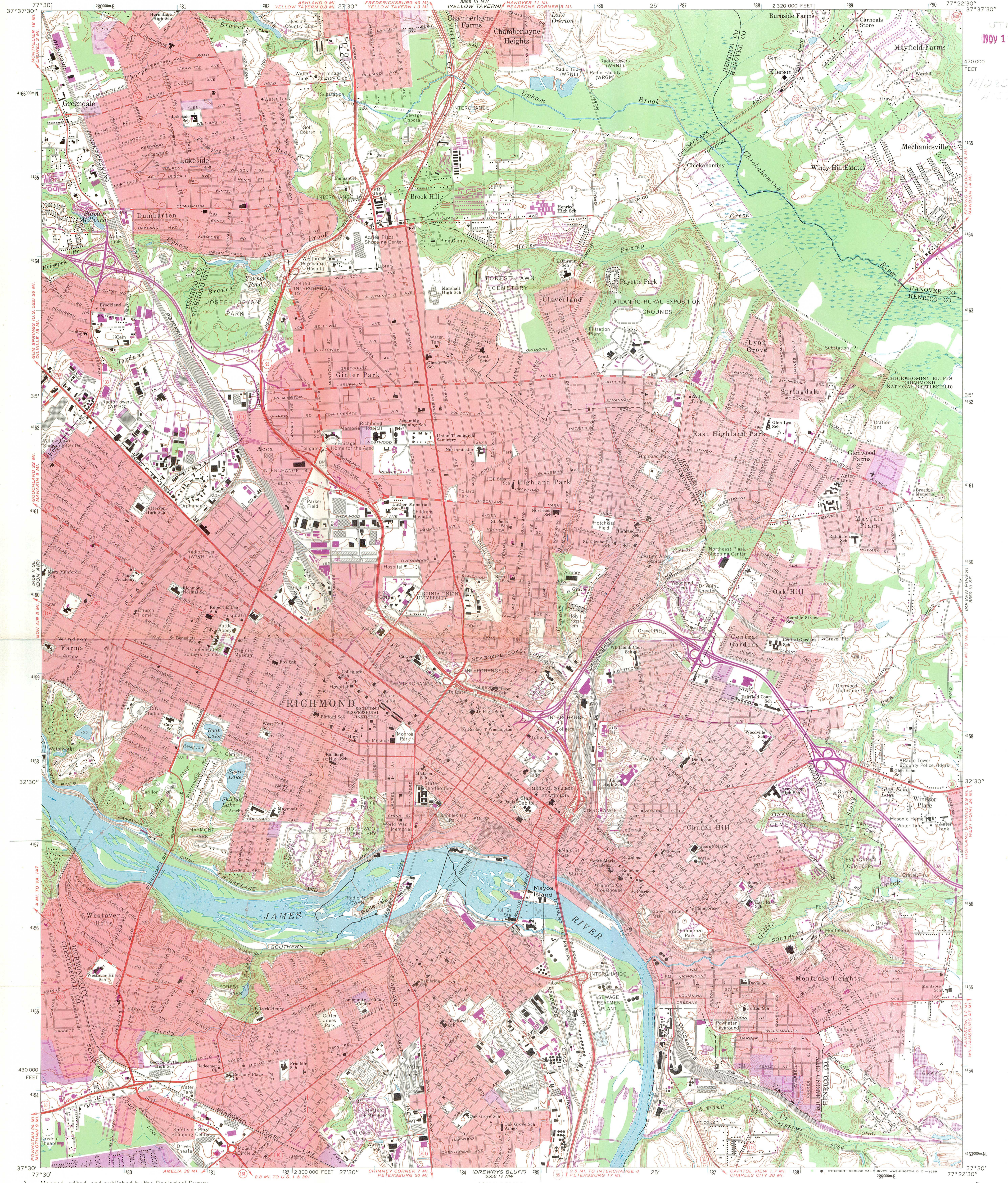
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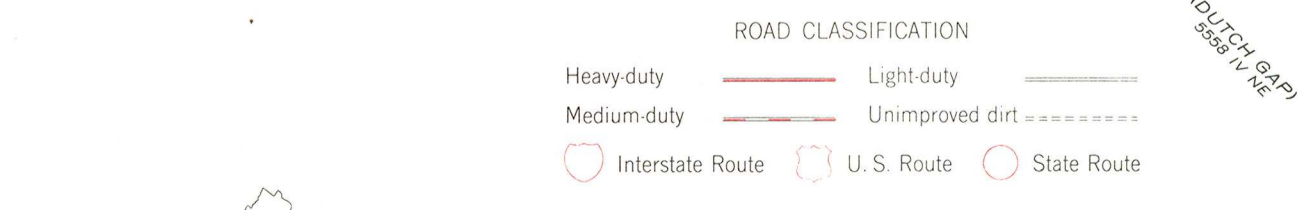
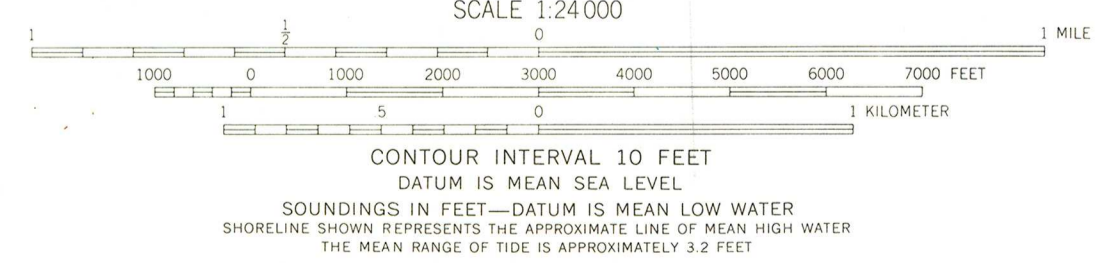
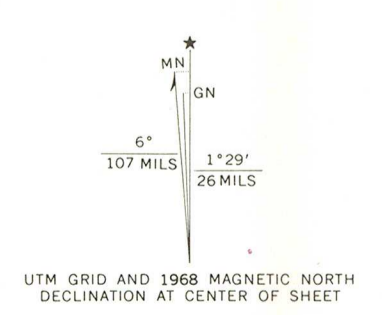
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April 22, 1969

Dr. Edward P. Alexander
Chairman
Virginia Historic Landmarks
Commission
Room 1106
State Ninth Street Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Dr. Alexander:

We wish to inform you that the properties indicated on the enclosed forms have been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry L. Rogers

Jerry L. Rogers
Assistant Keeper of the
National Register

Enclosure

cc:

Regional Director, Southeast Region-w/c encl.

T, Butterfield-w/c encl.

HR

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Monumental Church
Maupin-Maury House
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Egyptian Building
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