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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic (Old) Clarke County Courthouse (preferred) (VHLC 21-21)

and/or common General District Courts Building

2. Location

street & number 104 North Church Street N/A not for publication

city, town Berryville N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Virginia code 51 county Clarke County code 043

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Clarke County (c/o Chairman, Board of Supervisors)

street & number P.O. Box 169

city, town Berryville N/A vicinity of state Virginia 22611

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clarke County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Berryville state Virginia 22611

6. Representation in Existing Surveys<sup>(2)</sup> (See Continuation Sheet #2)

(1) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

title Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

city, town Richmond state Virginia 23219

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>N/A</u>

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Old Clarke County Courthouse is set in a tree-shaded square off North Church Street in the center of Berryville. The building is an excellent example of Virginia's Roman Revival Style being built in a temple form and fronted by a properly proportioned Tuscan portico. Its facade is laid in the very precise Flemish-bond brick characteristic of the Roman Revival buildings. A large, two-story addition was added to the north wall in the early 20th century and the interior of the courthouse was remodeled about the same time, however, the courthouse's basic architectural integrity remains intact. Included in the nomination is a quaint, one-story brick building of ca. 1880 on the square to the north of the courthouse. It originally served as the clerk's office but is now a lawyer's office. Also included in the nomination is a two-story building of ca. 1900 containing the Sheriff's office and county jail.

### ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS

The original portion of the Old Clarke County Courthouse is a temple form building with three bays on the facade and four bays on the sides and fronted by a tetrastyle Tuscan portico. In an examination of the roof framing undertaken as part of a 1975 restoration report, J. Everett Fauber, F.A.I.A., suggested that the portico might be a later addition as the portico framing did not appear to match that of the main roof. Although the dimensions of the main body of the buildings are 54' x 42', as stipulated in the original specifications in the county Order Book, the specifications would not necessarily have included the portico. That the portico is an original feature would seem likely, however, as it is completely consistent with the rest of the building, and there is no break in the Tuscan entablature where the portico joins the main part of the building. Old photographs show that the stuccoed portico columns originally had proper bases, but these have been lost in later renovations. The portico's tympanum has a lunette window with fanlight mullions. Extra sophistication is given to the portico by the use of an interior entablature.

The courthouse facade is laid in very precise Flemish-bond brickwork with tooled mortar joints and is in a good state of repair. Because of its sheltered position the facade preserves much of the original pencilling on the mortar joints. The main entrance in the center bay consists of paneled doors and a four-light transom framed by a Classical architrave and topped by a jack arch. The facade windows are not topped by jack arches but rather by square wooden lintels.

As suggested above, the courthouse is surrounded by a full Tuscan entablature except where interrupted by a two-story early 20th-century brick addition attached to the north wall. This addition also blocked original fenestration on the north wall. The remaining original windows have 12/12 hung-sash windows flanked by dark green louvred shutters. On the upper level of the south wall the westernmost window has been converted to a door with an iron fire escape leading down from it. The other three bays are false windows with permanently shut louvred shutters. As with a number of Virginia courthouses of this period and style, the windows are false at this point since they would be interrupted by the ceiling of the courtroom. The upper false windows on the rear wall were never treated with architraves or louvred shutters but are simply inset

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

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7. DESCRIPTION -- Architectural Analysis

brick panels which, along with the rest of the rear wall, are still punctuated with putlog holes. The rear wall and the side walls are laid in four-course American bond. The easternmost bay of the north wall escaped being covered over by the addition, but its original openings were replaced by a large segmental-arch window inserted over the relocated judge's bench during the remodeling. The only other significant alteration to the exterior is a ca. 1960 low, brick wing of completely utilitarian style added to the northeast corner. The north addition, on the other hand, is not without a certain style. Its first floor is fronted by a four-bay brick arcade and a wooden stair behind the arches.

