## Identification

STREET ADDRESS: 522 Park Street

MAP & PARCEL: 53-131

CENSUS TRACT AND BLOCK: 3-416

PRESENT ZONING: B-1

ORIGINAL USE: Sallie P. Haden
ORIGINAL USE: Carriage House
PRESENT USE: Church Annex

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PRESENT OWNER: Trustees of t

ADDRESS:

Trustees of the First Presbyterian

Church of Charlottesville c/o L. A. Brunton, 726 Park Street

Charlottesville, Virginia

HISTORIC NAME: Southall-Haden Carriage House

DATE / PERIOD: c. 1884

STYLE: Victorian

HEIGHT (to cornice) OR STORIES: 1½ Storeys

DIMENSIONS AND LAND AREA: 208' x 278' (1.226 acres)

CONDITION: Good SURVEYOR: Bibb

DATE OF SURVEY: Winter 1980

SOURCES: City/County Records

Alexander, Recollections of Early Charlottesville

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Haden Carriage House is a 1½ -storey tile-roofed saltbox with many details matching the main house. There is a stable in the basement, which is above ground at the rear and originally faced a large pasture. Construction is of brick laid in 6-course American bond, painted gray. The fairly steep gable roof is covered with tile and has been painted green. It has parapet gables and deeply projecting eaves with exposed rafter ends. A tall wall dormer with parapet gable is centered on the facade. Its segmental-arched door originally gave access to the second storey, but the stair has been removed. Access is now by an exterior stair and door replacing one of the windows on the south side. There are two wide carriage entrances on the facade. They have segmental arches with keystones. Each has now been filled in with plywood in which there is a door and a small window. Windows on the north and south sides at the first and second levels are segmental-arched pairs of 8-light casement windows with plain surrounds. A wide hiproofed dormer low on the rear plane of the roof contains two pairs of 6-light casement windows at the first level. At the basement level there are two Dutch stable doors with metal strap hinges and three segmental-arched pairs of casement stable windows.

### HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1875 S. V. Southall purchased Miss Betsy Cole's large brick house on Park Street, built c. 1845 (ACDB 69-614). General Philip Sheridan is said to have had his headquarters in this house during part of his brief occupation of Charlottesville in March 1865. Southall enlarged and remodeled the house in the Victorian style c. 1884 and probably built the carriage house at the same time. Llewellyn Pugh bought the house for Southall's estate in 1913 (City DB 25-119) and sold it to Sallie P. Haden (wife of Dr. Dan W. Haden) in 1916 (DB 29-138). She sold it a half century later, in 1965, to the First Presbyterian Church (DB 264-563, 303-70) which demolished the house in 1969, but spared the carriage house.







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## 522 Park Street THE COLES-SOUTHALL-HADEN HOUSE

The first-built portion of this puzzling old house is the south-west block of two and one-half stories plus a full-raised or English basement. The second stage of growth accounts for the "tower" to the north-west, which projects beyond the old block to terminate a one-story verandah running across the front and church-side elevations. A three-story wing extending to the east as an extension of the tower and one-story verandahs on the south side of the ell and south and Park Street sides of the old block were the final phase. The tower, verandahs, and various carpenter-Gothic embellishments have greatly altered the original aspect.

A double flight of steps leads to the first floor level; one crosses a wide verandah and enters by the fanlit door of the old block; two tall windows with heavy Italianate cornices and frames flank the door and light a transverse hall which runs the length of the front of the old block; at the end of

the hall is a door to the side verandah; to the left is a tight flight of stairs which rises from the ground level and continues to the top floor. Through doo. in simple encasements are two identical parlors joined by large sliding panels; these rooms are the only rooms of the old section on this level; they occupy two-thirds of the old block, each provided with a handsome Greek Revival mantel—simple treatments of Doric colonnettes with deep architraves and large projecting mantelshelves. On either side of the fireplaces, windows in Georgian sash give light on the east and the right-hand parlor has two windows on the south as well.

