

STATE: Virginia
 COUNTY: Petersburg (in cit.)
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 69-06-45-00226/11/69

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
 COMMON: Exchange Building
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Merchant's Exchange Building

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: 15-19 W. Bank Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg
 STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 730

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | No: a |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 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"/> | |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious <input type="checkbox"/> | Police Station | |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> | Museum <input type="checkbox"/> | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> | Court | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNERS NAME: City of Petersburg
 STREET AND NUMBER: City Ball
 CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC.: Clerk's Office of Hustings Court
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 45
 APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/3 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1959 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 08

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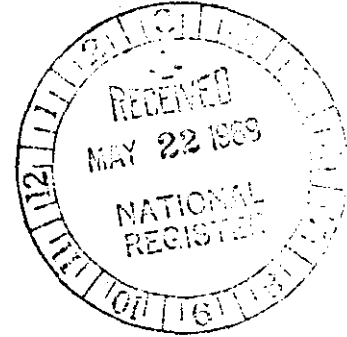
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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #123-51
1967
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45



7. DESCRIPTION

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|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 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 Exchange Building is a freely rendered Greek Revival structure featuring a finely executed Doric portico. The building is two-stories on a high basement with the second floor windows contained in the frieze of the entablature. Although the entrance facade is five bays wide, the portico shelters only the central three bays. The side elevations also contain five bays but these are more widely spaced and are separated by pilasters. The building is topped by a hipped roof and a large shallow dome with lantern.

The principal interior feature of the Exchange is the central circular domed room. The dome rests on an entablature supported by piers. Behind the piers is a gallery with a very simple iron railing. Despite the fact that the building has served as a bank, and more recently a police court, the interior of the Exchange has survived without serious alteration.

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8. Statement of Significance **NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**

In the first half of the 19th century a building type that was virtually indispensable to the successful conduct of business in commercial centers was the Merchants Exchange. In these buildings bulk commodities such as tobacco, cotton and grain were sold from the wholesaler to the retailer or from the grower to the manufacturer. Some of the country's best known architects such as Benjamin Henry Latrobe, William Strickland, and Isaiah Rogers turned their hands to the design of Merchant's Exchanges. However because these buildings were most frequently located in fast developing downtown areas very few of them have survived. The best known extant example is Strickland's Merchants Exchange in Philadelphia. However, the original interiors of this building have been completely altered to provide modern office space.

The Exchange in Petersburg, Virginia, built in 1841 and designed by Mr. Berrien of New York, is a boldly detailed building in the Greek Revival Style. Rectangular on the exterior with a tetrastyle Doric entrance portico, the interior discloses a central two-story rotunda rising to a dome and octagonal lantern. The Exchange in Petersburg is most probably the last, unaltered Merchants Exchange in existence in the United States.

B. 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) 1841

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 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.)

Among the original incorporators of the Petersburg Exchange in 1839 was David Dunlop, a prominent Petersburg tobacco manufacturer. A group of local businessmen were desirous of having such a building - intending that it serve to display tobacco and cotton as well as provide a place to hold auctions and sales. The design was supplied by a Mr. Berrien of New York, and completed by 1841. The Exchange presently serves the Domestic Relations and Police Court Departments of Petersburg.

The Exchange Building is a fine model of the more monumental Greek Revival commercial buildings which have become so rare. It stands as an example of the civic pride of the ante-bellum period.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia, Virginia Museum, 1968.

Scott, James G. and Edward A. Wyatt, IV, Petersburg's Story. Petersburg: Titmus Optical Company, 1960.

Biallas, Randall, "The Exchange", Historic American Buildings Survey Report 1968.

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

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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 21, 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

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

Date: May 20, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Grant Allen Groat
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

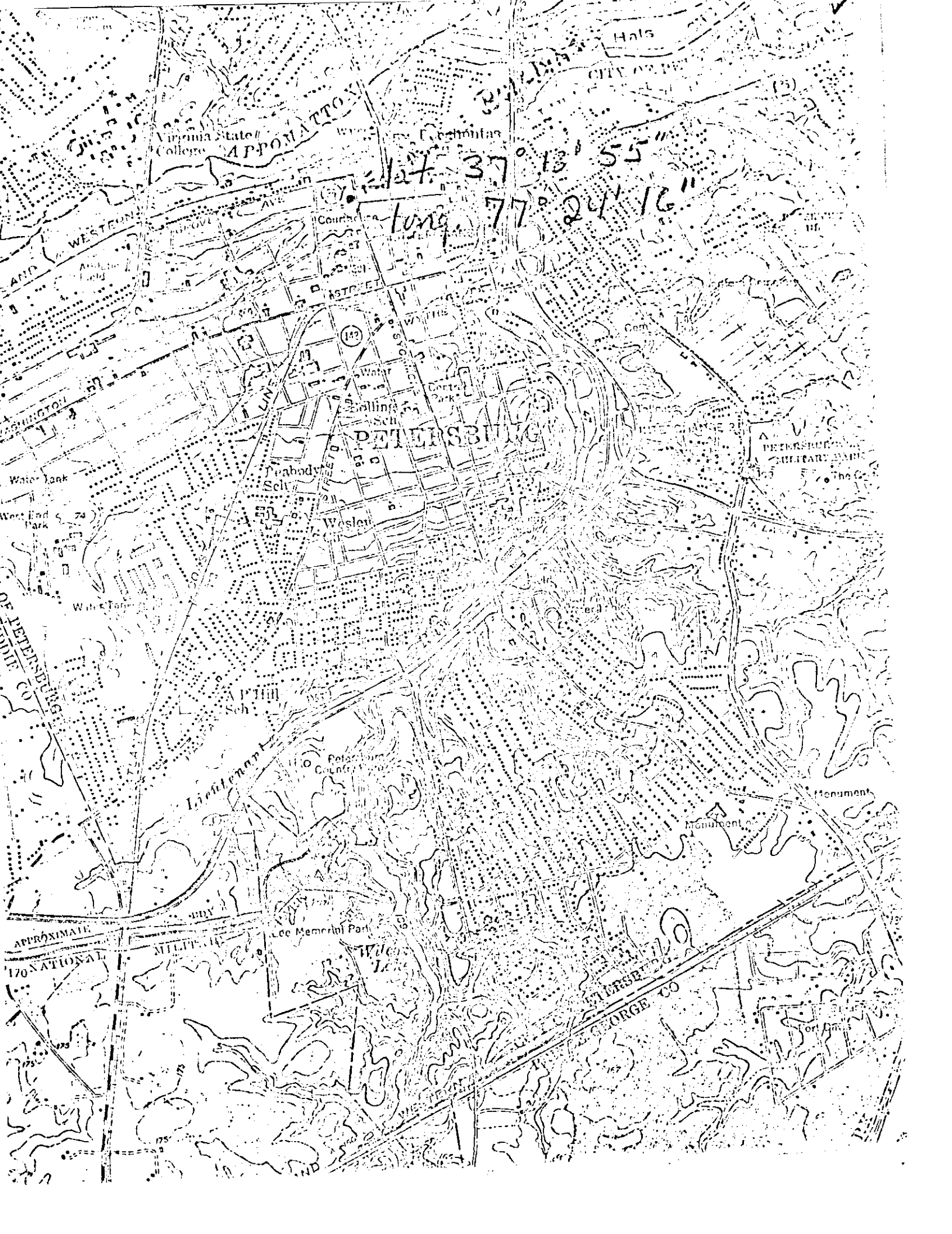
Date: JUN 11 1969

ATTEST:

William J. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUN 11 1969

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