Other exterior features of note on the original portion are the limestone rubble foundations and the cupola set on the ridge immediately behind the portico. The octagonal cupola appears to be original; its openings are filled with louvres and are framed by Tuscan pilaster strips. Topping the cupola is a small ogival dome set on a stepped plinth. The building originally had an interior chimney rising immediately behind the second bay from the west on the south wall (thus accounting for the false windows in that bay), but the stack has been removed. The corresponding stack on the north wall survives. A small, later chimney stack projects from the southeast corner. The roof is covered in standing-seam sheet metal.

The early 20th-century alterations to the interior had a significant impact on the arrangement of the courtroom. In its original state, the judge's bench was centered on the east wall; it was moved around to the north wall with the large arched window mentioned above being placed over it. The courtroom floor was also ramped for better spectator viewing. About the only original feature in the courtroom is the rear gallery which is fronted by a Tuscan entablature. The gallery was originally reached by winding stairs at either end; however, the northern stair has been removed and the space filled in by a lavatory. The remaining stair has square balusters and rounded handrail similar to that on the gallery. The matchboarding on the courtroom walls and the iron spectator seats also date from the remodeling. The original second-floor jury rooms behind the gallery retain the original architrave trim around the opening and their simple but handsome Federal-style mantels.

The courthouse shares the square with three other buildings. The combination county jail and Sheriff's office is found on the southern edge of the square. The two-story, Flemish- and American-bond structure of ca. 1900 is covered by a hip roof. Segmental arch openings have 6/6 hung-sash windows. The double-door entrance is sheltered by a dwarf portico. At one time the clerk's office, a one-story lawyer's office sits on the northern edge of the square. Dating to the 1880s, the American-bond brick structure is covered by a gable roof with a simple gable ornament. The building has unusually large, 2/2 windows topped by flat brick arches. A Greek Revival-style courthouse constructed in 1977 is not included as part of the nominated buildings.

The square, set off from Church Street by an iron fence, is planted with trees and shrubs and features a monument to the county's Confederate dead.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1837-38

**Builder/Architect** David Meade

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Clarke County Courthouse belongs to Virginia's important and unique collection of Roman Revival courthouses, the prototypes for which were the public building designs of Thomas Jefferson. It was Jefferson's State Capitol in Richmond that initially popularized the temple form with Roman orders for government structures, and Jefferson later designed as many as three porticoed temple-form courthouses for Virginia counties. A number of Jefferson's workmen carried on the tradition after his death. With its simple tetrastyle Tuscan portico set against red brick walls, the Clarke County Courthouse follows the Jeffersonian example of properly proportioned Roman form rendered in native materials. The building was designed and built by David Meade, younger brother of Bishop William Meade, soon after Clarke County was formed from Frederick County in 1836. Although a local tradition holds that the courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1850 and completely rebuilt, both archival and architectural evidence indicates that fire damage, if any, was minimal. The building served as the county's courthouse until 1977 when a new courthouse was erected. It now is designated the General District Courts Building.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

While the present area of Clarke County was settled as early as 1725, the county itself was not incorporated until 1836, the year in which it was formed from Frederick County and named for General George Rogers Clark. One of the immediate requirements of the new county was a courthouse; and on March 28, 1836, the town of Berryville, formerly known as Battletown, was chosen as the county seat. The court order selecting Berryville as the courthouse town also provided for the use of an old academy building as a temporary court until an appropriate building could be constructed. In July 1837, two acres of land were purchased for \$300 and the survey plat entered into the court records.

Prior to the purchase of the courthouse site, two plans for the courthouse building were submitted by county magistrates D.H. Allen and David Meade. The plan of David Meade was accepted. Meade's original plan has not been found, but a valuable clue to the authenticity of the present structure is given in the court order accepting his plan. The commissioners supervising the erection of the building were authorized to enlarge the Meade plan, "so as not to exceed fifty-four feet in length and forty-two feet in breadth." According to local tradition, the original courthouse burned about 1850 and was rebuilt on the same foundations. No description in newspapers or court records has been uncovered, and no evidence of a major fire has been found to confirm the tradition. Although all the early county records were stored in the building at the time, only a few volumes of marriage registrations were lost. This, together with the remaining architectural evidence, suggests that fire damage, if any, was minimal.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Clarke County Deed Book A; Order Book A, B; Will Book A.  
 Fauber, J. Everette Jr. Restoration and Addition to Clarke County Courthouse. Lynchburg:  
 February 1975.  
 Farland, Mary Gray, and Greenhalgh, Beverley Byrd. In the Shadow of the Blue Ridge. Richmond:  
 William Byrd Press. 1978.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre  
 Quadrangle name Berryville, VA Quadrangle scale 1:24000

