



# VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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## SURVEY FORM

Historic name Madison Hall Common name Madison Hall  
County/Town/City Albemarle, Charlottesville  
Street address or route number 1800 University Ave.

USGS Quad Charlottesville west, Va. Date or period 1907  
Original owner University of Virginia Architect/builder/craftsmen  
Parish and Schroeder, New York  
Original use Y.M.C.A. Source of name  
Present owner University of Virginia Source of date  
Present owner address Stories  
Present use offices Foundation and wall const'n  
Acreage Roof type

State condition of structure and environs good

State potential threats to structure  
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes  no

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

brick (flemish bond) on high rusticated stone basement; 2 story; gable roof; 5 bay with 3 bay wings; 2 story 3 bay recessed porch with 2 unfluted Ionic columns in-antis, full entablature with plain frieze, dentils. Neo-classical. 1907. Ionic pilasters at corners, wide flight of stone stairs. double-door entrance in center bay with transom having leaded glass fanlight, broken segmental dentilated pediment on consoles over door with urn and drapery in center, below is cushion frieze with large key stone, above doorway is a stone crosssetted plaque stating "Madison Hall". 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows - six over six light sash with shouldered architraves, 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows - 12 over 12 light sash with full architrave surrounds topped by triangular dentilated pediments

wings to east & west: brick (flemish bond) on high rusticated stone basement; 1 story; gable roof; 3 bay; four columned entrance porticos to east and west with iron railings. Cornice similar to center portion. 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows - 9 over 9 light sash with shouldered architraves, basement windows - 3 over 3 light sash. tall interior chimneys.

Interior inspected? no

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

Gift of Miss Grace Dodge of New York City in 1905 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of founding at Univ. of Va. of the 1<sup>st</sup> college Y.M.C.A. in the world. Designed by Parish and Schroeder of New York and was finished in 1907. Used as a student Union beginning in 1932 and the Center for School of General Studies in 1960. Now used as offices.

listed on 1907 Sanborn Map

Holzinger picture collection: U-353-B  
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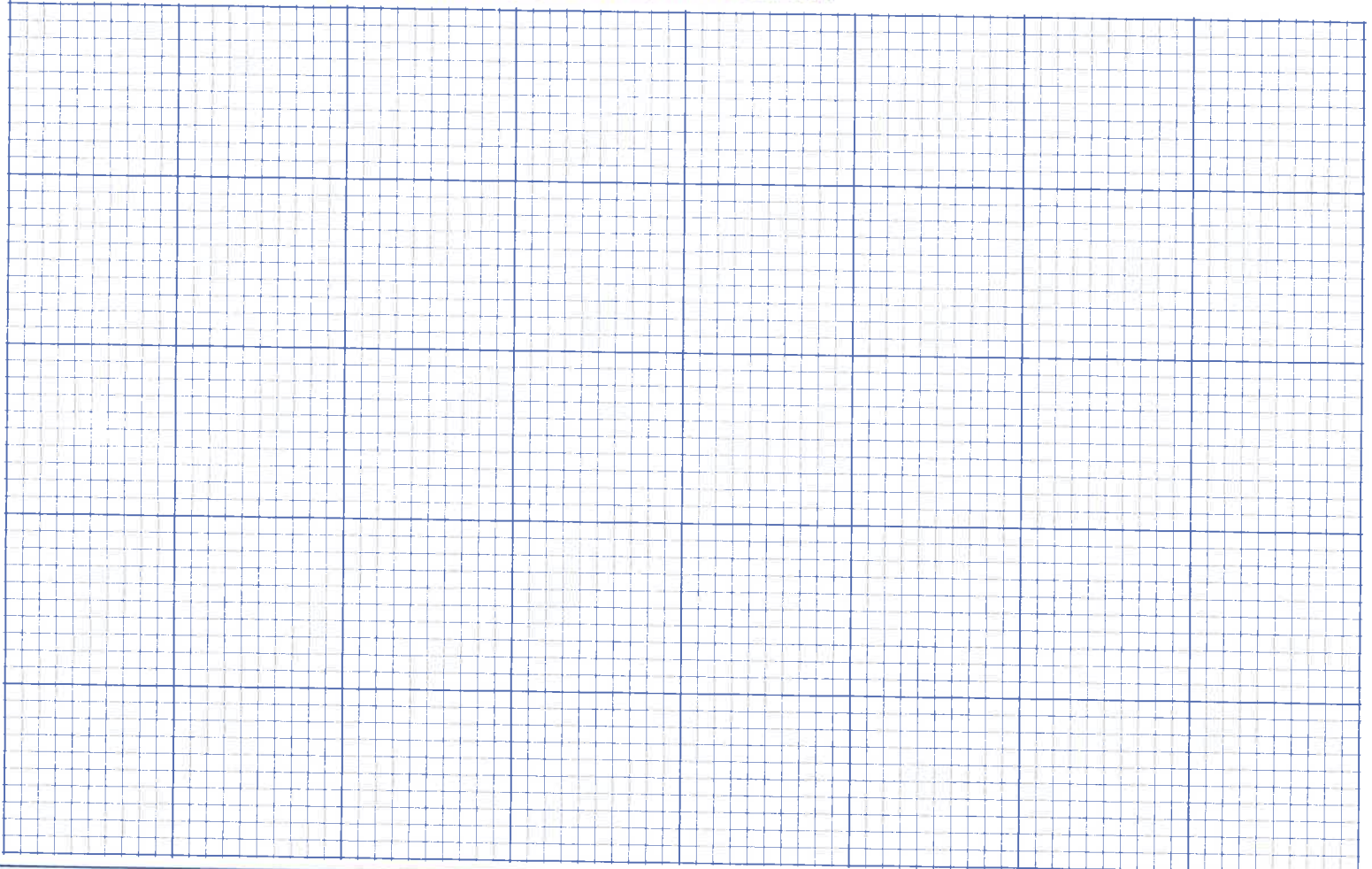
1907 Sanborn Map.

