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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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: Lynchburg (in cit.)	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 10.2.45.0012	DATE 2/26/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Point of Honor

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Point of Honor

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
112 Cabell Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lynchburg

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 680

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	None	in process
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Lynchburg

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN:
Lynchburg

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
City Hall, Office of Clerk of Courts

STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Lynchburg

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1941 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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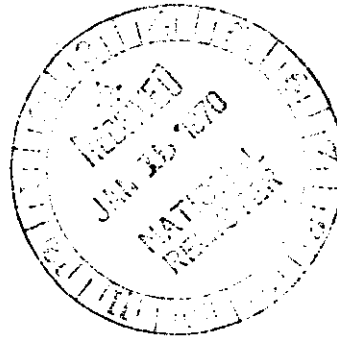
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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
1958 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #118-14
1968 State
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia Code: 45



7. DESCRIPTION

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

Point of Honor is an irregular shaped two-story Federal mansion of stuccoed brick. The facade is composed of a three-bay center section flanked by two octagonal ended projections. Between the projections is a one-story Italianate porch which is probably a rebuilding of the original. The original porch is thought to have been a two-level porch. The original stone steps with their wrought iron railings survive in place. The building is covered by a shallow hipped roof surrounded at its base by a thin bracketed cornice in the manner of Benjamin Latrobe.

The rear elevation of the house was T-shaped although one-story additions have altered its appearance. The office wing at the northwest corner probably dates from Doctor George Cabell's occupancy of the house.

The interior of Point of Honor contains notable Federal woodwork in the reception rooms. The door surround and mantel in the drawing room both employ pineapple and tassel-and-swag motifs and are especially fine in quality. Most of the original trim survives throughout the house although the cornices in both the drawing room and dining room have disappeared.

The house is believed to have had elaborate and extensive gardens, but little trace of them remains. The lands around Point of Honor were heavily developed in the late-nineteenth century, but fortunately the house retains an informal park above it with commanding views of the city and the James River.

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Point of Honor

8. Statement of Significance:

Point of Honor in Lynchburg, Virginia is a two story, T-shaped brick house with projecting octagonal bays on either side of the entrance porch on the principal elevation. Current research suggests that the house was built ca. 1815 for Dr. George Cabell. The house is similar to a group of octagonal-bay houses built in Richmond during the same period. The Hancock-Caskie House at 2 north 5th Street is the only surviving Richmond example. It is also a more elaborate house than Point of Honor and in a much better state of preservation. However, neither house can be said to possess more than regional significance.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1806

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>History</u> |
| <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"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which Point of Honor is located was first owned by the Lynch family, whose ferry about a half mile down the James River became the nucleus around which the city of Lynchburg developed. In 1805 part of the property, including "the High Grounds, the Low Grounds, and the Islands lying on the James River," were purchased by the noted physician Doctor George Cabell (1766-1823). Doctor Cabell's most famous patient was Patrick Henry, whose son married Cabell's daughter.

Construction of Point of Honor was begun almost immediately after Doctor Cabell acquired the land, and the house was ready for occupancy in 1806. Originally known as the "mansion house," the structure acquired its present name in 1812 after a bloodless duel which took place nearby. After Cabell's death in 1823, the house was leased for several years to Colonel Maurice Langhorne who shared the residence with his brother Henry, great-grandfather of Lady Astor and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson. Through marriage, ownership of Point of Honor passed to the Daniel family, and for a number of years it served as the home of the prominent Judge William Daniel, Jr., father of United States Senator John Warwick Daniel, "the Lame Lion of Lynchburg." In 1862 it was acquired by Colonel Robert L. Owen, President of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad. Colonel Owen's wife Narcissa was the daughter of Thomas Chisholm, the last hereditary war chief of the Western Cherokees. Their younger son became one of the first two senators of the new state of Oklahoma in 1907. In recent years the house has been owned by the city and has been maintained under the auspices of the city's Parks and Recreational Department.

In addition to its associations with several prominent Lynchburg families, Point of Honor survives as a distinctive and uncommonly sophisticated example of early-nineteenth century domestic architecture. Regrettably the architect-builder is unknown; however, the design displays a more than coincidental relationship to several townhouses in Richmond, which in turn are closely related to known designs by Benjamin Henry Latrobe. It is appropriate that Point of Honor, one of the city's oldest and certainly finest houses, is currently being restored to serve as a museum for the city of Lynchburg.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chambers, S. Allen, Jr., "Point of Honor; Its Past and Its Potential," Lynchburg Historical Society: 1967.
 Rothery, Agnes, Houses Virginians Have Loved. New York: Bonanza Books, 1954.
 Blunt, Ruth H., "Point of Honor," Virginia Cavalcade, Vol. XVIII, No. 3 (Winter, 1969).

