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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Middlesex County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Approximately 200' NE of the intersection of U.S. Route 17/State  
Route 33 and State Route 618.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Saluda

VICINITY OF

First (Paul S. Triple, Jr.)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

119

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

County of Middlesex c/o County Administrator

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Middlesex County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Saluda

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 23149

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Saluda

STATE

Virginia 23149

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (see continuation sheet #1)**

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1959

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Middlesex County Courthouse, located on U.S. Route 17 in Saluda, is the central building in a complex of county office buildings consisting of the courthouse, clerk's office, and jail. A Confederate Civil War monument completes the classic Virginian courthouse square bounded by a low, Flemish-bond brick wall. The courthouse building, erected in 1852, is an example of the Virginia temple-form, arcaded courthouse plan.

The two-and-a-half story, rectangular structure is executed in Flemish-bonded brick, in a "T"-shaped plan. The rear section of the "T" plan was added in the 1920s. The three bays of the Tuscan pedimented-gable facade contain a first-story arcaded loggia, one bay in depth, consisting of five rounded arches. The arches are painted white, the color of the building's wooden exterior trim. Within the arcade, twin double doorways with simple architrave trim lead into the courtroom. All the windows contain this simply molded trim, and all retain the original 6/6 sashes. In addition to the Tuscan pediment on the main (south) facade, the building contains similar pediments on both ends of the lateral wing across the rear of the main block. A lunette is in the tympanum of the front pediment. An open arcade connects the original courthouse to a modern, two-story counterpart constructed in 1965. The interior of the courthouse may have originally contained a two-story courtroom with gallery, similar to that found in contemporary examples; unfortunately, the interior has been considerably renovated, and the plan has been altered to conform to present day use.

In the courthouse complex stands the county clerk's office, a one-story, gable-roofed, American-bond brick structure built at the same time as the courthouse. Also in the complex, and stylistically contemporary with the other buildings, is the jail, a hip-roof, two-story brick structure laid in American bond. The main facade of three bays contains a transom-lit door surrounded by simple trim. The windows on all elevations contain segmental arches and simple trim. A corbeled brick cornice is carried around the building, broken by segmental arches of the windows.

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

ITEM NUMBER 6

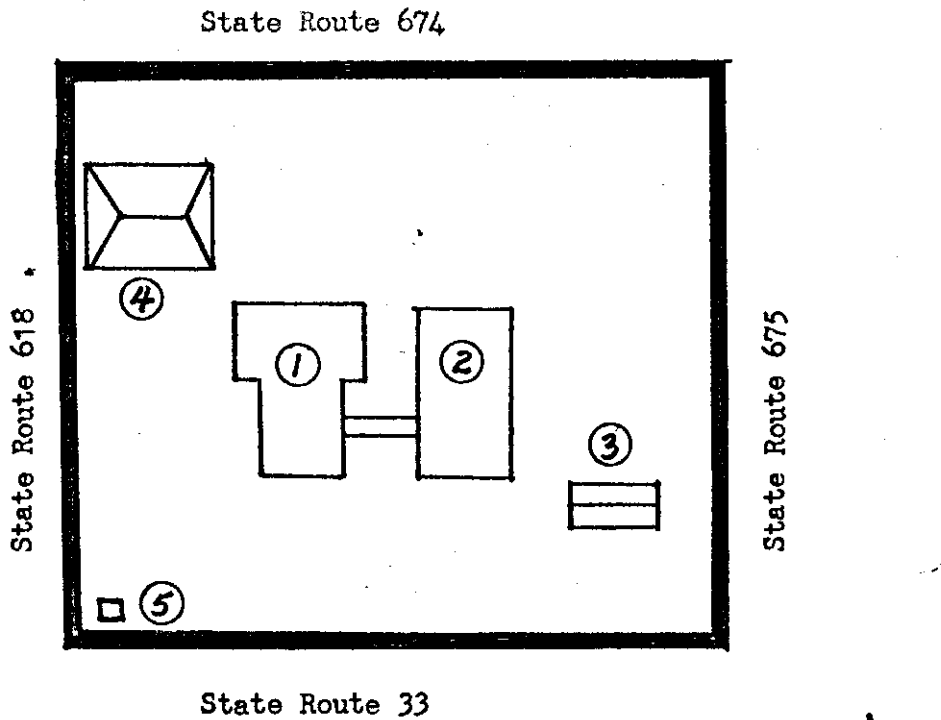
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS


- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
1970, 1978 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Middlesex County Courthouse  
Middlesex County, Virginia

