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Form 10-300,
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Virginia

COUNTY: Page

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Page County Court House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 116 S. Court Street

CITY OR TOWN: Luray (Seventh District Congressman James Kenneth Robinson)

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Page CODE: 139

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE: (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Page County

STREET AND NUMBER: Page County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Luray STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Page County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER: Luray

CITY OR TOWN: Luray STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Page County Court House, dramatically set on a hill overlooking Luray is an example of the arcaded-type court house which traces its form back to the English Renaissance town hall. The influence of the architecture of Thomas Jefferson is also present in this type of court house.

The two-story four-bay court house with three-bay, one-story wings added to the north and south is five-bays deep. The four-bays of the pedimented gable facade open onto a ground floor arcade with rounded arches. The wings have similar arcades, all of which are treated with rounded arches, keystones and a two-course corbelled spring line. The Tuscan pediment contains a semi-circular window with radiating muntins. A Tuscan entablature extends along three sides of the main structure with short returns on the west end. Both wings have Tuscan pedimented gables. A supola with coupled pilasters and four pedimented gables is set on the front edge of the roof ridge. Brick walls are finely laid in Flemish bond on the facade and are painted white. There are two chimneys in the side walls of the main block, and a chimney with corbelled caps in the end of each wing. The wooden double-hung windows in the facade have nine-over-six sashes; there are larger wooden double-hung windows on the side and rear walls which contain large six-over-six sashes. In the center of the facade on the first floor a pair of double doors opens into the court room. A door leading to offices opens in each wing in the bay nearest the main block. The large court room retains little original trim. There is a balcony in the east and a balustrade separates the bench from the room in the west end.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Page County Court House is one of a significant group of Virginia court houses whose design was directly inspired by the work of Thomas Jefferson. Its lot was donated to the county late in 1832, and advertisements for its construction, not to exceed \$6,000 were circulated immediately. The contract was awarded to Malcolm Crawford and William B. Philips, who later slightly altered the plans to allow for a "cheap and suitable steeple" to house the bell given by Enos McKay. The building was completed in 1833.

Both Crawford and Philips had worked under Thomas Jefferson at the University of Virginia. Jefferson's dignified Roman Revival style had a strong influence on these two men and many of his other workmen, and this influence is apparent in Virginia's collection of Roman Revival court houses of which Page County's is a prominent member. Philips was also responsible for the court houses of Madison and Greene Counties, and probably that of Caroline County. Both the Madison and Caroline Court Houses are architecturally similar to the Page Court House. After coming to Charlottesville in 1819, Philips lived in Albemarle County and was active in designing buildings in the Piedmont until his death in 1861.

Not only is Page County Court House important as an example of Jeffersonian architecture with similarities to the University pavillions, it carries on the early Virginia tradition of the arcade in public buildings. This is seen in the Capitol in Williamsburg, and such early court houses as those of Hanover and Richmond counties. The particular type of arcade found at Page is also closely related to the English Renaissance town hall, as in Blandford, Dorset, England.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

William B. O'Neal, "The Workmen at the University of Virginia, 1817-1826,"
The Magazine of Albemarle County History, vol. 17, pp. 5-48, 1958-59.

Harry M. Strickler, A Short History of Page County, Virginia, Richmond:
 The Dietz Press, Inc., 1952.

Marcus Whiffen, "The Early Courthouses of Virginia," Journal of Society
 of Architectural Historians, March, 1959, vol. 18, no. 1.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		38°	39'	51"
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		78°	27'	55"
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than ten acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: October 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: J.R. Fishburne, Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Title: Landmarks Commission

Date: January 16, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE
SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle Luray, Virginia
SCALE: 1:24000
DATE: 1965