From the hall and to the left beyond the stairs a door opens to the tower room, the present dining room; this room has several features characteristic of the period of its building: a very high ceiling; elaborate chimneypiece with bronze-framed pier glass and overmantel treatment; a bronze chandelier. There is a tall, narrow window to the north and in the streetfront wall a bay with engaged windows in a decorative frame. At the time of its addition a dumbwaiter in the hall

brought food from the ground-floor kitchen. Behind the tower is the present kitchen and service wing, circa 1900.

On the upper floors bedrooms correspond exactly to the rooms below them. In the old block two additional bedrooms are in the attic.

The construction of the entire house is brick laid in Flemish-bond. At the time of the tower addition the streetside windows were removed and Victorian sash and plate glass installed. The rennovations of this period can also account for the brackets on the heavy Greek Revival cornice and the gabled and coupled arched-window arrangement at the second-floor level. Behind the house at some distance is a garage, formerly a coach house with stalls and hayloft above. Also on the property is an old clapboard cottage on brick piles, originally the summer kitchen.

The house can take its place in the train of historical precedents in at least two categories: the first,

strictly speaking, would be with the domestic architecture of the Greek Revival in America. Actually, the plan with variations has very clearly-defined links with an earlier period—that time following the Revolution during which the modes of Georgian England were rather in disfavor and a more truly "classical" type was being introduced into this country. The Federal style still had very close links with contemporary English work (and remained greatly in debt to the Adams, for instance); but there was a definite turning away from the old ideas and obvious steps toward the style called Greek Revival—"the only thoroughly American architecture."

It is interesting to note that the enormous popularity of the classical revival in this country had little effect in Virginia until the fourth and fifth decades of the Nineteenth Century. The typical country house plan, double rooms on either side of a wide central corridor—with dependencies designated either to long wings or detached and placed in a forecourt or fourpoint arrangement—continued to be the pattern well

into Victoria's reign. "Aside from Richmond and a few individual buildings in other cities like Alexandria and Norfolk and Petersbury, the great houses of country Virginia, like those of Maryland, remained largely untouched by the new fashion until late in the period...The history of Greek Revival architecture in the southern states is a confused story of local influences, of conservatism in taste, and of a sudden and late flowering. Local pride was great; cities and towns in those critical decades of the 20's and 30's seem culturally to have been self-supporting..." The people seemed "singularly adverse to changes in taste except in the most superficial ways; many houses (of the period) are still essentially of Eighteenth Century design."2

By the 1830's Virginia had already experienced the first flux of migrations which had followed the opening of the new territories to the south. Her old tobaccoworn land had been abandomed by many who sought the new wealth to be gained in the rich cotton-growing regions and left her in an equilibrium, a "balance

between a growing industrial system and an expanding agriculture."3 The Greek style in the remote country places of Virginia was a simple expression, in our case a mere incorporation of certain fashionable motives and composition details and a somewhat more "open" plan into an essentially Federal, essentially Eighteenth Century dwelling. The introduction of double drawing-rooms, as parlors are now called, opening to one another by sliding doors is, perhaps, the major Greek Revival innovation in the Southall-Pugh-Haden house. Throughout the country one can find variants of our arrangement of double rooms on the main floor and their sliding door connection with "other doors in (these) rooms ... kept entirely subsidiary in scale, and the fireplace mantels...usually broad and low. Simple, refined mouldings, broad surfaces, and concentrated enrichment in rosettes or bands or carved capitals or central plaster ceiling roses combined with the high ceilings and broad areas of plain wall to create an effect of serene and elegant clarity ... These large rooms made an excellent framework either for quiet

family living or, when thrown together, for large and formal entertainments."4

And so we come to the old central or "Greek Revival" block of the Southall-Pugh-Haden house which has many Eighteenth Century characteristics and direct influences from the town houses of the early Republic as well as strong motivations toward the Greek style. In many ways it is like the Moses Myers house in Norfolk, a "splendid example of the late...city type,"5 built in 1791. The arrangement of rooms is the same, except at the Myers house, a more elaborate scheme, there is a double depth of rooms with the fireplaces back-to-back; the room beyond the right-hand parlor has an octagonal projection into the garden; the ornament is finer--lovely mantelpieces with delicate carving in the McIntire manner and softly moulded freizes at the cornice level. But the situation-a corner plan, and the exterior simplicity, and, above all, a clear, well-defined and economical disposition of spaces -- all these characteristics are closely reflected in its Charlottesville cousin.

