

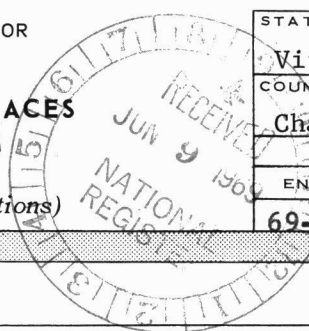
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Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



STATE:	Virginia
COUNTY:	Charlotte
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
69-10-45-0038	10/1/69

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Staunton Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Staunton Hill

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .8 mi. W of Turnip Creek, .2 mi. SE of Rt. 619, 1.4 mi. SW of intersection of Rt. 619 and Rt. 693.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Brookneal

STATE: Virginia

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
45	Charlotte	037

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <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:  
David K. E. Bruce

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Brookneal

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
45

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Charlotte County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Charlotte

STATE:  
Virginia

CODE:  
45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 275 acres

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 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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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

X Built of brick covered with pink stucco, Staunton Hill has a symmetrical two-story facade interrupted by a central three-story pavilion, the whole being fronted by a one-story Tudor-style gray marble veranda. The skyline of the house is enlivened by a crenellated parapet, clustered octagonal chimney pots, and octagonal crenellated towers at the corners of the central pavilion. The rectangular windows on the second story of the facade contain simple Gothic Revival tracery, while the two-tiered Gothic window in the central pavilion contains the more 'correct' perpendicular tracery with diamond pane glass.

X The plan of the house on the river front is symmetrical, having an octagonal vaulted entrance hall separating the dining room from one of the parlors. Behind the entrance hall is the stair hall which contains a divided staircase. The other rooms on the main floor include a second parlor, the library, rear hall and service areas. Except for the dining roof the principal rooms in the house retain their fine Gothic Revival cornices, woodwork, mantels, and gilt pier mirrors. Unfortunately, however, none of the original suite of Gothic furniture remains in the principal rooms.

Set in spacious grounds overlooking the Staunton River, Staunton Hill is well preserved and excellently maintained.

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #19-30  
1968 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building  
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Code: 45

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

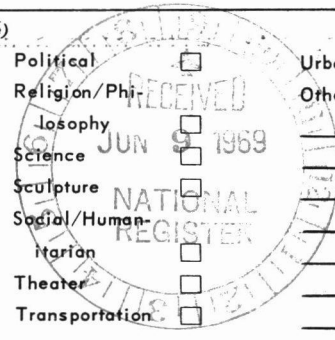
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1848

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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



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

Designed by John E. Johnson in 1848, Staunton Hill was built for Charles Bruce, a son of James Bruce, the Virginia merchandising magnate and one of the richest men in America in his day. While the house was under construction Charles Bruce married Sarah Seddon whose brother later became Confederate Secretary of War. The isolated location Bruce chose for his house made the construction quite difficult since trained workmen had to be brought from Philadelphia and the building materials transported by water. The marble for the veranda was imported from Italy and the gilt mirrors were ordered from Venice. The construction was of the highest standards.

The building itself is considered to be among the finest and best preserved Gothic Revival houses in America. It is certainly an excellent example of a style which is exceedingly rare in Virginia. The house is now owned by David K. E. Bruce, United States Ambassador to Great Britain.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nichols, Frederick D., "Mansions that Merchandising Built", Arts in Virginia, Vol. 6, No. 3, Spring, 1966.

O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia, New York: Walker and Company, 1968.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NO  
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CD

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: April 24, 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 Edward P. Alexander per John

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

Date June 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connelly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 1 1969

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

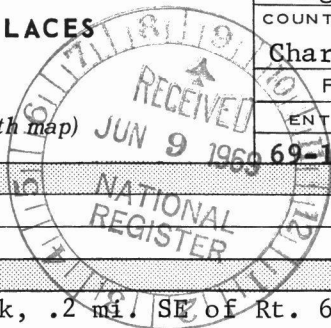
William J. Swartz  
Keeper of The National Register

Date SEP 29 1969

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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CITY OR TOWN:

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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE:  
U.S.G.S. 15', quadrangle Brookneal, Va.  
SCALE: 1:62500  
DATE: 1956

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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St. James Hill





APPROXIMATE  
 boundary  
 of  
 Staunton  
 Hill

lat. 37° 00' 27"  
 long. 78° 51' 59"

Staunton Hill

The Geological Survey

SCALE 1:62500



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

APPROXIMATE MEAN  
 DECLINATION, 1996



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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