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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:
VIRGINIA

COUNTY:
PATRICK

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ENTRY DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:

PATRICK COUNTY COURT HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Southwest corner of Main and Blue Ridge Streets

CITY OR TOWN:

Stuart

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth (W.C. Daniel) ~~141~~

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY:

Patrick

CODE

141

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- District
- Site
- Object
- Building
- Structure

OWNERSHIP

- Public
- Private
- Both

Public Acquisition:

- In Process
- Being Considered

STATUS

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
 - Restricted
 - Unrestricted
 - No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Park
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)
- Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Patrick County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Stuart

STATE:

Virginia

CODE

51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Patrick County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

Main and Blue Ridge Streets

CITY OR TOWN:

Stuart

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

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:

D.C.

CODE

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STATE:
VIRGINIA

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Patrick County courthouse is a dignified country example of Jeffersonian Neo-Classicism located in a small county seat. The original structure is a two-story building consisting of a projecting, three-bay central block with flanking wings. In typical Jeffersonian fashion, the building is of red brick and had white, stuccoed Tuscan columns and white wooden trim. The columns and trim are now a light beige, and the brickwork has been cleaned and repointed. On the central block, the brick is laid in common bond up to the second floor level, and from there it is laid in Flemish bond. The wings are laid in Flemish-bond brick set on a base of common bond. Sides of the building are laid in common bond.

The wings have low-pitched gable roofs and strongly projecting cornices. The gable end of the central portion extends to form the pediment of a tetrastyle portico which stands on brick piers. The wide intercolumniation is characteristic of Jeffersonian Neo-Classicism as is the semi-circular opening in the pediment of the portico. The bell in the small tower is rung to mark court days. The doorway of the main entry is not original and probably dates from a remodeling in 1928. Window openings are six-over-six and, like the doors, have lintels and granite sills. The shutters are no longer in place. Reveals and soffits of the original openings have diamond panels.

The second story of the central section serves as the courtroom. Very little original trim remains. The shape has been changed by a twentieth-century enlargement which extended the room toward the rear. The present courtroom is the result of a handsome 1928 remodeling by T.E. Adkins of Stuart as well as later refurbishings in 1936 and 1971. The second story of the south wing now houses the County Administrator's office with the jury room in the rear addition. The Commissioner of Revenue is in the north wing with the judge's office in the rear addition. On the first floor, the Clerk's offices occupy the southern portion of the building, and the Treasurer's offices are in the north side. Through the years, these offices have been considerably changed, but in the Treasurer's office two of the original Classical Revival mantels are still in place. They stand back-to-back, one facing into the central block and one into the north wing. Each consists of pilasters supporting a plain frieze beneath a simple mantel.

Constant use as well as expanding needs and interest have brought about a number of changes in this courthouse. In addition to those mentioned, a jail was added to the rear of the courthouse in 1928. At one time, the area in front of the courthouse was enclosed by wooden fencing which was replaced, apparently in the early part of the twentieth century, by an iron fence. In the northeast corner of the enclosure is a Confederate memorial statue dedicated in 1936 to the memory of Major General J.E.B. Stuart. As a result of these modifications, in the words of a Patrick citizen:

The Court Room and Jury Room walls are clean and unblemished. The casual visitor will see no graft-inspired display of unsuitable elegance. This Court House is ... a work-shop in which County officials and employes are trying their best to serve the people.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" 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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>county history</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input 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 Patrick County courthouse has served as the governmental architectural focal point for its southern Piedmont county for over a hundred and fifty years. Cherished by the citizens as their county's premier landmark, the dignified edifice is a good example of the simple Roman Revival public buildings whose designs were inspired by the architecture of Thomas Jefferson.

The present courthouse was built to replace an earlier one completed in 1794 and located slightly to the west of the present structure. The county, which was named for Patrick Henry, was created from "that part of the (Henry) County called the Hollows" by a bill effective June 1, 1791. The first court was held in the home of Jonathan Hanby. Soon afterwards, Eliphaz Shelton donated ten acres for the centrally-located courthouse site. The town, established at this site in 1782, took the name Taylorsville which in 1884 was changed to Stuart in honor of Major General J.E.B. Stuart, a Patrick County native. It is unclear where the county court met in the years between the first meeting at the home of Jonathan Hanby and the completion of the 1794 courthouse.

By June 18, 1819, the county's needs had outgrown the capacities of its courthouse. Abram Staples, Harvey Fitzgerald, and German Baker thus were directed to advertise in Franklin, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick counties, Stokes, N.C., and in the Lynchburg Press for bids on the construction of a new courthouse to be completed by November Court, 1821. These directives were overly optimistic, for it was not until July 15, 1821 that a location for the new courthouse (in front, i.e., to the east, of the old courthouse) was set. In the meantime, Abram Staples, one of the commissioners, was appointed builder. By July 11, 1822, he had completed the courthouse which was accepted by the commissioners with the reservation that certain unspecified defective building materials be replaced. Evidently Mr. Staples took care of the problems, for no further mention of them appears in the Order Books.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allison, Albert F. "Patrick County Court House: A True Tale of a County-Seat and a Forgotten Donor," The Enterprise, Stuart, Va., August 18, 1966, pp. 3B-5B.