At the Southall-Pugh-Haden house the "tower" addition would be considered in the second category, that period in American architecture which John Maass calls the Italianate Interlude. During the years between 1830 and the war the "Italian" or "Tuscan" villa, which had become popular in England in the 1820's, was extremely fashionable in this country, both North and South. "The most delightful parts of American Italian villas are their towers;" and large bay windows and roofs with wide overhangs are characteristic. Color becomes important; the Pre-Raphaelites' insistence on honest expression and natural colors is strongly felt ("Perhaps the great monotone grey of Nature and of Time is a better colour than any that the human hand can give..."

Various motives (translated from stone to wood in America) became more and more extraordinary as the style progressed: "The brackets under the cornice grew larger and fancier until this Americanized Italian style became known as 'Hudson River Bracketed'."8

A handbook of the 1850's, Cottage Residences of ...

A. J. Downing, presents several villas in the Italian style, of highly irregular design which, Mr. Downing says, will appeal to those persons "who have cultivated an architectural taste, and who relish the higher beauties of the art growing out of variety." These of the enlightened will "give a great preference to a design capable of awakening more strongly emotions of the beautiful or picturesque, as well as the useful or convenient."

The English dilettante of the Victorian era was convinced that Italy was the well-spring of art, unrivaled in architecture. His American counterpart, though still decidedly preoccupied with things Greek, was also aware of the great Italian contribution. During this period more Americans were traveling abroad, and, naturally, making a beeline for Florence to bask in the wealth of the Renaissance legacy. The Tuscan villa, craggy with interesting shadow and silhouette exaggerated in boldly carved stone, became for the American elite the most desirable sort of house, while the less truly informed citizens continued

to erect countless little pseudo-replicas of Greek temples. The great innovation of the Italian phase is the idea of "irregularity". When the dictates of the style insisted on an irregular treatment, the plan was quite naturally opened up to a free-er development than ever before; and these possibilities in spatial arrangement were another stepping-stone to the "open" plan of the modern era. This irregularity is also the style's greatest charm and must not be confused with the later developments in the eclectic last decades of the Nineteenth Century. "None of the cliches about dark, gloomy, fussy Victorian mansions can possibly be applied to these high, wide and handsome houses."

# 522 Park Street THE COLES-SOUTHALL-HADEN HOUSE:

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## THE COLES-SOUTHALL-HADEN HOUSE

### Documents:

1) Corporation Court of the City of Charlottesville Deed Book #29, pp. 138-139:

5 September 1916
Deed between Sallie P. Haden: and Llewellyn
Pugh: Two acres and house on east side of Park
Street (exact description of boundaries, etc.).

2) Corporation Court of the City of Charlottesville Deed Book #25, 0. 119:

5 July 1913
Deed between Llewellyn Pugh and S. V. Southall
(Mary S. Southall, executrix): The house and land
(Mary S. Southall, executrix) for \$15,000.00 and the
(description of boundaries) for \$15,000.00 and the
1913 taxes. Mention is made of the fact that Mr. Southall
died in the house.

3) Albemarle County Deed Book #69, p. 614:

15 June 1875
Deed between S. V. Southall and Mrs. Emily A. Aylett: The house and land for \$5,500.00. Mrs. Aylett had been granted a life tenancy in the will of the previous owner, Elizabeth Coles (see Document #6). She previous owner, appointed trustee by the heirs in April 1871.

