Albemarle County

Albemarle County is named for Willem van Keppel, who was the 2nd Earl of Albemarle.

Surrounding County Courthouses:
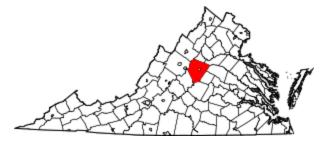
N – **Greene County** and **Orange County**

E – **Louisa County**, **Fluvanna County** and **Buckingham County**

S – **Buckingham County** and **Nelson County**

W – **Augusta County**, **Waynesboro** and **Rockingham County**

Surrounds Independent City - Charlottesville

Created: May 6, 1744

County Seat:

Scottsville   1744 – 1762

Charlottesville   1762 – present

County Courthouse – Charlottesville

Location: 501 East Jefferson Street / Park Street

Built: 1761 – 1781

Style: Greek Revival

Architect: William Cabell

Contractor: William Cabell and John Moore

Description: The building faces south and is a two story red colored brick structure. The building is located on landscaped grounds in the center of Charlottesville. The south front has a large portico with four tall Ionic columns rising to a pediment at the roof line. The windows have stone headers. On the roof is a white colored octagonal cupola. The building has expanded northwards. The 1762 building was torn down and the building was enlarged in 1803. The architect was Willliam D Meriweather, Isaac Miller and George Divers and the contractor was John Jorday. An additions was constructed in 1859 and in 1879 to 1880, the courthouse was enlarged with the addition of the south wing with its Ionic portico. Renovation work was done in 1938. The architect was Milton Grigg and Flloyd Johnson. The building was renovated in 1963. The architect was Johnson, Crevan and Gibson. The building is located on the east side of Courthouse Square with the District Court along the west side.

County District Court – Charlottesville

Location: 501 East Jefferson Street / Park Street

Built: 1938 – 1939

Style: Colonial Revival

Architect: Elmer E Burruss

Contractor: Barnes Limber Company

Description: The building faces south and is a two story red colored brick structure. The building is located on landscaped grounds in the center of Charlottesville on the west side of Courthouse Square with the Courthouse along the east side. The south front extends from the main building and has three arches with arcade and recessed entrance. At the roof line is a pediment. The building extends northwards. There are dormers along the hipped roof.

See: The 16th Judicial Circuit includes **Charlottesville**, **Culpeper County**, **Fluvanna County**, **Goochland County**, **Greene County**, **Louisa County**, **Madison County** and **Orange County**.

History: The first courthouse was a frame structure modeled built by Samuel Scott in Scottsville in 1749. The courthouse was modeled after the **Goochland County** courthouse. The county seat was moved to Charlottesville in 1762. The second courthouse was built by William Cabell and John Moore on the Courthouse Square in 1762 to 1763 on land donated by Dr. Thomas Walker. The courthouse was modeled after the **Henrico County** courthouse. The courthouse was torn down and replaced in 1803 by the rear wing of the existing building. The grounds of the courthouse once held a whipping post, pillory and stocks, as was typical of the time.

County Administration – Charlottesville

Location: 401 McIntyre Road / Preston Avenue
Built: 1938 – 1939
Style: Colonial Revival
Architect: Unknown
Contractor: Unknown

Description: The building faces south and is a three story red colored brick structure. The building is located on landscaped grounds in the center of Charlottesville. The south front has steps to the second story which has a large portico with four columns. On the roof is a white colored octagonal cupola. The building is the former Lane High School.

County Courthouse – Charlottesville

COURTHOUSE
First portion Built
between 1763 and 1781
Added to in 1803 and 1860
Remodeled and Restored 1938

BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS

J. M. FRAY,   CHAIRMAN

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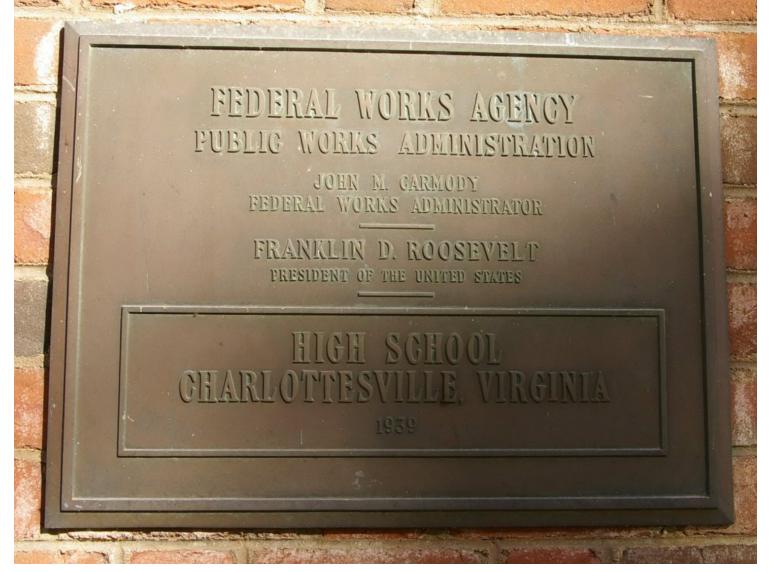H. ASHBY HARRIS   C. PURCELL MC CUE
L. C. ROBERTS, M. D.

ERECTED 1939

H. A. HADEN,   COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ELMER E. BURRUSS,   ARCHITECT

BARNES LUMBER CORPORATION
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

County Administration Building – Charlottesville

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