4. REQUIREMENTS
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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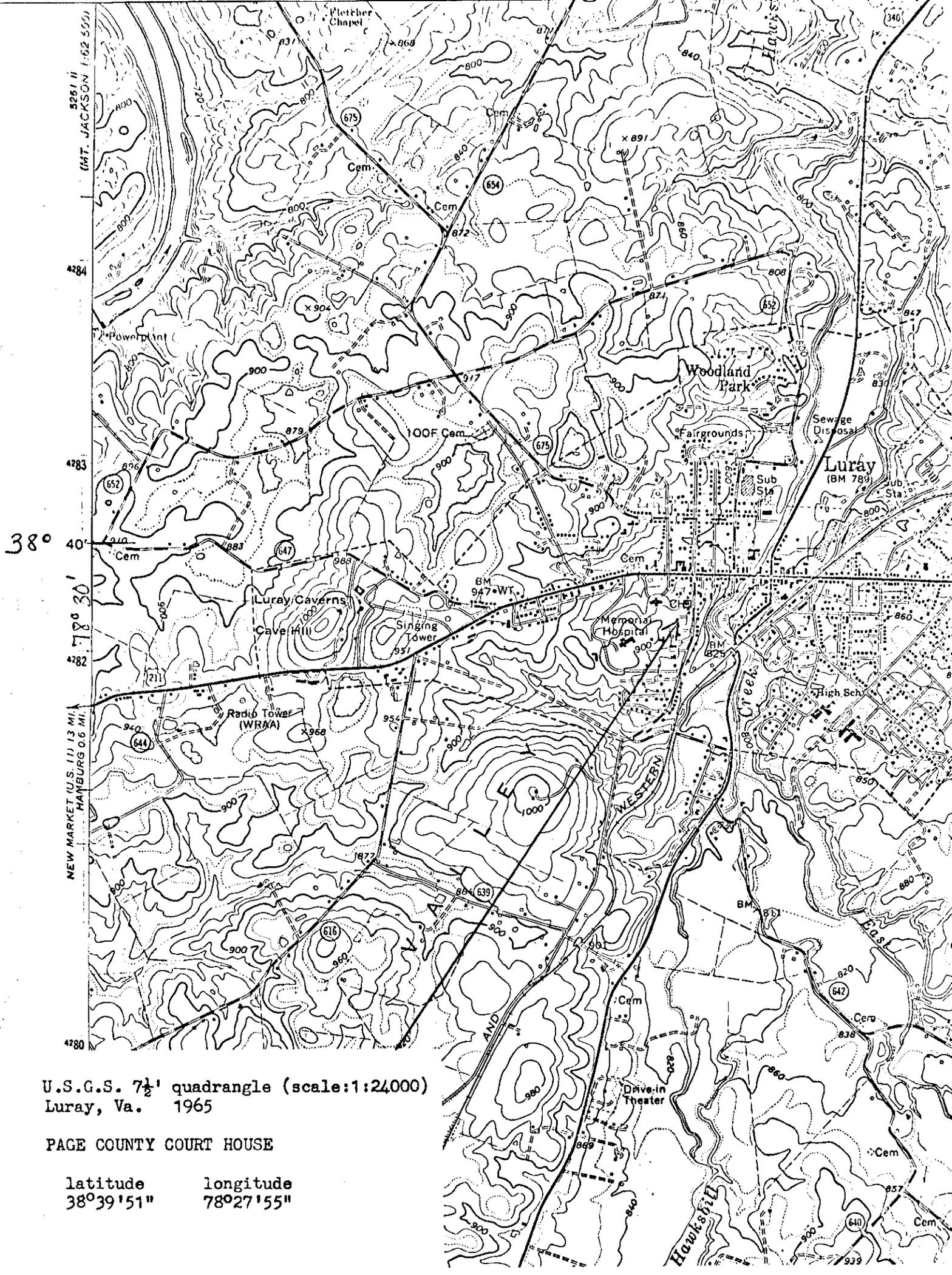
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
DATE OF PHOTO: 1972
NEGATIVE FILED AT:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Richmond, Virginia

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
View from the east.



U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)
 Luray, Va. 1965

PAGE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

latitude 38°39'51" longitude 78°27'55"