4) Albemarle County
Deed Book #41, pp. 442-443:

4 March 1844
Deed between George Sinclair & wife & John H.
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5) Albemarle County
Deed Book #43, p. 47:

l3 August 1845
Deed between James A. Ward & wife and Elizabeth
Coles: One-quarter acre (description of boundaries)
for \$60.00.

6) Albemarle County Will Book #27, p. 350:

August 1864
Elizabeth Cole leaves her estate (the house and land are mentioned, but no description and no inventory) to the following heirs: Peyton S. Coles, John C. Rutherford, and Patrick Henry Aylett--with the stipulation of life tenancy for Mrs. E. A. Aylett.

7) Material Assertance Sections Vol. 122-126, 1851-1857:

The policy is for \$3,500.00. The house is described as a "dwelling 2 stories, walls brick, roof wood". The drawing indicates a small porch in the middle of the west or Park Street front and a porch (?) "12'x8'" on the left of the south elevation; no tower is indicated; no outbuildings are indicated or mentioned in the document.

From the information of these records, one can sonclude that the house was built some time between 1844,
the date of the purchase of the larger parcel of land,
and 1853, the date of the insurance policy--the first
mention of a house on the property in the documents.
The tower was no doubt built in the 1870's, probably
during the occupancy of Mr. Southall.

It is interesting to note that the house was General Sheridan's headquarters during the War. The following is from a letter written by Judge Egbert Watson of Forest Hill to his daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Smith of Greensbore, North Carolina:

Gen'l Sheridan had his quarters first at Jno. Wood's, and then at Miss Betsy Coles', the house being vacant and having suffered very much before Gen'l S. occupied it...

Rawlings, Mary, "Sheridan's Raid Through Albemarle", The Magazine of the Albemarle County History, vol. 24, 1954-1955.

# THE COLES-SOUTHALL-HADEN HOUSE SUGGESTIONS FOR RESTORATION

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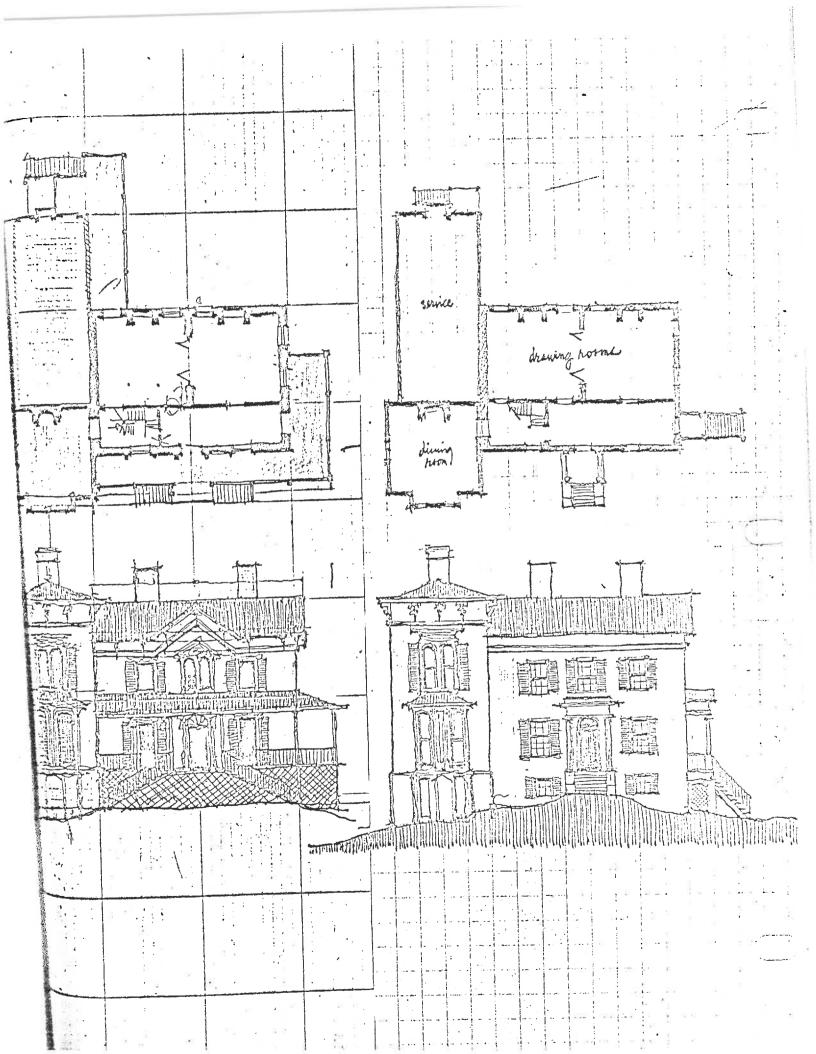
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# THE COLES-SOUTHALL-HADEN HOUSE SUGGESTIONS FOR RESTORATION

