



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 127-6157

1. General Property Information

Property name: The Virginia Home

Property address: 1101 Hampton Street

City or Town: Richmond

Zip code: 23220

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located:

City of Richmond

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building ☒

Site ☐

Structure ☐

Object ☐

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 1.89

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban ☒ Suburban ☐ Town ☐ Village ☐ Hamlet ☐ Rural ☐

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

The Virginia Home is located on a large urban parcel bounded by Powhatan Street to the north, South Meadow Street to the east, Appomattox Street to the south, and Hampton Street to the west. The building faces Byrd Park, and public sidewalks surround the property. A semi-circular drive aisle provides access from Hampton Street to a porte cochere at the front entrance. Historic landscape features include brick walls along Powhatan and Appomattox Streets. These walls have rounded caps and gradually step down in height until they reach Hampton Street. A much lower wall spans most of the property line along Hampton Street. The site also contains a historic garden at the site interior. This garden includes brick walls and a reflecting pool that dates from the 1930s.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Art Deco

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: Baskervill and Lambert Architects, Baskervill & Son, Charles Gillette

If the builder is known, please list here: Doyle & Russell

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1930-1931, later additions

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

The Virginia Home property at 1101 Hampton Street has functioned in its historic capacity as a residential home for disabled Virginians since the building was first occupied in 1931. The site has evolved as a result of multiple building campaigns, but a single building still occupies the original half-block parcel. The original construction was touted as a fireproof, peaceful haven with modern amenities including elevators and radios.

The main building designed by Baskervill and Lambert in 1930 consists of a seventeen-bay façade that includes a seven-story, three-bay central tower. The building steps down to six stories at the three-bay sections flanking the tower, then steps down again to five stories at the north and south ends. Each vertical bay is separated by a brick pilaster with an ornamental terra cotta cap. Buff-colored Indiana limestone was used for moulded stone trim and the front porch. The front porch was enclosed during a 1993 building renovation, but was re-opened in 2004. Four-inch brick curtain walls with terra cotta "Unibacker" clads the building's steel frame construction. The red brick cladding is laid in a five course common bond pattern.

Subsequent additions include brick rear additions designed by Baskervill & Son in 1970, a chapel constructed in 1984, and additional rear additions designed by Baskervill & Son in 1993 to house a swimming pool, gymnasium, occupational therapy department, garage, and storage facilities. A new three-bay tower that projects from the front of the building was added in 2004. Also designed by Baskervill & Son, the new tower sits below the seven-story historic tower and sensitively incorporates red brick, limestone, and Art Deco-style ornamentation compatible with the character of the original building. A porte cochere extends from the new tower. The use of Baskervill as the primary architect at the property during the Virginia Home's nearly 100-year history at the site has resulted in expansions that are cohesive and respectful of the original building.

The 1930-31 building still retains a significant degree of integrity at the interior. Primary north-south and east-west corridors remain intact, as are most original resident rooms. Resident rooms retain historic door trim and historic closets. Historic corridors and some additional public spaces maintain distinctive multicolored 6"x 6" glazed tile original to the building. Historic steel stairs also remain.

Charles F. Gillette provided planting plans for a portion of the site in the 1960s, but these landscape features no longer appear to be intact.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

- Brick walls and walkways in good condition date from the 1930 Baskervill and Lambert plans
- The garden walls and the reflecting pool were designed by Baskervill and Lambert in 1930. The garden itself was planted by the James River Garden Club in 1931.

4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

Mary Tinsley Greenhow founded the Virginia Home after becoming permanently paralyzed in a horse-riding accident in the mid-1800s. A member of a prominent Virginia family, Greenhow envisioned a place where Virginians with severe and permanent physical disabilities could live in a welcoming and supportive environment regardless of financial means. She worked to raise funds and publicity for her concept, and in 1894 chartered The Virginia Home for Incurables. The Virginia Home's original space at Morson's Row could only serve eight residents, and the organization quickly outgrew the building. A much larger residence was erected at the corner of Broad and Robinson Streets in 1898, but that building, too, quickly reached capacity.

A 1929 bequest by Dr. A. Spiers George allowed the Virginia Home to purchase a sizeable half-block tract of land adjacent to Byrd Park for \$15,000 and plan for a substantial new building. Noted Richmond architectural firm Baskervill and Lambert designed the \$300,000 residence to be fireproof and include generous amenity spaces for the occupants. Local newspapers touted the building for its elevators, auditoriums, sun parlors, radios, and garden. The new building at 1101 Hampton Street received its first residents on August 11, 1931, and the Virginia Home rapidly expanded to serve 90 individuals.

Subsequent additions provided additional amenities for residents, including a swimming pool and gymnasium, occupational therapy rooms, storage facilities, and a chapel. Additional living quarters were also added to further increase capacity, capping the building out at 130 residential rooms. A 2004 renovation expanded therapy departments and medical and dental offices. The decision by The Virginia Home to exclusively use Baskervill as the architect for all major building campaigns since 1930 has resulted in a cohesive building evolution that respects the original Art Deco design.

The building has evolved in its nearly one hundred at the Byrd Park location, but it continues to operate in its historic capacity as a home for Virginians with severe physical disabilities. The Virginia Home maintains its historic role as a private, non-profit organization that provides round-the-clock care and a broad range of services, allowing residents to live full, active lives.

The Virginia Home property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an excellent example of Art Deco architecture designed by the renowned Richmond firm Baskervill and Lambert. The Byrd Park building's design predated Baskervill's grander vision for the West Hospital building on East Broad Street, but incorporates many of the same stylistic qualities. Their continued work at the Virginia Home property speaks to the enduring legacy of one of the nation's oldest continually operating architectural firms. The proposed Period of significance is 1930-1971, ending in the year of the last historic construction at the site.