Sketch Map - Not to Scale



State Route 33

- 1 - Courthouse (1852)
- 2 - Woodward Building (1965)
- 3 - Clerk's Office (ca. 1852)
- 4 - Jail (1852)
- 5 - Confederate Monument (1910)
-  - Register Boundaries

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
1978

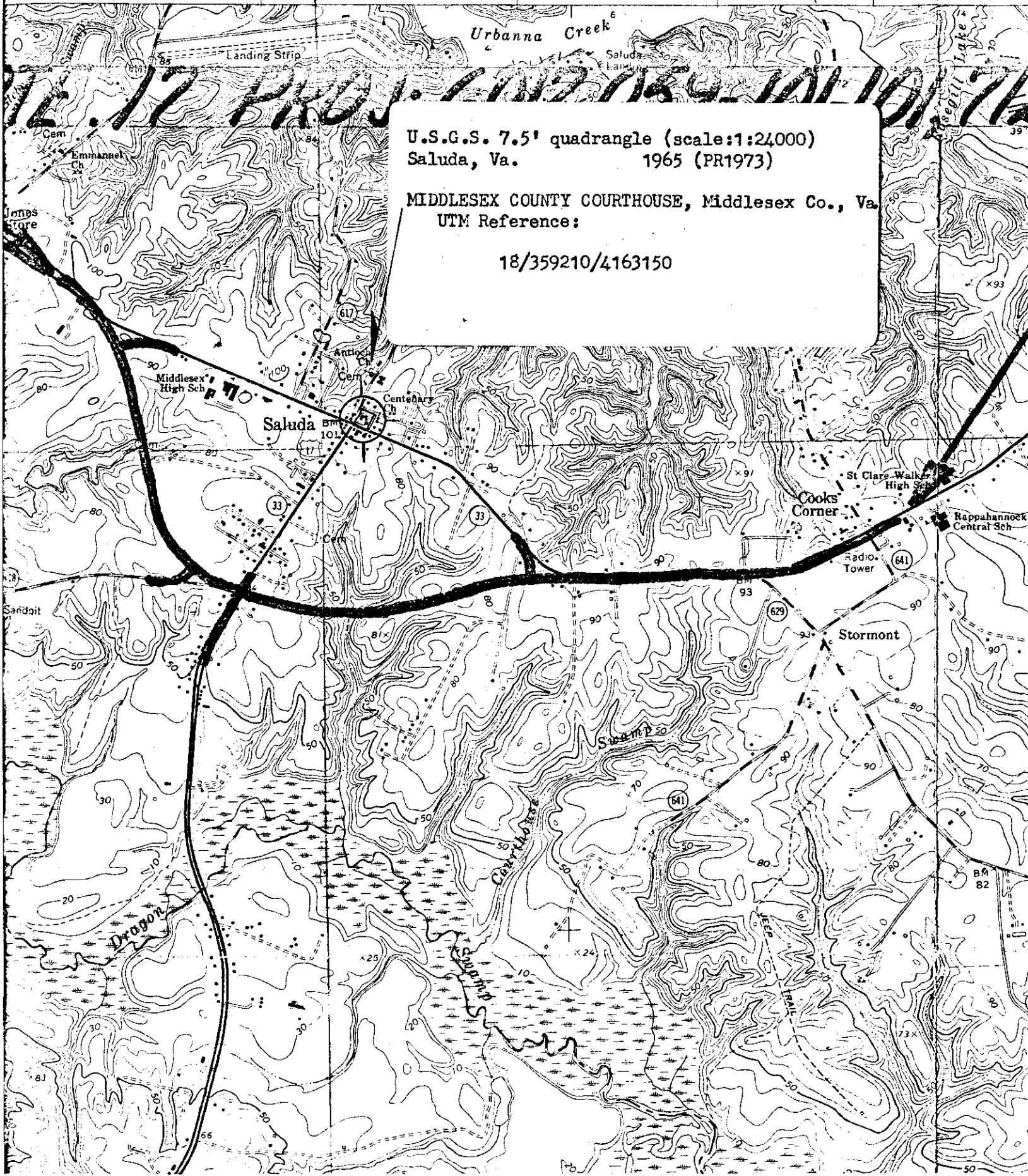
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359

360 35'

URBANNA 0.9 MI.

5659 11 NE  
(URBANNA)



U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)  
Saluda, Va. 1965 (PR1973)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Middlesex Co., Va.  
UTM Reference:  
18/359210/4163150