I would suggest few changes in the basic fabric; those
I would advise would be the removal of the tall windows
and coupled windows above on the Park Street elevation
of the old block, to be replaced by the standard Georgian
sash which is still in place in the other elevations;
and the restoration of the original roof line on this
facade by removal of the double-window and gable on the
upper level. With the removal of the verandah, these
would be the chief problems encountered; and other changes
would be comparatively superficial—such as the removal
of the bracketing on the cornice of the old block, the
replacement of the porches on the Park Street and east
elevations, and the removal of the Italianate doorframe
of the main door to be replaced by a treatment of more
suitable design.

Since the tower is an exceptionally fine production of its period, it should remain intact with the indispensable service wing behind; and to de-emphasize the inconcruity of two entirely conflicting styles incorporated into the same structure, I would suggest that the paint be

cleaned from the brick, and all woodwork and cornices to be painted in a harmonious and unifying color scheme. If, however, the brickwork of the various units appears to be of different coloration, I would suggest that the whole be painted a color which would be enhancing to both styles—possibly some shade of yellow with white or cream—painted woodwork and green shutters.



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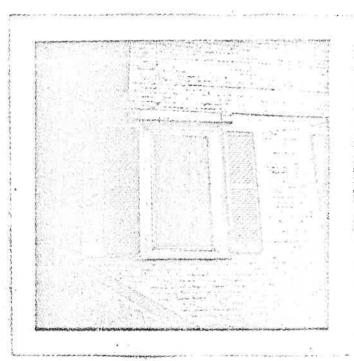
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN DETAILS AND THEIR HANDBOOK PROTOTYPES

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The brick for both the old block and tower is laid in Flemish bond, without the refinement of vine joints. The windows of all elevations of the older section (except for the Park Street front) are Georgian sash, six-over-six with wooden lintels only on the east elevation--simple, undecorated blocks, which seem to be an embellishment added to this elevation at the time of the additions of the tower, bracketing, and the Italianate door-and-window enframements on the street front.

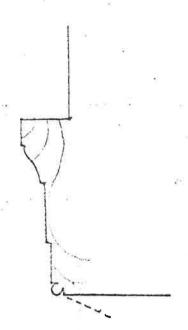




The interior of the original block is very simple indeed---no cornices, no decorations; only plain, unbroken surfaces with simple mantlepieces in the drawing-rooms and door-and-window mouldings of a simplified "Jefferson" type. Window recesses are plain panels-no bevel, no reveal.

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base moulding; scale: approx. 3"=1'.



door-and-window moulding; scale: approx. 3"=1'.

The tight stairs ere of the "dog-leg" type with plain mouldings rather than brackets.

