

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: Court Square
 Map and Parcel: 53-39
 Census Track & Block:
 Present Owner: Albemarle County
 Address:
 Present Use: County Office Building
 Original Owner: Albemarle County
 Original Use: County Office Building

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Albemarle County Office Building
 Date/Period: 1939
 Style: Jeffersonian Revival
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 3 1/2
 Present Zoning: B-1
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 260 x 220 (Total square)
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 78,080 + 197,460 = 275,540
 (w/ Ct. House)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Designed by the local architect Elmer Burrus and built in 1939 as a Works Progress Administration project, the Albemarle County Office Building is yet another example of the preference to continue using the Georgian Revival or Jefferson Revival style well into the twentieth century. The building's facade is a "tour de force" of Georgian motifs such as the projecting central pavilion, end gables, cornice with modillion blocks, jack arches above the double sash windows, and the segmental pediment on the western entrance. The building is nicely laid in Flemish bond above a water table of moulded brick. The high Georgian Revival style is overworked and reflects a style never indigenous to Charlottesville. The false chimney on the southern front is extraneous. Behind this lavish exterior is a bland, standard office space.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The building is on the site of the old Albemarle County clerks office.



CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: Court House Square
 Map and Parcel: 53-39
 Census Track & Block: 1-104
 Present Owner: Albemarle County
 Address:
 Present Use: Court House
 Original Owner: Albemarle County
 Original Use: Court House

BASE DATA

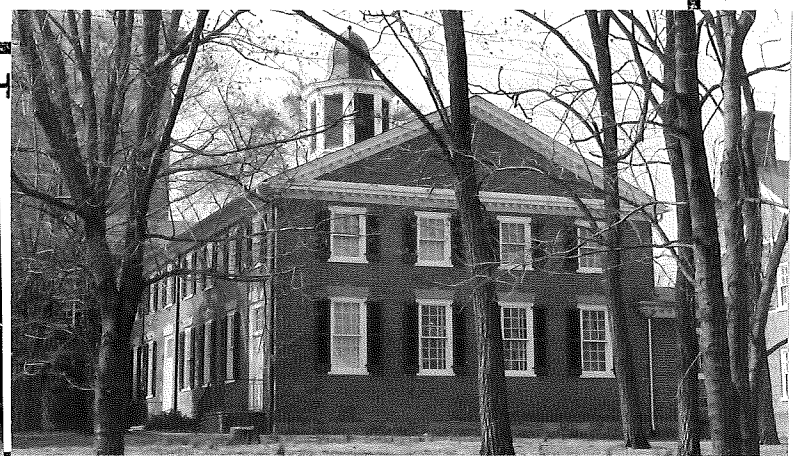
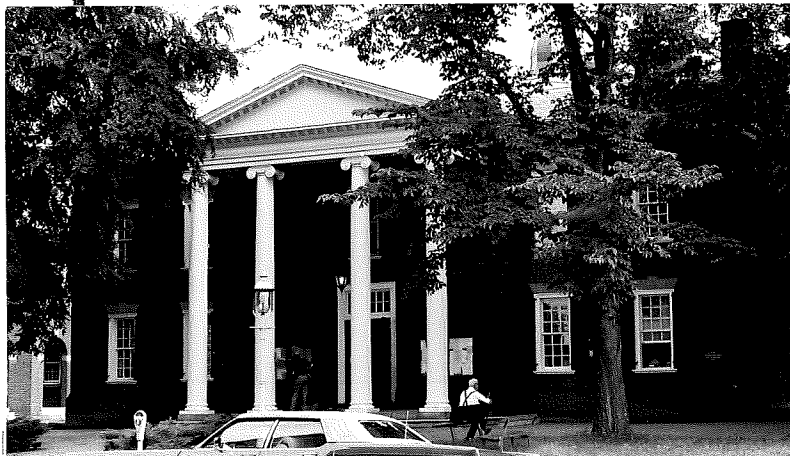
Historic Name: Albemarle County Court House
 Date/Period: 1803, 1859, c. 1865, 1938
 Style: Roman Revival with original Georgian
 Height to Cornice:
 Height in Stories: 2
 Present Zoning: B-1
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 260 x 220
 Assessed Value (land + imp.): 78080 + 197460 = 275,540

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Albemarle County Court House has, at one time or another, been an example of almost every architectural style known in Virginia. The 1803 section is Georgian, with its stucco jack arches and modillion cornice. The 1859 section was Gothic revival with towers and heavy lable molds. The post Civil War portico is Greek Revival. The whole sturcture was remodeled in 1938 to conform with Colonial Revivals tastes. The result is a very pleasant effect but wholly without architectural continuity. The interior has been so altered as to make its original appearance obscure.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

When the county seat of Albemarle was moved in 1762, a small wooden structure was constructed as a court house. It was this building that briefly served as the capitol of Virginia in May, 1781. This building was also used by Jefferson and Monroe during the early years of their law practices. This structure was replaced in 1803 by the existing north wing. Jefferson referred to this building as the "common temple" which served the four denominations in the town as a church. In 1859 the south wing was designed by W. M. Pratt and built by George Spooner. After the War, the Ionic portico was installed and the Gothic towers removed.



CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

W. Sam Burnley, The Court House of Albemarle County,
 Mary Rawlings, Historical Guide.

Street Address: *Cent Square*

Historic Name:

Map & Parcel: *63-39*

Date/Period: *1802*

Census Tract & Block:

Style:

Present Owner:

Height to Cornice:

Address:

Height to Stories:

Present Use: *Albemarle Co. Court House*

Present Zoning: *B-Office*

Original Owner:

Land Area (s. ft.): *260 x 220*

Original Use:

Assessed Value (land+imp)

78,080 + 196,020 = 274,100

Architectural Description

Historic Description

Name of Persons Interviewed:

The finest - An example of the High Georgian Revival,
a style never indigenous to C'ville.

Projecting pavilion - arched loggia - entrance porch -
gables w/ tondo windows -

stone keystone - string course at window sill level -
cornice modillions + dentils.

Segmental ped w.

false chimney - Flem. bond -

jack arches -
moulded brick - cymas - table -

April 9, 1997

Ms. Marcia Joseph
City of Charlottesville Zoning Administrator
P.O. Box 911
Charlottesville, VA 22902



Re: Albemarle County Courthouse Exterior Painting

Dear Marcia:

Albemarle County is planning to solicit bids next week for the exterior repainting of its Courthouse at 501 East Jefferson Street, Court Square. VMDO has prepared the contract documents for this project. I discussed the issue of paint colors with Mr. Huja last week and he confirmed my assumption that any changes to existing colors will need to be submitted to Community Development for review and approval. Therefore, please find attached the proposed color schedule for all exterior painted components along with referenced Duron color chips. The contract documents will require the painter to prepare an on-site mock-up of each color for final review and approval before commencing with final painting.

Proposed colors are quite close to the existing ones, but we are indicating some subtle changes. I did perform some limited archival research to see if I could determine anything about the building's original colors but did not uncover any conclusive evidence. Because the oldest part of the Courthouse dates to 1803, it seemed to me reasonable to assume that original pigments may have been similar to those first utilized on the University of Virginia's lawn. I spoke with Murray Howard, architect for the University of Virginia's historic grounds, to verify current understandings about colors utilized on early 19th century buildings in this area. My discussion with Mr. Howard forms the basis for the proposed treatment of the Courthouse.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Todd W. Bullard, AIA

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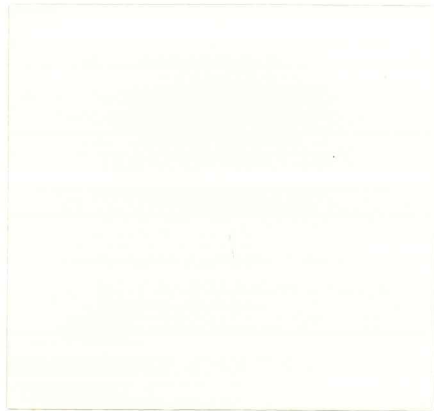
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3.7 COLOR SCHEDULE

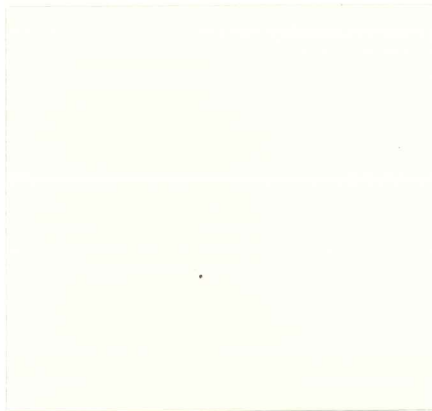
- A. Provide the following primer and finish coat colors (designations are Duron) for surfaces indicated; if surface or component is not specifically mentioned, match existing color:
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 2. Portions of cupola which are currently white: *Off-white "Moon Mist"*
 3. Metal roof and wood louvers of cupola: *"Charleston Green"*
 4. Wood shutters: *"Charleston Green"*
 5. Metal railings and lampposts: *"Charleston Green"*
 6. Miscellaneous conduit and boxes exposed and attached to exterior walls: *Match color of existing brick as closely as possible*
 7. Wall-mounted bulletin board cases at front portico: *Match color of existing brick as closely as possible*
 8. Stucco surfaces: *Off-white "Antique White"*