**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Boundary Justification: The nominated property of the Old Clarke County Courthouse consists of one acre. The one acre encompasses the courthouse square and includes the original courthouse, former clerk's office and the county jail and Sheriff's office. A new courthouse, completed in 1977 is not included in the nomination.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries** (See Continuation Sheet #2)

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	<u>N/A</u>	code
state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	<u>N/A</u>	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff  
 organization Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission date September 1982  
 street & number 221 Governor Street telephone (804) 786-3144  
 city or town Richmond state Virginia 23219

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*H. Bryan Mitchell*

H. Bryan Mitchell, Executive Director  
 title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

date SEP 16 1982

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

*for Delores Byer*  
 Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
 National Register

date 7/7/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
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8. SIGNIFICANCE -- Historical Background

With its portico the Clarke County Courthouse follows the pediment portico, temple-form building first used in Virginia on Jefferson's State Capitol and later on the courthouses of Buckingham, Charlotte, and Botetourt counties. These designs proved popular and were soon transmitted to other counties by the workmen of Thomas Jefferson at the University of Virginia. The Jeffersonian influence spread quickly, and as new counties were formed, they adopted the temple-form plan. Such was the case with Clarke County.

David Meade, whose plan for the new courthouse had been chosen by his fellow justices, is best remembered as the younger brother of Bishop William Meade. He was born in 1793 at "Lucky Hill," the residence of their father, Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Kidder Meade, an aide-de-camp of General Washington during the Revolution. The younger Meade was educated at Princeton and graduated in the Class of 1812. Unfortunately, Meade did not live to see his plan brought to completion; he died in November 1837 at Ben Venue, his residence near White Post, where he had established a successful merchant trade. In addition to serving as a county justice, Meade was a member of the first school commission of the county and had also been nominated for high sheriff.

The Clarke County Courthouse served as the county's only courthouse until 1977 when a new courthouse building was erected to the rear of the 1837-38 building. Meade's building today serves as the General District Court Building and county office building.

VDS/RCC

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA -- Boundary Justification and Verbal Boundary Description

The square is defined on North Church Street by an iron fence.

Verbal Boundary Description: Beginning at a point on the E side of Church St., approximately 200' ENE of intersection of VA Business Route 7 and Church St.; thence extending approximately 300' ENE along said side of Church St.; thence extending approximately 150' ESE; thence extending approximately 300' SSW; thence extending approximately 150' WNW to E side of Church St., the point of origin.

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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Federal 1958  
Library of Congress  
Washington, DC 20540

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Clarke County Courthouse (Old)  
Clarke County  
VIRGINIA

Working No. JUN 8 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84  
Date Due: 7/7/83 — 7/23/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 7/7/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ resubmission  
\_\_\_\_\_ nomination by person or local government National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ owner objection  
\_\_\_\_\_ appeal  
Substantive Review: \_\_\_\_\_ sample \_\_\_\_\_ request \_\_\_\_\_ appeal \_\_\_\_\_ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use  
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

7. Description

Condition \_\_\_\_\_ excellent \_\_\_\_\_ deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_\_ ruins \_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ unexposed  
Check one \_\_\_\_\_ unaltered \_\_\_\_\_ altered  
Check one \_\_\_\_\_ original site \_\_\_\_\_ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ alterations/integrity
- \_\_\_\_\_ dates
- \_\_\_\_\_ boundary selection

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## 8. Significance

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Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



OLD CLARKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
Clarke County, VA

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Date: 1982  
Neg. Filed: VA State Library, Richmond VA  
View of west facade  
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West Facade