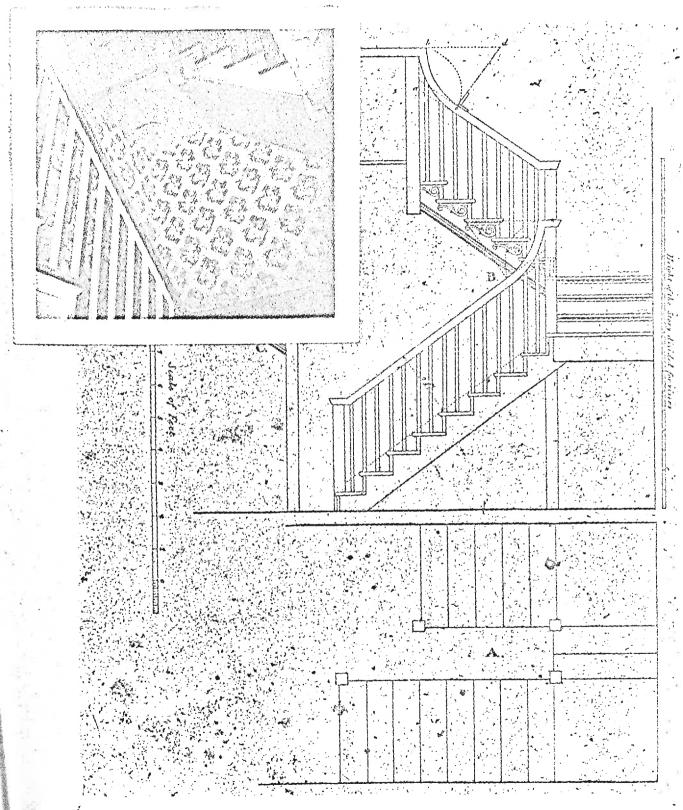
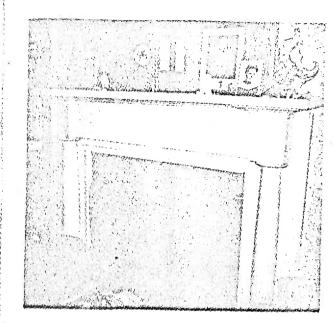


Plate 30 from Owen Biddle's The Young Carpenter's Assistant (Philadelphia, 1810)

The right-hand drawingroom mantlepiece is 54" high and 64" wide. A similar handbook mantlepiece is shown below:



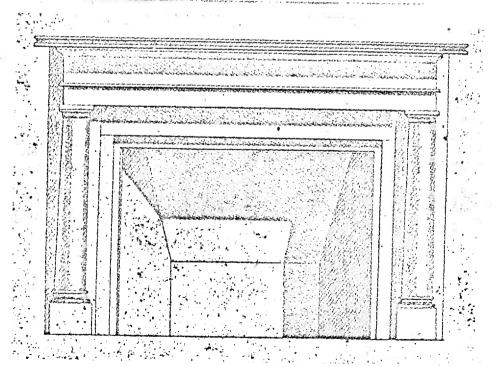


Plate 74 from Edward Shaw's Civil Architecture (Philadelphia, 1836)

The tower in the "Hudson River Bracketed" style and its architectural details have similar handbook prototypes, as shown below:

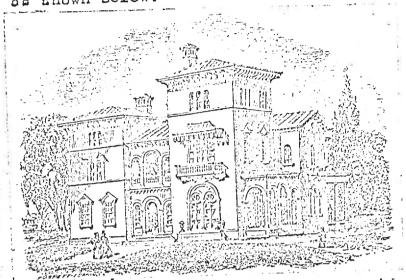
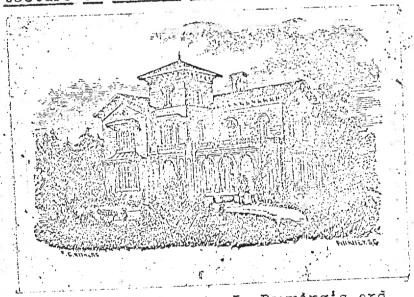


Fig. 143 from A. J. Downing's The Architecture of Country Houses (New York, 1850)



Design No. 17 from A. J. Downing's and Calvert Vaux's <u>Villas</u> and <u>Cottages</u> (New York, 1857)

At the time of its building, the tower had another story, which was removed early in this century; but from these contemporary designs it is possible to reconstruct the original aspect.

The detailing is quite refined and rich, but the interior woodwork is ugly, clumsy, almost an afterthought-the mantlepiece being especially crude:

