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The fourth edition of The Virginia Landmarks Register is an entirely new, fully illustrated compilation of the state's buildings, structures, sites, and districts that have been officially designated as historic landmarks by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources over the past thirty years. The assemblage of nearly 1,800 entries?700 more than in the third edition, published in 1986?represents the most comprehensive inventory of Virginia's rich and varied historic patrimony ever published.

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