Courtroom

Jury Room





New Courthouse

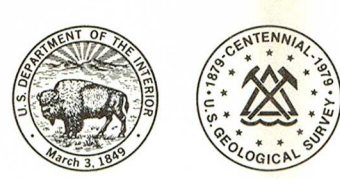


Old Clerk's Office

County Jail/Sheriff's Office



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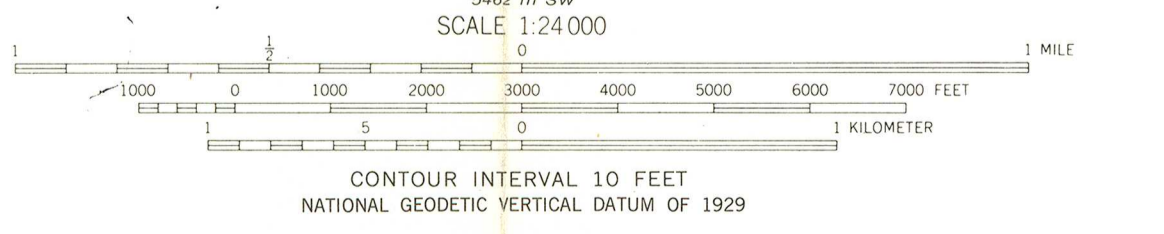
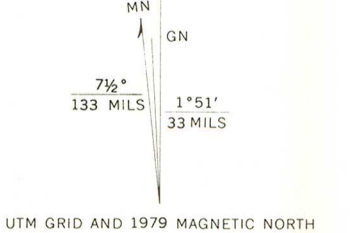
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Clarke County, VA  
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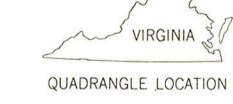
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
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of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other  
source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather	
U. S. Route	State Route



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AND VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, 22903  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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August 31, 1982

Mr. H. Bryan Mitchell  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219



Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This is responsive to your correspondence of 16 August 1982 regarding consideration by the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission of inclusion of the Clarke County Courthouse on the Virginia Landmarks Register. This matter has been referred to the Clarke County Historical Association for comment. I can imagine no reason why any citizen of Clarke County might object to the listing of this property on the Virginia Landmarks Register or the National Register of Historic Places. The Board several years ago considered enlarging the 1837 Courthouse for additional public office space but determined that a new addition would irreparably compromise the historic integrity of the building. The Board of Supervisors does not meet until 21 September 1982, but I am confident the Board will endorse my approval of the proposed recognition of the historic significance of the County's Courthouse. I am also enclosing a copy of historical research on the Clarke County Courthouse which was written by Nancy St. Claire Talley and appeared in the PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLARKE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (Volume XIX, 1977-1978).

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF CLARKE

*Eustace B. Jackson*  
Eustace B. Jackson  
Chairman

EBJ/srs

Enclosure

cc: Clarke County Historical Association

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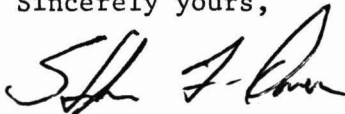
September 15, 1982

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221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

At its last meeting on September 14, 1982 the Berryville Town Council instructed me to send you a letter of endorsement on the inclusion of the Clarke County Courthouse into the Virginia Landmarks Register, pursuant to an endorsement by the Clarke County Board of Supervisors. Since the Supervisors do not meet until next week, please be advised that the Town of Berryville wholeheartedly endorses this project as long as the Supervisors have no objections.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen F. Owen  
Town Manager

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May 24, 1983

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior, National Park Service  
1100 L Street, NW  
Washington DC 20240

RE: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The enclosed two reports are being submitted in nomination to the National Register of Historic Places along with copies of comment letters from the owners and/or the local elected officials as indicated:

1. Old Clarke County Courthouse, Clarke County (comment letters from county and town)
2. Rosedale, Lynchburg (no letters)

Sincerely,

*Susan W. Alexander*  
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Assistant Registrar

Enclosures

