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TWO POWHATAN LANDMARKS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

RICHMOND: The Division of Historic Landmarks of the Department of Conservation and Historic Resources has been officially notified that ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND FRENCH'S TAVERN in Powhatan County have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The listing entry dates were March 29, 1989 and April 29, 1989 respectively.

Maintained by the National Park Service in the Department of the Interior, the National Register is the nation's list of architectural and historic resources judged worthy to be singled out for recognition as an important part of our nation's heritage. Both St. Luke's Church and French's Tavern are recognized as significant landmarks in Powhatan County.

St. Luke's Episcopal church is significant as an excellent example of a rural antebellum Classical-style church in an excellent state of preservation. The church was constructed between July 1843 and December 1844, apparently a labor of love on the part of William Henry Harrison, an immigrant from England and his wife Debora. The Church was consecrated by Bishop John Johns in 1845. French's Tavern, located on the Old Buckingham

Road, may date from as early as 1730. It was extensively remodelled in the early 19th century as a tavern. It is the only

building in the area that is clearly associated with the development of transportation in the early 19th century.

St. Luke's Church was entered in the Virginia Landmarks Register by the Virginia Historic Landmarks Board in October, 1988. French's Tavern gained state recognition in December, 1988. Their listing on the National Register is the final step in the nomination and recognition process.

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