

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Caroline
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Caroline County Court House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Southeast corner of Main Street and Court House Lane

CITY OR TOWN:
Bowling Green (J. Kenneth Robinson Seventh District Congressman)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Caroline CODE: 033

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <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) court house <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

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CITY OR TOWN:
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STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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

Built around 1830, the Caroline County Court House in Bowling Green is a brick two-story temple-form building, in Thomas Jefferson's Roman Revival style. The walls are finely laid in Flemish bond on the front and sides. The rear wall is laid in common bond and is partially covered over by a later addition. Due to the deterioration of the brick, the courses below the window sills were covered with cement in the 1930's. The building is surrounded by a Tuscan entablature with a Tuscan pediment at either end. The front pediment's tympanum is plastered and features a semi-circular window in the center. The four-bay facade becomes an open arcade one-bay deep on the ground floor with six rounded arches. The arches have white keystones and a springline marked by two courses of corbelled brick. Under the arcade two doorways with original architrave trim, transoms and double diamond panel doors lead into the courtroom. All the windows retain the original architrave trim, sashes -- six-over-nine on the second floor and nine-over-nine on the first -- and louvered shutters. Most of the second floor openings are fitted with permanently closed shutters. Although the square lattice belfry with a pyramidal roof is a later addition, it does not detract from the appearance of the original building. A brick complex added to the rear was completed in 1970.

The interior of the court house lost most of its original woodwork and furnishings as a result of several alterations, however the gallery with its supporting columns, and the trim in the two second floor jury rooms remain. The interior was extensively renovated in 1969-70, and refurnished in a style more in keeping with the style of the building. The gallery stairs were returned to their original positions, and the ceiling was raised to its original height. A brick tile floor was substituted for the former one of linoleum tile. Because of a new rear addition the three windows across the rear wall were blocked up.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Caroline County Court House is a significant member of a group of early nineteenth century Virginia court houses, whose designs were inspired by the work of Thomas Jefferson. Not only does the building incorporate elements of Roman architecture, but certain features are taken directly from known works of Jefferson. This is particularly evident in the arcade which employs similar proportions as those on the Ranges at the University of Virginia. The use of the arcade is an interesting continuation of a traditional feature of Virginia's public buildings. It should also be noted that a gable-end facade with an arcade on the ground level was a common feature of the Renaissance town hall in England. The town hall of Blandford, Dorset is a good example of this, and bears distinct similarities with the group of court houses represented by Caroline.

Because of the destruction of the Caroline County records the builder and construction date of the court house is unknown, but it is possible that some of Caroline's builders were professionals who had worked for Jefferson at the University. Indeed, the building's strong resemblance to the Madison County Court House, (erected 1828-30) suggests that Madison's builder, William B. Phillips, was involved with the construction of Caroline. Phillips is known also to have worked on the buildings of the University of Virginia. Were Phillips responsible for the building of Caroline, it follows that Caroline has a construction date near that of Madison. Such a date is borne out by the fact that Caroline's former court house is believed to have burned around 1830.

Caroline County, formed in 1727 from the upper parts of Essex, King and Queen, and King William counties, was named for Queen Caroline, wife of George II. The present building is believed to be the sixth court house to serve the county.

G.H.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marshall Wingfield, A History of Caroline County, Virginia.
 Richmond: 1924, reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing
 Company, 1969.

Files of Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

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							
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds			
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	38°	03'	03"	77°	20'	49"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

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: September, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Title _____