Druyvesteyn, Kent. "Courthouses of Henry and Patrick Counties," Virginia Cavalcade, XXII, Summer 1972, pp.6-13.

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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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: September 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

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 _____
Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
Stuart, Va. 1967

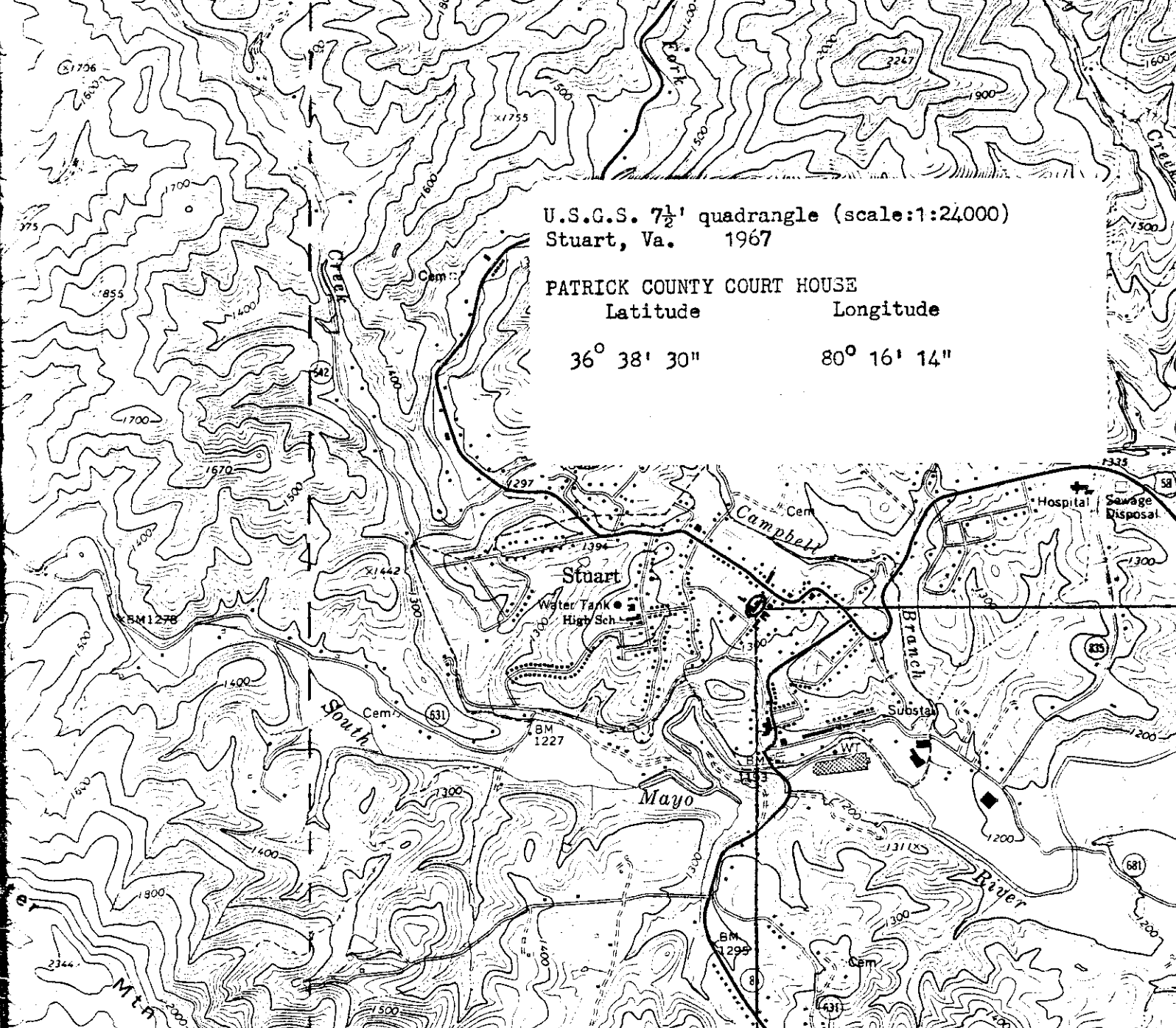
PATRICK COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Latitude

Longitude

36° 38' 30"

80° 16' 14"



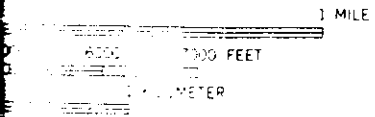
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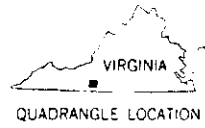
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FIVE FORKS 312 MI
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. 48 MI

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON D. C. — 1971
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- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Primary highway, all-weather, hard surface
 - Light-duty road, all-weather, improved surface
 - Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
 - U. S. Route
 - State Route



STUART, VA.
NE/4 STUART 15' QUADRANGLE
N3637.5—W8015.7.5

STUART, VA.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
CHARLESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903
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