



## IDENTIFICATION

Set Address: E. End of Water St.  
 and Parcel:  
 nsus Track & Block: 1-204  
 resent Owner: C&O Railroad Co.  
 Address:  
 Present Use: Railroad Passenger Terminal  
 Original Owner: C&O Railroad  
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## BASE DATA

Historic Name: C&O Depot  
 Date/Period: CA 1905  
 Style: Neoclassical Revival  
 Height to Cornice:  
 Height in Stories: 2 1/2  
 Present Zoning: B-4  
 Land Area (sq.ft.): 15000  
 Assessed Value (land + imp.):

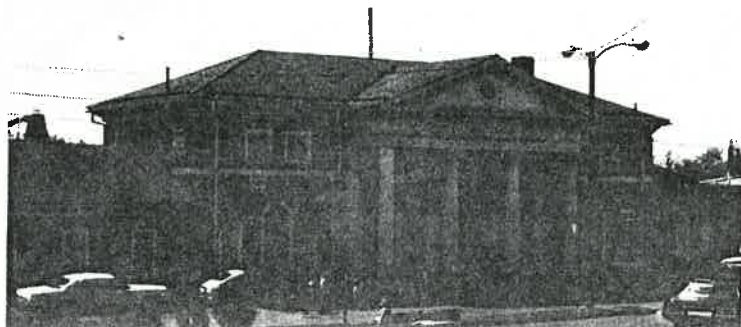
## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The building, faced in red brick with wood and stone trim, consists of a 2 story central block with one-story flanking wings. A cornice with dentils and heavy modillions encircles the building beneath the hipped roof, and is likewise present on the lower wings. A simple stringcourse separates the two floors of the central block and heavy brick quoins mark the corners of the building. The Water St. facade features a monumental pedimented portico with four fluted ionic columns. Beneath this portico entry is gained to the main waiting room by means of a doorway with a fanlight set within a pedimented enframingent. The Neoclassical theme is further carried out in the large round-headed windows of the first floor, the Greek key which appears as a decorative device in lintels and impost blocks, and the cast-iron tuscan columns which support the roof of the loading platform.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The Louisa Railroad, later the Virginia Central and eventually a part of the C&O System, came to Charlottesville in 1848. A depot on this site was burned during Sheridan's occupation of Charlottesville in 1865. It was replaced by a depot which in turn, was eventually supplanted by this building around 1905. The structure is still serving the purpose for which it was designed, and is now the gateway to Charlottesville for passengers on the Amtrak System. Except for painting and some changes in fenestration, the building has been little altered since its completion.

## GRAPHICS



## LANDMARK



## SURVEY

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## GRAPHICS

202A (L.)

202A (R.)

## CONDITIONS

Average

## SOURCES

Albemarle County Historical Society  
Woods, A History of Albemarle County



VIRGINIA  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SURVEY FORM

File no. 104-72B

Negative no(s) ~~104-72B~~

5065:1?2

Historic name C&O DEPOT  
County/Town (City) CHARLOTTESVILLE  
Street address or route number

Common name

USGS Quad CHARLOTTESVILLE EAST, VA.  
Original owner  
Original use  
Present owner  
Present owner address

Date or period  
Architect/builder/craftsmen

Source of name  
Source of date  
Stories  
Foundation and wall const'n

Present use  
Acreage

Roof type

State condition of structure and environs FAIR/DETERIORATING (VACANT)

State potential threats to structure  
Note any archaeological interest VANDALISM

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 (PAINTED RED); HIP ROOF. 5 BAY 2 1/2 STORY CENTER SECTION. 6 ADDITIONAL BAYS IN THE TWO ONE-STORY WINGS; BRICK QUOINS; 2 1/2 STORY PEDIMENTED PORTICO WITH 4 FLUTED IONIC COLUMNS, ~~NEO-CLASSICAL~~ REVIVAL. C. 1905. CENTRAL ENTRANCE HAS DOUBLE DOOR WITH ELLIPTICAL FANLIGHT, WOODEN ARCH AND KEystone; PEDIMENT ABOVE FANLIGHT RESTS ON PIECE OF DORIC ENTABLATURE SUPPORTED BY 2 ENGAGED DORIC COLUMNS; FIRST STORY WINDOWS 14 1/2 SASH, ROUND HEADED WITH WOODEN SURROUNDS; GREEK KEY IN IMPOST BLOCKS, RECESSED PANELS AROUND WINDOWS; STRING COURSE SEPARATES FIRST, SECOND STORIES; 8/8 SASH ON SECOND STORY: SIMPLE, MOULDED SURROUNDS; JACK ARCHES WITH KEYSTONES; 6/6 SASH IN WINGS. LOADING PLATFORM SOUTH OF BUILDING: FLAT WOODEN ROOF SUPPORTED BY CAST IRON TUSCAN COLUMNS JOINED TO MAIN STRUCTURE BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND STORY. 3 3-LIGHT GABLE DORMERS ON SOUTH SIDE OF ROOF.