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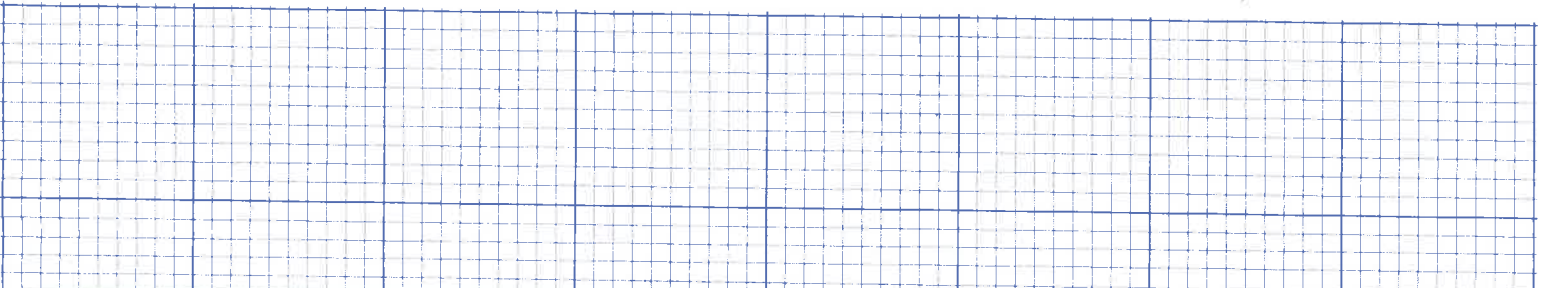
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Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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~~Architectural Description~~

## Madison Hall

Madison Hall consists of a 2-storey, 5-bay, double-pile central pavilion ~~set~~<sup>set</sup> on a high English basement, with flanking 1-storey side wings & a 2-storey ~~and~~<sup>re-entrant</sup> wing at the rear which is connected to the central pavilion by a hyphen.

~~The foundation is of~~

There is a ~~rough~~<sup>shaped</sup> stone water table above the ashlar stone foundation. Wall construction is of brick laid in Flemish bond throughout the building.

The medium-pitched, ~~gabled~~<sup>pedimented</sup> roof [of the central pavilion] is covered with slate & has a deep entablature with dentil moulding. There are small windows in the pedimented gables at the ends of the central pavilion.

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An interior chimney, with a stringcourse, centered on the rear elevation, serves a fireplace in the entrance hall.

~~Windows~~

A 2-storey, 3-bay portico-in-antis is centered on the facade. There are two Ionic columns & four pilasters. The walls are plastered, & the ceiling is decorated with egg & dart moulding.

