

STATE: VIRGINIA	
COUNTY: ALBEMARLE	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

VLR-8/15/72

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:  
BUCK MOUNTAIN CHURCH

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
BUCK MOUNTAIN CHURCH

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
E side of Rt. 743

CITY OR TOWN:  
Earlsville (James Kenneth Robinson, Seventh District Congressman)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Albemarle CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

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 type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
(The Reverend Cal Sachers) The Vestry

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Buck Mountain Church

CITY OR TOWN: Earlsville STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Albemarle County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Charlottesville STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: RICHMOND STATE: VIRGINIA CODE: 51

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Buck Mountain Church stands in a shaded burying ground on the outskirts of the village of Earlsyville in Albemarle County. The buff painted frame building measures 50'2" X 26'3" and is set on a low rubble foundation. As originally constructed in 1747 it measured 60' X 30'. Despite the reduction in size following its dismantlement, moving, and re-erection around 1861, it is believed that most of the building's present roof trusses, upright framing members, and hewn floor joists date from the original construction. Some of the beaded clapboarding on the north side also may be colonial. The building is covered by a gable roof with a simple cornice that returns on the gable ends. This cornice probably dates from the rebuilding. A double door on the north side has been boarded over, and the church is now entered through double doors on the west and south sides. Some of the trim around the west door may be original. The curious arrangement of doors on the north and south sides has led to the speculation that the church was reversed in the rebuilding, and that the north door was the original south door, with the present south doorway dating from the 1860's.

The church has three windows on either side, each containing early but not original six-over-six sash. A small vestry has been added to the present east end. A nineteenth-century lattice-work bell tower stands to the east of the vestry.

The interior walls of the church are wainscoted. Plaster is employed on the upper portions of the walls and on the flat ceiling. The small chancel has a semi-circular altar rail with balusters and simple handrail. On each side of the altar is a door leading to the vestry. It is possible that some of the wainscoting and floor boards are original.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<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	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

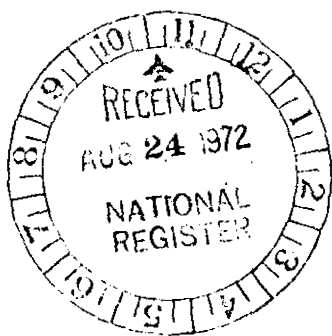
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Buck Mountain Church is an architectural rarity for being one of two remaining colonial Anglican churches in Virginia's Piedmont section. It is also one of some half-dozen frame colonial churches in the State. The survival of this sternly simple edifice affords the opportunity of approximating the general form of colonial churches erected in this region of Virginia. As contrasted with the more substantial Tidewater churches, with their fine brickwork and handsome interior appointments, the frontier Piedmont churches such as Buck Mountain were quite austere and almost always were of frame.

Buck Mountain Church was one of three frame churches built in Fredericksville Parish soon after its formation in 1742. After the Disestablishment, in the period 1801-1833, the church was used by non-Episcopalians, chiefly Baptists. Owing to this fact, as well as to the fact that the Episcopalians had no title to the church recorded at the Albemarle County Court House, the original parishioners had to repurchase their own building when it was decided to re-establish the parish in 1833.

The church was dismantled and moved to its present site from its original site on "the road from Michie's Tavern to Earlysville" (about two miles west of the present location) in the 1860's. It was at this time that the building may have been re-oriented and reduced in size. The former site was marked by two gravestones, but they no longer can be seen. In 1930 the Colonial Dames erected a granite marker commemorating the Church just outside the present churchyard. The original manuscript of Fredericksville Parish's vestry book (1742-1787) is on loan at the State Library in Richmond.

G.H.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rawlings, James Scott, Virginia's Colonial Churches, An Architectural Guide. Richmond: Garrett and Massie, 1963.  
 Rose, Harold Wickliffe, The Colonial Houses of Worship in America. New York: Hastings House, Publishers, 1963.

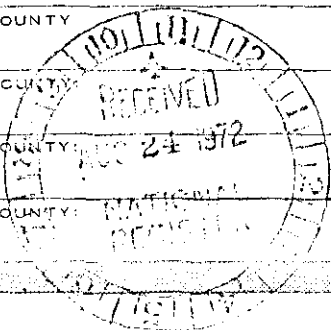
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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
NW	38 ° 09 ' 20 "	78 ° 28 ' 57 "	°	'	"
NE	38 ° 09 ' 20 "	78 ° 28 ' 46 "			
SE	38 ° 09 ' 11 "	78 ° 28 ' 46 "			
SW	38 ° 09 ' 11 "	78 ° 28 ' 57 "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 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: July, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 JR Fishburne