Interior inspected? No

OF MAIN BUILDING.

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

FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE LANDMARK SURVEY:

"THE LOUISA RAILROAD, LATER THE VIRGINIA CENTRAL AND EVENTUALLY A PART OF THE C&O SYSTEM, CAME TO CHARLOTTESVILLE IN 1848. A DEPOT ON THIS SITE WAS BURNED DURING SHERIDAN'S OCCUPATION OF CHARLOTTESVILLE IN 1865. IT WAS REPLACED BY A DEPOT WHICH IN TURN, WAS EVENTUALLY SUPPLANTED BY THIS BUILDING AROUND 1905, THE STRUCTURE IS STILL SERVING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED." 1978-HAS SINCE BEEN VACATED.

SANBORN MAPS:  
1886 OLD DEPOT



Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

WOODS A HISTORY OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

ALBEMARLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

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



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, c



Name, address and title of recorder

MARGARET DAVIS

UVA

Date

FEB. '80

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487-561 }

plot 487-56

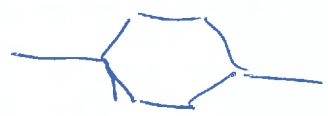
Str  
Mar  
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stone water table just below windowsills

Flem all

rusticated brick quoins

R R main block  
round-arched ent (double door w/ fanlight)  
6 feet on end blocks; carbunkle  
cent bay window, inside too, tickets




Water st frontispiece

engaged Tuscan columns, entabl + ped over door matching R R  
round-arched circ-headed wind side bay, some vented  
in round-arched recess + end blocks

stung source

sq 8/8 w/ arch. trim 2nd

9/4 in group w/  lintel, ~~some~~

variety small wind & doors, but major bays in main block  
(w/ some lintel)

THE RIVANNA CHAPTER  
NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
POST OFFICE BOX 6321  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22906  
804-293-8813

About 136 years ago a predecessor of the CSX Corp., The Virginia Central, reached Charlottesville. Since that day, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad has been a vital part of the life of the Charlottesville community. And now, a part of that life is likely to disappear.

The C&O Railroad has announced plans to remove a portion of their engine terminal. The turntable and related track and switches are used to turn the steam engines that power various Washington, D.C. excursion trains. These excursion trips could be prevented from using Charlottesville as their destination.

These train riders spend approximately \$40,000 a weekend as well as the additional funds spent by the trips' sponsors, the Washington area chapters of the N.R.H.S and the Railway Enthusiasts to charter C.T.C. buses. These trips have proved to be, since 1964, among the most popular operated over the Norfolk-Southern system.

The Rivanna Chapter, N.R.H.S. would like to invite interested community groups to join us in asking CSX to not injure, destroy or make in-operable the turntable and associated trackage until the Rivanna Chapter, N.R.H.S and the community representatives can meet with CSX to discuss acquisition and preservation of the complex. At this time we have no fixed plans.

The Rivanna Chapter, N.R.H.S., is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a non-profit, educational group.

Your co-operation is invited.

We would appreciate a resolution from City Council asking the C.S.X. Corp. to reconsider their plans to close the Charlottesville Train Yard.

The Rivanna Chapter would ask that the public contact the following:

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Palladian - Cent. Sash window  
 alternate lg. cir. headed windows & keystone straight -  
 Ionic portico -  
 Adam door & recessed windows  
 painted -  
 Doric iron colonnade -  
 diminutive windows second floor -

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 Historic Description

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 Name of Persons Interviewed:



C40

484-561 C40 RyCo → East Mall Redevelop Corp \$350,000

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AcDB 51-243, 1852, for commise 7 Va Central RR

" 66-109, 1837, " Geo C & Mohandas - 7"