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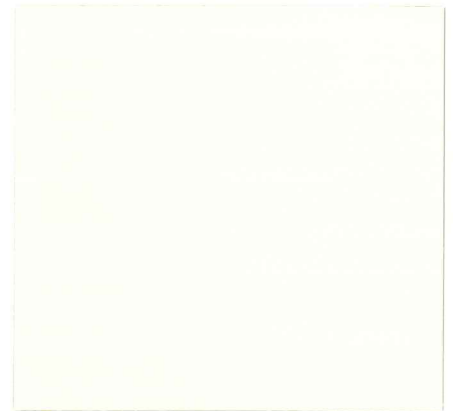
INTERIOR COLORS



Shell White



White Shadow



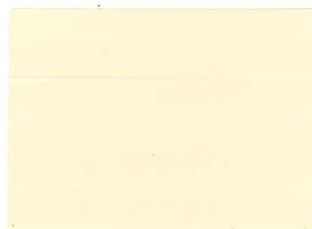
Moon Mist

WOOD TRIM, WINDOWS, DOORS

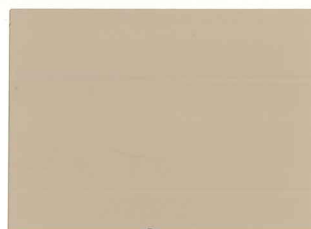
EXTERIOR COLORS



One Coat White



Wheat



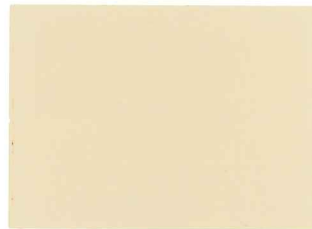
Woodland



Fairfax Brown



Colonial White



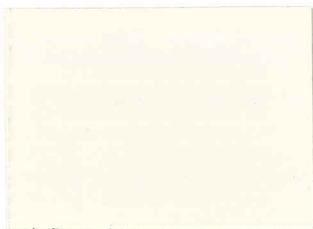
Greystone



Chadwicke Tan



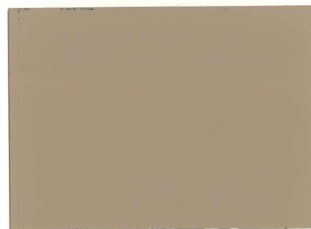
Old Carriage Brown



Newport



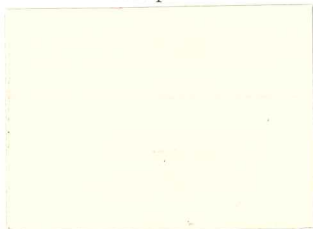
Harness Shop Tan



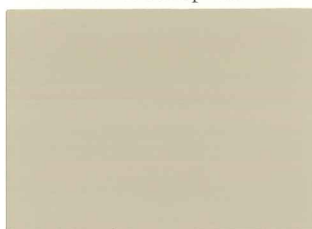
Fawn



Chestnut Brown



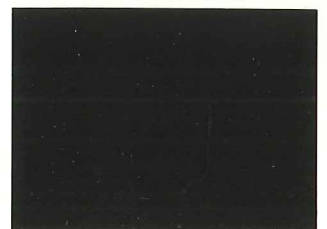
Amber White



Cypress



Yorktown Brown



Deep Forest Brown

Colors may vary slightly in actual use due to area, sheen, surface, application or lighting.