J. R. Fishburne, Director

Title Va. Historic Landmarks Commission

Date AUG 15 1972

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

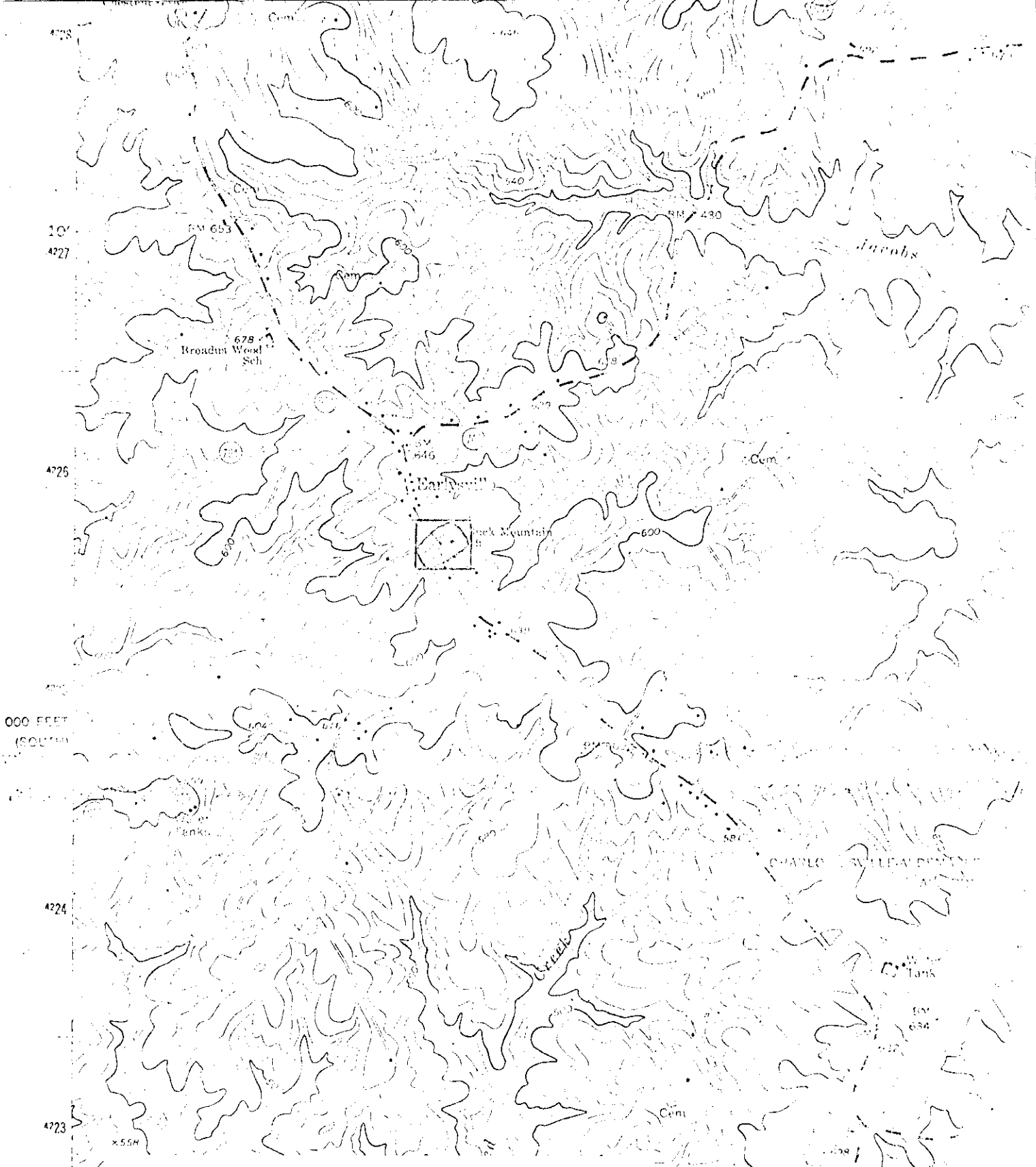
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STREET AND NUMBER:			
E side of Rt. 743.			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Earlysville			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Virginia	51	Albemarle	003
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S 7½' quadrangle Earlysville, Virginia			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1965			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)  
 Earlysville, Va. 1965

**BUCK MOUNTAIN CHURCH**

latitude	longitude
N 38° 09' 20"	78° 28' 57"
N 38° 09' 20"	78° 28' 46"
S 38° 09' 11"	78° 28' 46"
S 38° 09' 11"	78° 28' 57"

07'30"  
 78° 30'

WEST  
 Mapper  
 Control  
 Triangulation  
 taken 1'

000 FEET (SOUTH)

27'30"

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