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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)

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| STATE: Virginia | |
| COUNTY: Norfolk (in cit.) | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-45, 0089 | DATE 11/12/69 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Norfolk Academy Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Norfolk Academy

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
420 Bank Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Norfolk

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: (in cit.) CODE: 710

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|--|--|--|
| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public <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"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> | Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> | Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Park <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <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 type="checkbox"/> | Religious <input type="checkbox"/> | Comments <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> | Museum <input type="checkbox"/> | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
~~City of Norfolk~~ Norfolk Chamber of Commerce

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Norfolk

STATE:
Virginia

CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Norfolk City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Norfolk

STATE:
Virginia

CODE: 45

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/2

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

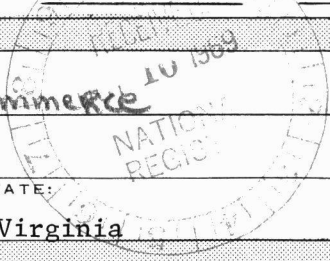
STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> | Good <input checked="" 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 Norfolk Academy building is a two-story temple-form structure with stuccoed walls. Although the building employs an unfluted Greek Doric order, it is actually in the form of a Roman Temple, being supported on a podium and having pilasters between the bays on the side walls rather than free standing columns. The sides are eight bays deep with the first and second floor windows separated by unornamented recessed panels. Both the front and rear facades feature hexastyle pedimented porticoes with plain friezes. The front wall is pierced only by the central door, but the remaining surface is ornamented by pilasters corresponding to the portico columns.

Little of the original fabric remains on the interior except possibly a staircase located to the left of the main entrance. The landing of the stair is supported by simple wooden Doric columns which may be original. The remaining interiors were probably very plain as were most educational buildings of the period.

While the building is not large in scale, the careful handling of its elements by the architect and its now almost isolated location in downtown Norfolk contribute to making it a monumental and imposing structure.

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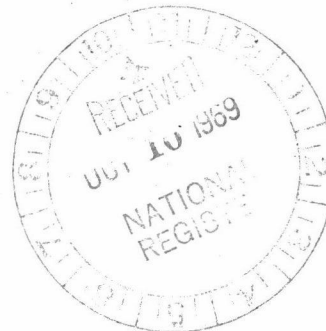
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(Number all entries)

6. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #122-18
1967
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia Code: 45



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) 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal | Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Agriculture | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Art | Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Commerce | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | | _____ | |
| Communications | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Conservation | 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 origins of the Norfolk Academy date as early as 1728 when "one lott of half acre of land ... being on ye. s.e. side of ye street ..." was conveyed to the Norfolk Borough authorities for the expressed purpose of building a school. The school was first called Norfolk Academy in 1787, and was incorporated by the General Assembly in 1804. By 1840 there was need for a new school building. A new site for the building was chosen on Bank Street, and the designs for it were provided by the famous architect, Thomas U. Walter of Philadelphia. The cornerstone for the temple-form structure was laid on May 25, 1840. It is said that Edgar Allan Poe delivered his last public lecture in the Academy building in September, 1849.

In 1915, the school vacated Walter's structure, and it was subsequently converted into Norfolk's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. In 1919 plans were made to make the Academy building a focal point for a health center but these plans never materialized. The building is presently occupied by the Juvenile Court only, and it is expected that it will be converted into the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Architecturally, the Norfolk Academy building stands as one of the important monuments of the Greek Revival period by virtue of both the quality of its design and the fame of its architect.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forrest, William, Historical and Descriptive Sketches of Norfolk and Vicinity ..., Philadelphia: 1853.
Henings Statutes, VII (1761), pp. 510-511.
Lower Norfolk County, Virginia Antiquary, I, 21-36; IV, 26-32.
Norfolk Academy - A Trial List of the Alumni to 1927, Norfolk: 1927.
 O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia, 1968.

UTM REF
 11-10-75
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | 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° 51' 02" | 76° 17' 08" | |
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| 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: July 24, 1969

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

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

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: Edw. P. Alexander by John

Title: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date: 10-7-69

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

Ernest Allen Corns
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 12 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 31 1969

NORFOLK SOUTH QUADRANGLE

VIRGINIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SE/4 NEWPORT NEWS 15' QUADRANGLE

(OCEAN VIEW)

NEWPORT NEWS FERRY 5.5 MI.

17°30"

OCEAN VIEW 6 MI.

2'650 000 FEET

76°15'

36°52'30"



U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24000)
Norfolk South, Va. (1955)

Norfolk Academy

Latitude
36° 51' 02"

Longitude
76° 17' 08"

200 000
FEET

5.8 MI. U.S. 60

2.3 MI. TO U.S. 13

NORFOLK ACADEMY

104° 36' 51.02"

Trinity Church
124-23