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Bone White

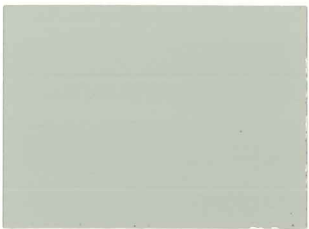


Antique White

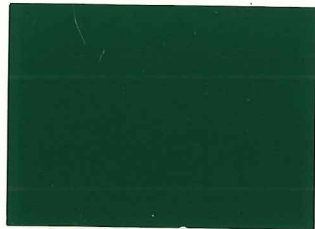


Cool Platinum

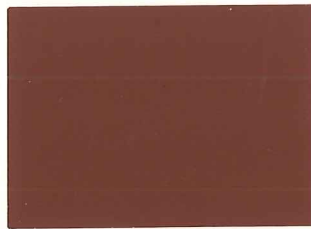
COLUMNS AND STUCCO



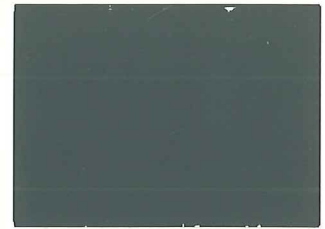
Incense



Forest Green



Persian Plum



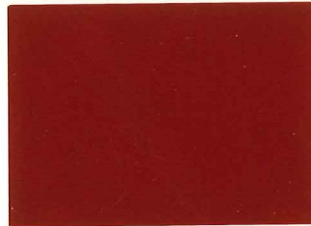
Hearthstone



Brush Grey



Foxhall Green



Redwood



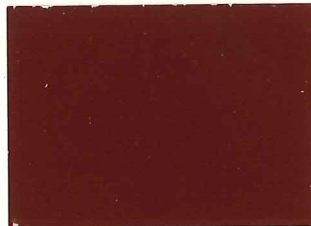
Aspiration



Tavern Beige



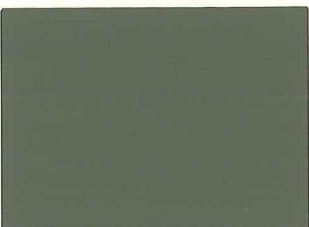
Georgetown Green



Farm House Red



Carolina Slate



Cobblestone Grey



Charleston Green



Old Colonial Red



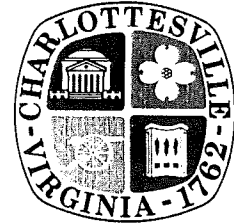
Black

WOOD SHUTTERS

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April 21, 1997

VMDO Architects, P C
116 Second Street, N.E.
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Re: Albemarle County Courthouse Exterior Painting

Dear Mr. Bullard:

The information (3.7 Color Schedule) you have sent concerning the paint proposed on the Courthouse is acceptable, and has been approved administratively. If you have questions please call me or Marcia Joseph at 970-3182.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Satyendra Singh Huja', is written over a horizontal line.

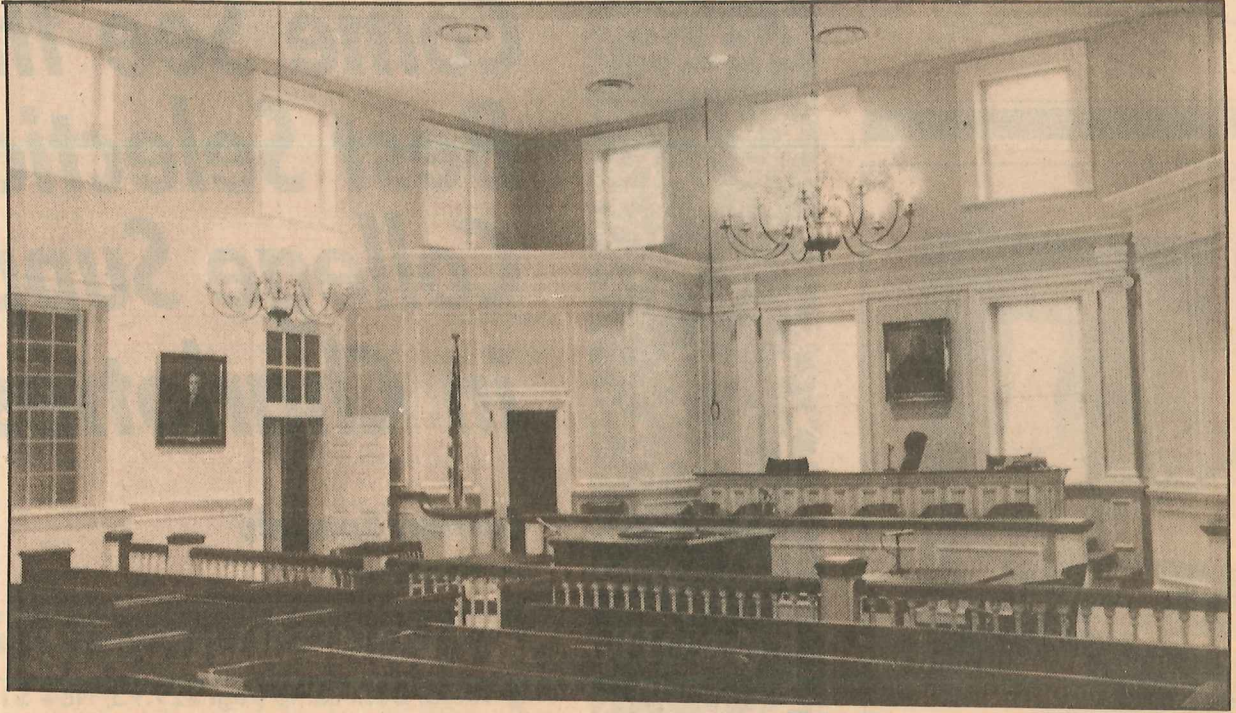
Satyendra Singh Huja
Director of Planning and Community Development

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