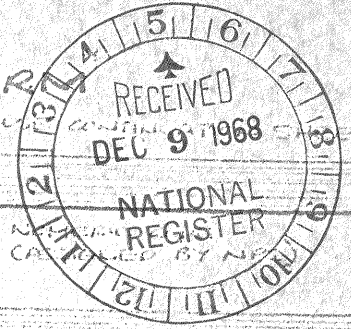


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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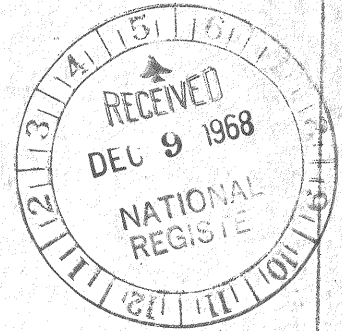


1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	
Morson's Row	James Morson's Row	
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Virginia		Richmond
STREET AND NUMBER (OR DISTRICT-SITE BOUNDARIES)		
219-223 Governor Street		
3. PRESENT STATUS		
OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET, NUMBER, TOWN, STATE)		
Varied Public and private agencies		
USE (SPECIFY)		
Offices		
ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC		
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REMARKS: Not on tourist basis
4. LEGAL RECORD		
LOCATION OF CURRENT PROPERTY TITLE(S) NAME (COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.) AND ADDRESS		APPROXIMATE ACREAGE
Chancery Court, Richmond City Hall, Richmond, Virginia		1/5 acre
5. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		
NAME AND DATE OF SURVEY (FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, ETC.)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION RETAINING SURVEY RECORDS	
A. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory, 1957	A. Library of Congress Washington, D. C.	
B. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #127-79	B. Room 1106, Ninth Street State Office Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219	
C.	C.	
6. CLASSIFICATION		
CATEGORY	MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE IN	LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>	HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/>	NATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/>
SITE <input type="checkbox"/>	ARCHITECTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BUILDING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARCHEOLOGY <input type="checkbox"/>	LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/>
STRUCTURE <input type="checkbox"/>	CULTURE <input type="checkbox"/>	
OBJECT <input type="checkbox"/>	(OTHER) <input type="checkbox"/>	

7. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

DESCRIBE THE ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) AND PRESENT CONDITIONS

Morson's Row consists of three townhouses each having three stories and a flat roof. Although built of brick, the facade of the row is stuccoed. Characteristic of the Italianate style, the row features heavy bracketed cornices, arched door enframements, and elaborately molded consoled lintels over the windows. The distinctive feature of the row is the off-center, two-bay bow on each house which gives the row an undulating quality. Another interesting feature is the difference in levels of the houses necessitated by the grade of the lot. Fortunately the houses retain most of their original interiors, including mahogany doors and marble mantels.



8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

INCLUDE HISTORY, PERSONAGES, EVENTS, MAJOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION, ETC.

The three Victorian townhouses comprising Morson's Row were erected in 1853 by James Marion Morson as rental properties. The houses passed through several hands after they were sold by the Morson family, and are now separately owned.

The distinctive bow fronts on the group are reminiscent of a form widely used in Boston rows, most notably in Louisburg Square. They were used not only to add rhythm to the facade, but to increase the light for the rooms within.

Besides being a fine example of the Italianate style, the row serves an extremely important function by providing a lively termination for the east end of Capitol Street which borders the north side of Capitol Square. Morson's Row also forms a harmonizing backdrop for the Governor's Mansion.

Bibliography:

Scott, Mary Wingfield, Houses of Old Richmond, 1941, pp. 291-293.

9. CERTIFICATION

FORM ACCEPTED BY (NAME, ORGANIZATION)

Margaret T. Peters,
Calder C. Loth,
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY
IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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.

NAME:

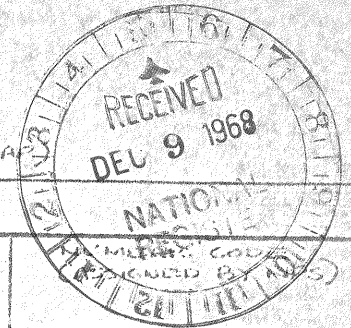
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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COMMON Morson's Row	AND/OR HISTORIC James Morson's Row	
2. LOCATION		
STATE Virginia	COUNTY	TOWN Richmond
STREET AND NUMBER 219-223 Governor Street		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE United States Geological Survey - Richmond, Virginia	DATE 1964	SCALE 7.5 Minute

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES WHERE REQUIRED AND NORTH ARROW

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(TYPE ALL ENTRIES - ATTACH TO OR ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH)

1. NAME		
COMMON Morson's Row	AND/OR HISTORIC James Morson's Row	NUMERIC CODE (ASSIGNED BY NPS)
2. LOCATION		
STATE Virginia	COUNTY	TOWN Richmond
STREET AND NUMBER 219-223 Governor Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	DATE August, 1968	NEGATIVE FILED AT Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