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		
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: October 3, 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: Ed. P. Alexander by proxy
 Title: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Date: December 2, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

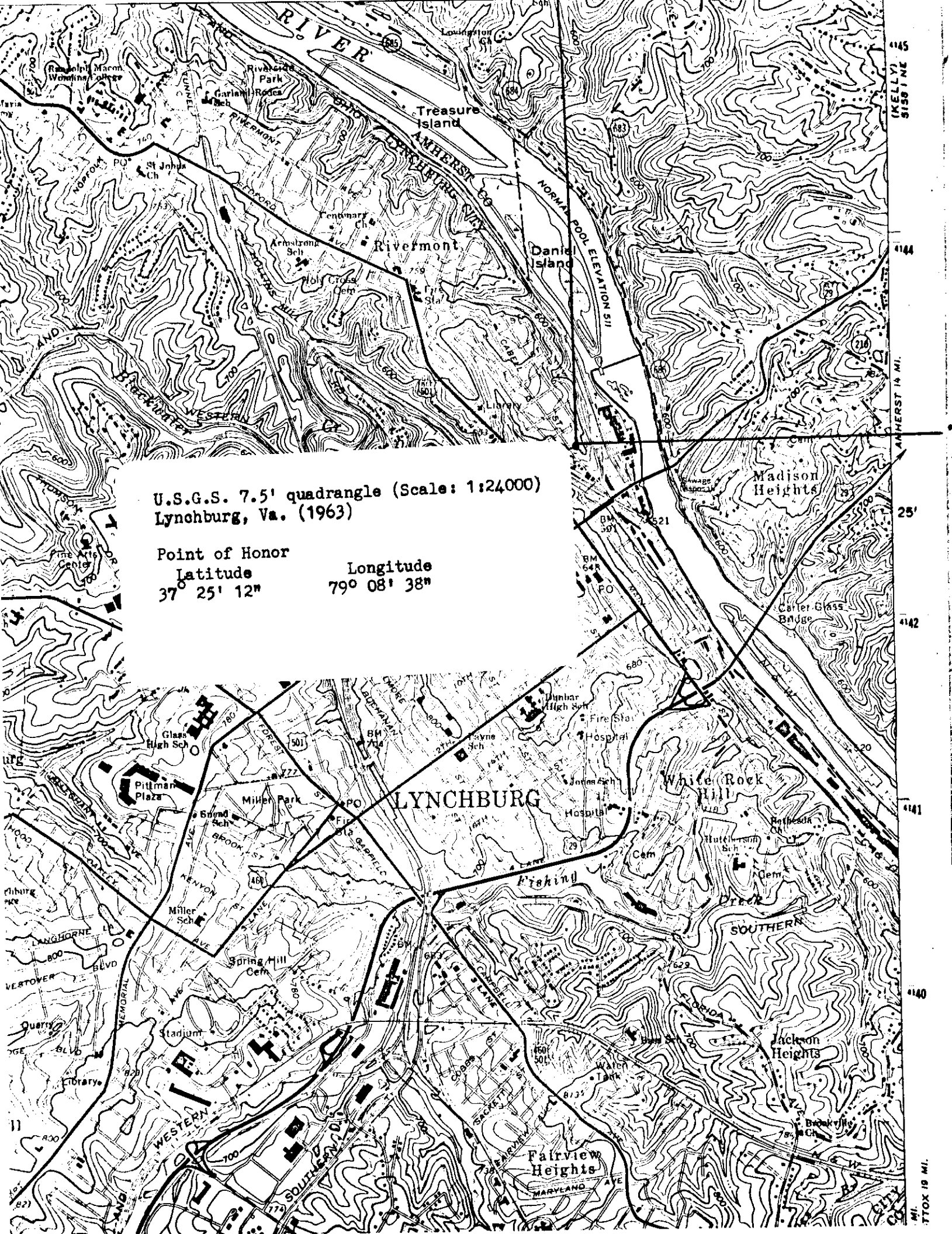
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Crosswell
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: FEB 26 1970

ATTEST:
William J. Huntley
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: FEB 12 1970



U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24,000)
 Lynchburg, Va. (1963)

Point of Honor
 Latitude 37° 25' 12" Longitude 79° 08' 38"

415
 (KELLY)
 5130 NE

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AMHERST 14 MI.

25'

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411

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MI.
 TTX 19 MI.