Date _____

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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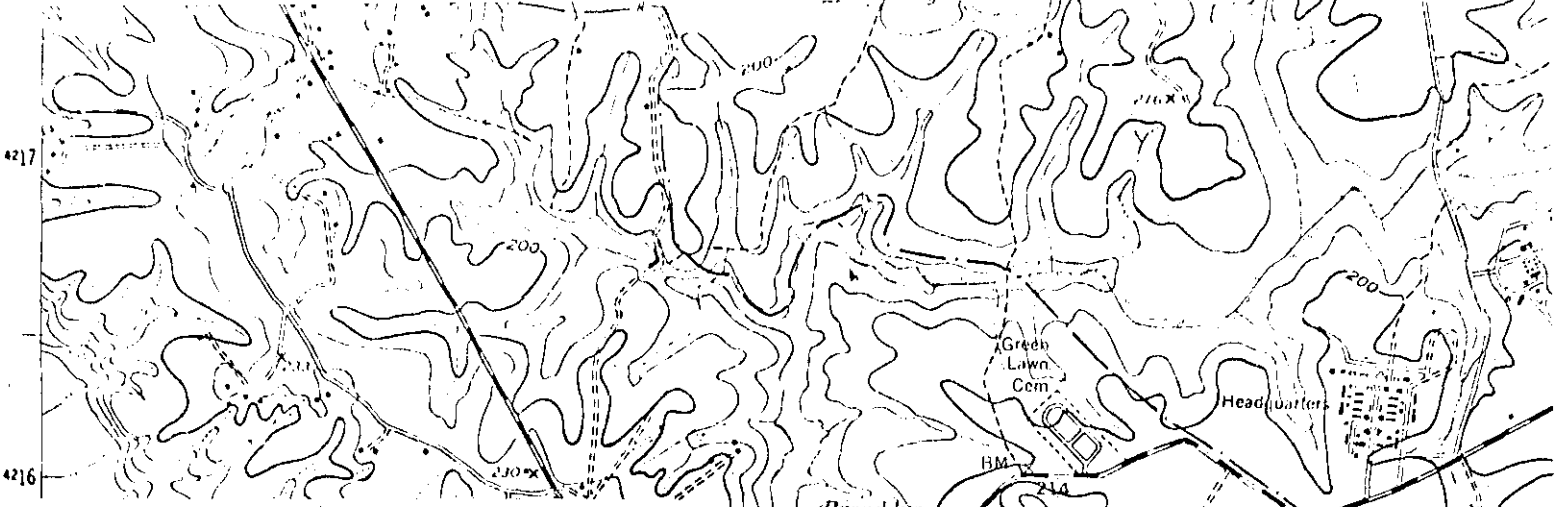
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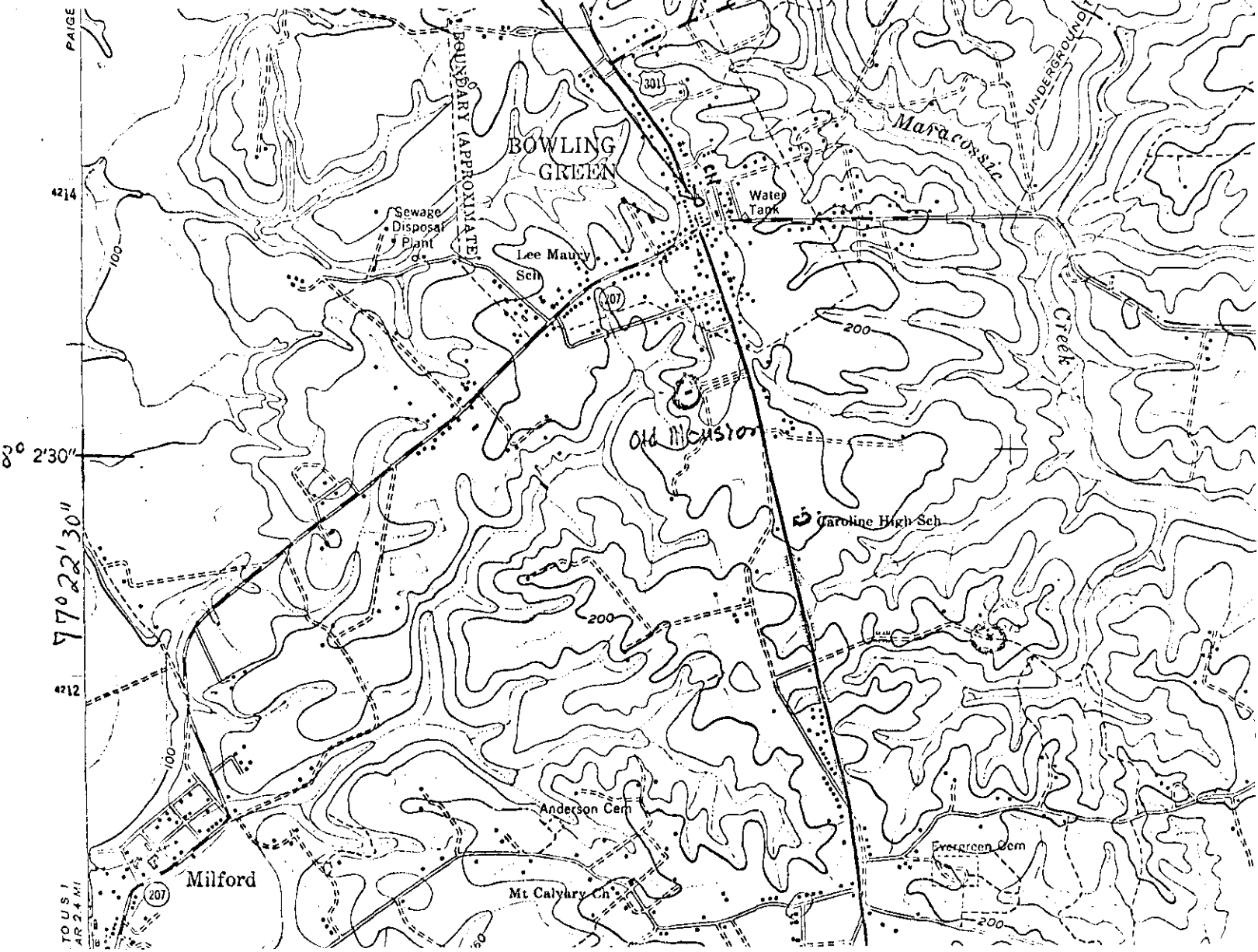
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6. Historic American Building Survey Inventory
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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)
Bowling Green, Va. 1949

CAROLINE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
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