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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE VIRGINIA	
COUNTY PETERSBURG (in city)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
BLANDFORD CHURCH

AND/OR HISTORIC:
BLANDFORD CHURCH

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
319 S. Grater Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Petersburg

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: (in city) CODE: 730

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Petersburg 703-732-7013

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Petersburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

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: 51

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: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Blandford Church is an eighteenth century brick, one story structure, built during two periods of construction. The original block, approximately 64' by 29', was joined later by a north wing which measured approximately 30' by 29'. Both portions have a slate gable roof with an upturn or splay at the eavesline and a modillioned cornice. The brick is laid predominantly in Flemish bond with a beveled watertable and an almost total use of glazed headers. English bond occurs below the watertable on the original block and on the upper portion of the eastern gable. The eastern doorway and all of the principle window openings have roundheaded arches of rubbed brick whose voussoirs alternate full bricks with two half bricks. The north and south doorways and the north gallery windows have flat arches. Rubbed brick is used on the quoining and the door and window jambs. Notable repairs to the brickwork are the repointing in several areas, rebuilding the central portions of the old north wall as well as the reconstruction of the south and north doorways. The sills and parts of the window framing are probably colonial. The interior is entirely new except for the oak beam supporting the west gallery. The original form of a segmental arched ceiling has been retained but with the addition of exposed beams. The small churchyard is surrounded by an eighteenth century wall in English bond brick with moulded cap and encloses numerous colonial tombs.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Blandford Church of Bristol Parish is the third building of that parish and receives its name from the town of Blandford, now part of the City of Petersburg. The original block was completed in 1736 or 1737 by Mr. Thomas Ravenscroft with a north wing and the surrounding brick wall added sometime between 1752 and 1769 by Colonel Richard Bland. The parish began to hold most of its services at Saint Paul's, the new church in Petersburg circa 1802, in 1819. John Grammar, a citizen of Petersburg, bought the building and gave the property to the town. By 1882, the church had deteriorated considerably and some repairwork, including the building of the present slate roof, was undertaken by the city council. In 1901, the city council authorized the Ladies Memorial Association to restore the building. Blandford Church was modeled after Merchant's Hope Church (traditionally dated 1657) in Prince George County, and indeed, bears a striking resemblance in form and detailing to its more famous predecessor. The survival of most of its fine brickwork intact along with the existence of an eighteenth century churchyard wall place Blandford in Virginia's important collection of eighteenth century Anglican church architecture.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Colonial Churches, Richmond: Southern Churchmen Company, 1908.
 Meade, Bishop William, Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia,
 2 vols., Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1966.
 Rawlings, James Scott, Virginia's Colonial Churches, Richmond: Garrett &
 Massie, 1963.
 Rose, Harold Wickliffe, The Colonial Houses of Worship in America, New York:
 Hastings House, Publishers, Inc., 1963.

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37 ° 13 ' 33 "	77 ° 23 ' 17 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: April, 1972

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

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

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 James W. Moody, Jr.
 Title Va. Historic Landmarks Commission

Date

APR 18 1972

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

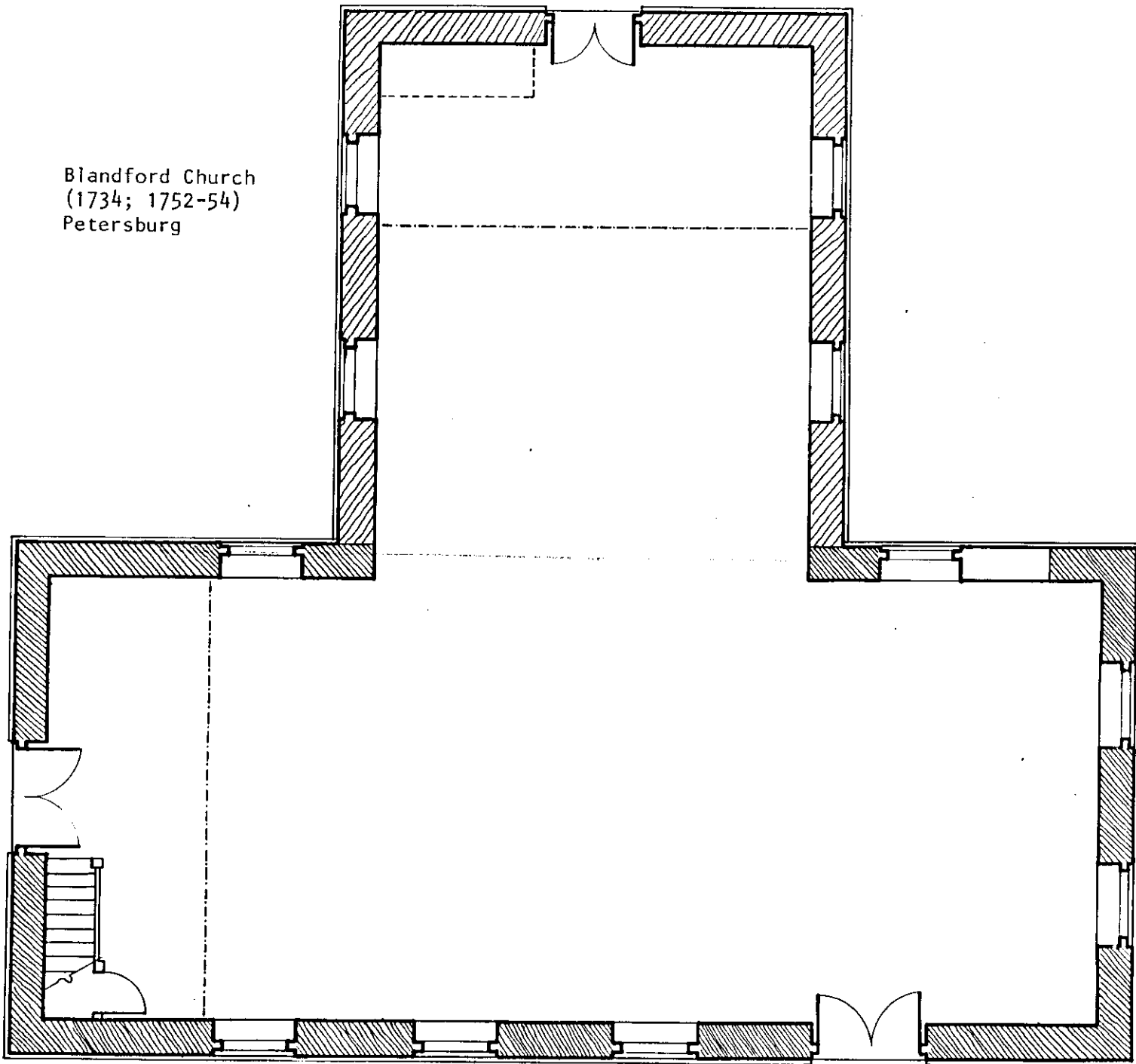
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Blandford Church
(1734; 1752-54)
Petersburg





U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
 Petersburg, Va. 1952

BLANDFORD CHURCH
 LATITUDE 37°13'33"
 LONGITUDE 77°23'17"

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12/30"

NEW SCHEMATA 3.9 MI.
 SUFFOLK ST. MI.

IRISH CO