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Form 10-300
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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: Washington	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Abingdon Bank

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Abingdon Bank

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
225 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Abingdon

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 191

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private 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 Government Park Transportation Comments

Commercial Industrial Private Residence Other (Specify)

Educational Military Religious

Entertainment Museum Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Mr. W. A. Stuart

STREET AND NUMBER:
225 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Abingdon STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Washington County Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Abingdon STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2/5 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. 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

The Greek Revival, with its beginnings in the earlier neo-classical period, becomes fully Victorian in the Abingdon Bank. Although none of the details are correctly Greek, they were designated as such by architects of that period. The white plaster lintels over the windows with their raised, larger center sections resemble designs found in Asher Benjamin's style books - building guides which were recognized as the epitome of the Greek Revival style. The three-piece windows and heavy entablature are also of the early-to-mid-nineteenth century period. However, the brick corbeled cornice as well as the similar design in the belt course between the first and second floor are purely mid-to-late-nineteenth century. The bank and residential entrances are equally simple, the former having large store windows (with iron bars) and simple trim, and the latter door framed by a transom and sidelights.

The residential entrance opens into a central stairhall which separates the bank from the home. The simple interiors with their largely unadorned mantel framings and door trim remain unchanged for the most part. Additions to the rear of the building have been made but the entire structure remains remarkably intact except for the necessary adaptations for residential use.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

The Abingdon Bank was built in the mid-1840's by Robert Preston, first resident cashier, and is an excellent example of nineteenth-century urban architecture. Originally the building housed the resident cashier and his family in one part, and the bank, counting room, and vault were in the other.

The Abingdon Bank is an example of the wise combination of a commercial and residential building utilizing both neo-classical and Victorian details. The building is presently being restored.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Benjamin, Asher, The Practical House Carpenter, Boston: 1835. (Fourth edition).

Hamlin, Talbot, Greek Revival Architecture in America, New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1944.

Summers, Lewis Preston, History of Southwest Virginia, 1746-1786, Washington County, 1777-1870, Baltimore: 1966.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36° 42' 46"	81° 58' 10"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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: June 2, 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 _____
Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Comm.

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Abingdon, Va.			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1960			
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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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1967			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View of front from the South			

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6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #140-1
1968 State
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Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia Code: ~~760~~ 45