~~The entrance~~

~~The entrance consists of~~

There is a leaded fanlight set within a rectangular transom above the double entrance doors. The entrance is flanked by pilasters with consoles carrying an entablature with a ~~curtain~~<sup>curtain</sup> frieze & a cartouche. Above this is a broken segmental pediment with a draped urn.

Above the entrance, a stone plaque with a shouldered wooden architrave bears the name "Madison Hall".

Windows ~~at the first~~ ~~storey~~ ~~level~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~facade~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~central~~ ~~block~~ ~~are~~ ~~double-sash,~~ ~~12-over-12~~ ~~light,~~ ~~with~~ ~~an~~ ~~entablature~~ ~~&~~ ~~trans~~ ~~triangular~~ ~~pediment~~ ~~with~~ ~~dentil~~ ~~moulding.~~ Those in the sides of the portico-in-antis lack the pediments.

Second storey windows are much shorter, 6-over-6 light, with shouldered architraves. All windows on the rear elevation of the central block have been infilled with brick.

Basement windows are also 6-over-6 light.

~~The~~ ~~entrance~~ ~~hall~~ ~~has~~ ~~a~~ ~~cornice~~ ~~with~~ ~~dentil~~ ~~moulding,~~ ~~paneled~~ ~~wainscot,~~ ~~a~~ ~~Colonial~~ ~~Revival~~ ~~mantel,~~ ~~&~~ ~~leaded~~ ~~fanlights~~ ~~matching~~ ~~the~~ ~~entrance~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~doors~~ ~~leading~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~entrance~~.  
<sup>single</sup> ~~the~~ ~~entrance~~ ~~hall~~ ~~has~~ ~~a~~ ~~cornice~~ ~~with~~ ~~dentil~~ ~~moulding,~~ ~~paneled~~ ~~wainscot,~~ ~~a~~ ~~Colonial~~ ~~Revival~~ ~~mantel,~~ ~~&~~ ~~leaded~~ ~~fanlights~~ ~~matching~~ ~~the~~ ~~entrance~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~doors~~ ~~leading~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~entrance~~.

The one-storey side pavilions terminate in full-height <sup>pedimented</sup> Tuscan porticoes three bays wide with entablatures matching that of the central ~~block~~ <sup>pavilion</sup> fan windows in the pediments, ~~+~~ egg-~~+~~ dart moulding on the ceiling, ~~Each has~~ <sup>+</sup> two pairs of French doors with transoms. Each has an interior chimney with cap & stringcourse, serving a fireplace.

## Hist Description

The YMCA was founded at the Univ of Va in 1857. In its early years it ~~kept~~ <sup>established</sup> a reading room in the Rotunda annex <sup>in</sup> a terrace room at the northern termination of West Lawn. After the office of Chaplain was discontinued in 1896, it arranged for guest preachers to conduct services at the Univ. A 5-acre tract north of the Rotunda was purchased in 1887 & 1892 (AcDB 132-37)

It became known as the "YMCA Campus".

Tennis courts & playing fields were set up. In 1904 Mrs. William E. Dodge donated \$40,000 for a building in memory of her husband, & her son & daughter donated money for the furnishings & equipment. The C&O Railroad contributed five carloads of brick.

with \$1700 donated by Cyrus McCormick <sup>and</sup> ~~to~~.

The building was erected in 1905. Alterations were made in 1961 when the University began to rent office space there. It ~~purchased~~ ~~it in 1971 (City DB 329-463)~~ An extensive renovation was done after the University purchased it in 1971 (City DB 329-463). It now houses the office of the President.

~~The <sup>2-story</sup> rear wing is three bays deep & five bays wide. It has a low-pitched hipped roof & an entablature which lacks the dentel moulding. <sup>There are two</sup> windows at both ends are 6-over-6 light with architrave trim in each bay.~~

~~There are <sup>with</sup> coupled brick pilasters between the bays.~~

The 2-story rear wing is three bays deep & five bays wide, ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> coupled brick pilasters between the bays, ~~and each~~ <sup>and each</sup> bay has two 6-over-6 light windows with architrave trim.

The wing has a low-pitched hipped roof with an entablature lacking the ~~dentel~~ <sup>dentel</sup> moulding. There is an octagonal cupola with a ballast metal roof with ball finial.

with a projection three bays wide on the rear elevation. There are