The Virginia Home is also significant under Criterion A in the area of health and medicine. Since its incorporation in 1894, thousands of Virginians have benefitted from the services provided by The Virginia Home. The organization's model of providing care is the only one of its kind to date in the Commonwealth, and its founding by Mary Tinsley Greenhow provides important insight into the role of women and individuals with disabilities in advocating for quality healthcare. The Virginia Home's history of strong, civic engagement underscores community involvement in health initiatives at the local and state level.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

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5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: x Public\Local Public\State Public\Federal

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: Douglas H. Vaughan, Jr., President and CEO

organization: The Virginia Home

street & number: 1101 Hampton Street

city or town: Richmond state: Virginia zip code: 23220

e-mail: doug.vaughan@thevirginiahome.org telephone: 804-359-8629

Legal Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: Catherine Easterling

organization: Sadler & Whitehead

street & number: 212 E. Grace Street

city or town: Richmond state: Virginia zip code: 23219

e-mail: catherine@sadlerandwhitehead.com telephone: 804-231-5299

Date: 08/13/2025

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PIF AERIAL-VICINITY MAP

The Virginia Home
City of Richmond, VA
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 Proposed Boundary

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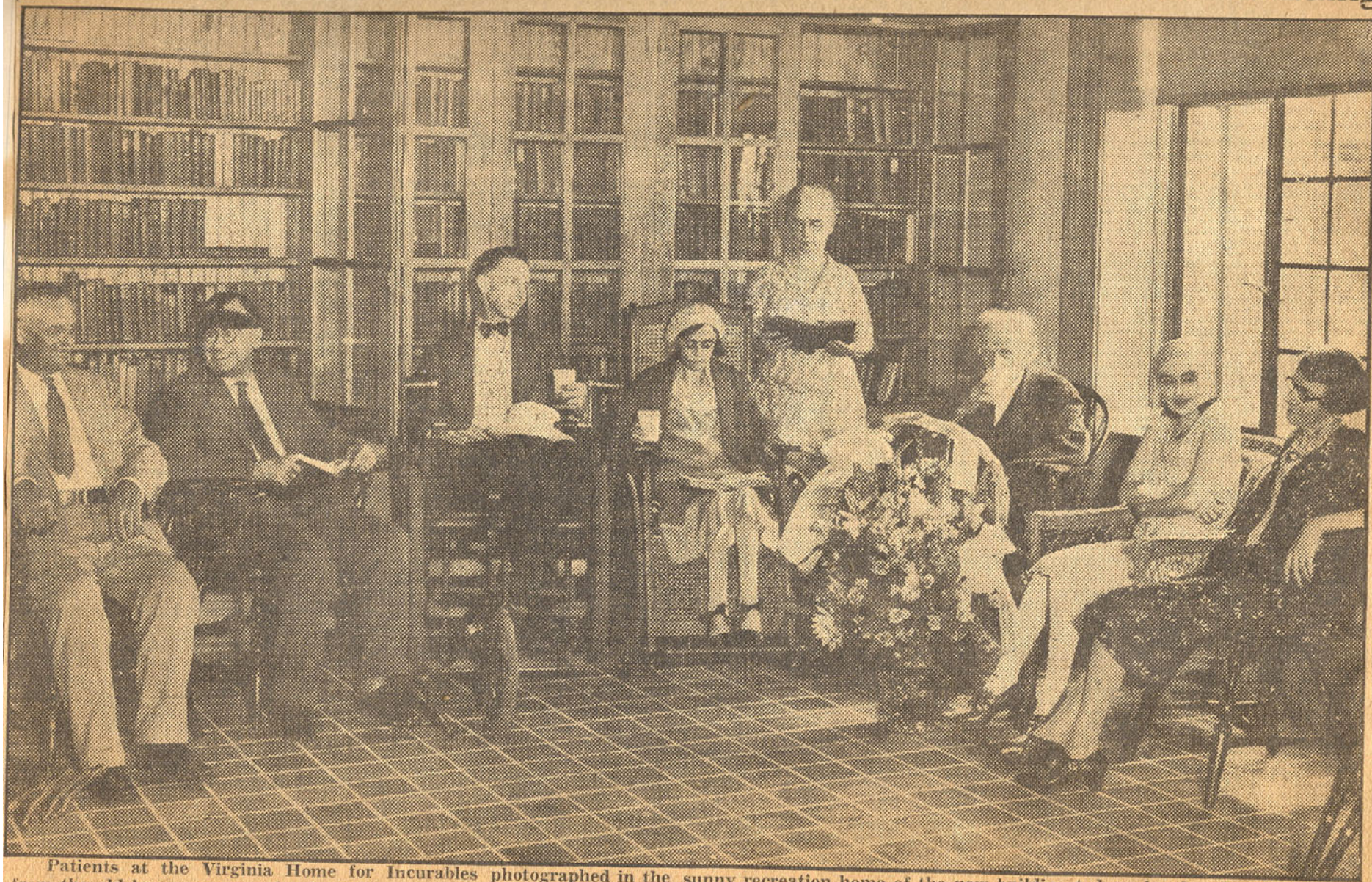
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Sixty Men and Women Patients of Home for Incurables Are Moved From Old Broad Street Abode to Fine New Building



Patients at the Virginia Home for Incurables photographed in the sunny recreation home of the new building today, shortly after the move from the old home was completed. They were served with glasses of milk on their arrival at the new building, where they rapidly made themselves at home. [News Leader photo by Dementi.]





















































