

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 220 Court Square  
 Map and Parcel: 53-98  
 Census Track & Block 1-113  
 Present Owner: Albemarle County Historical Society  
 Address: 220 Court Square  
 Present Use: Museum  
 Original Owner: Richard Matthews Estate  
 Original Use: Office Rooms

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: 220 Court Square  
 Date/Period: After 1866  
 Style: Federal  
 Height to Cornice:  
 Height in Stories: 1  
 Present Zoning: B-3  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 29 x 40  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 5150 + 8130 = 13,280

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The present structure was erected after the Civil War on the foundations of an early nineteenth century one and one half story frame structure. Old hardware including hinges and locks and perhaps some doors and windows were incorporated into the new brick building. The simple one story brick office building is an example of the conservative nature of architecture in Charlottesville. It resembles an 1830's structure with its Flemish bond facade, brick cornice, regular fenestration, and lack of ornament. Originally but two rooms with an entrance into each room and interior fireplaces on the northern walls, a room was added to the southern half about the turn of the century. The building was handsomely restored under the direction of Professor Frederick D. Nichols in 1967.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

About 1800, John Jouett conveyed a lot north and east of the original town to two enterprising land developers of the period John J. Hawkins and Thomas W. Lewis. The original deed was lost and replaced with one dated 1804 (ACDB 15-38). In 1803 Hawkins and Thomas conveyed to John Yeargains that part of this tract which contained the earlier building of the present foundation of 220 Court Square. Yeargains lived in the building until his death in 1837. A saddle maker and liquor salesman, he lived alone and earned quite a reputation of being a hermit and miser. The next owner was Richard Matthews who resided at 224 Court Square. After his death in 1847, this property was involved in a lengthy chancery suit which was not resolved until 1884 when his daughter Martha M. Blair obtained a clear title to the property. In 1866 the Matthews property was advertised for sale as containing a large brick building (224) and a smaller framed tenement (220). The frame structure may have been in bad repair and replaced by Matthews heirs after 1866. Martha Blair sold to Senator Thomas S. Martin in 1900, and he held the property until 1922. In 1927 Lawyer William F. Long made this his office until his death in 1967. It then passed to Frances Long Hodge who graciously made provisions for the Albemarle County Historical Society.

## GRAPHICS

## CONDITIONS

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## SOURCES

Albemarle County Historical Society  
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 Mrs. Mann.