City DB 10-395, 1900, " Jamatt. Atkins

" 11-21, " , " J. Rinaldo Cox

" 10-394, " , " Wm T. Jones

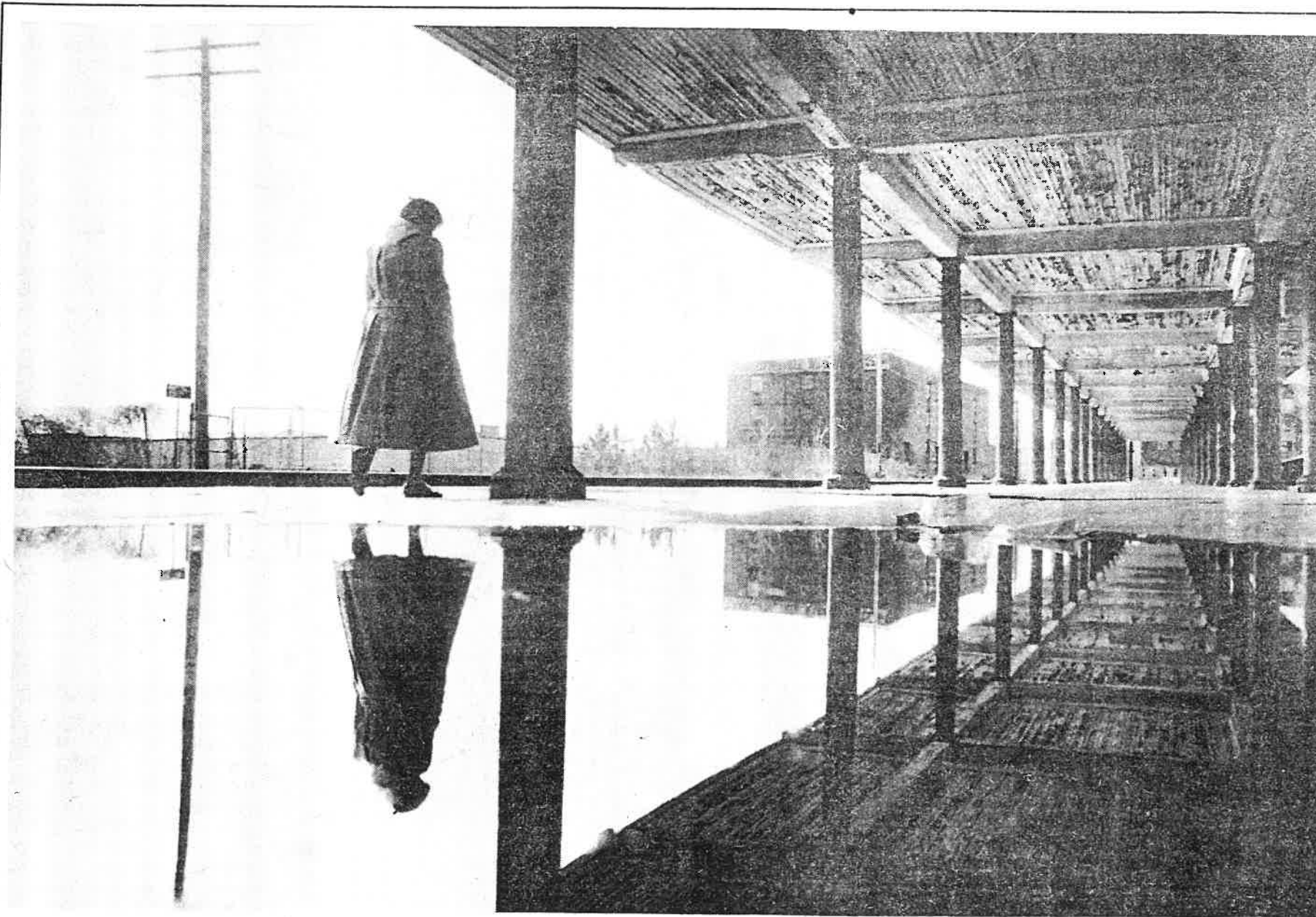
" 14-317, 1903, " E. B. Haden

" 14-322 " " Mrs Hannah Kaufman, Adm

" 226-128, 1961, exchange of City (plat of Belmont Bridge P. 134)

Thursday, March 12, 1987

# Local / State



Progress Photo by Jim Carpenter

## *Reflections Of Busier Days*

A woman is reflected in a rain puddle as she walks off Water Street on Tuesday. The old downtown trains chugged in and out of Charlottesville.



No. C:O STATION  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Order 107  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
Retouched \_\_\_\_\_  
Order Finished Aug. 1974  
Reorder \_\_\_\_\_



