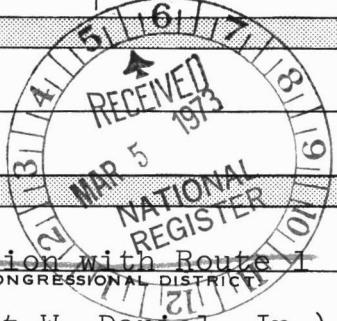


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STATE: Virginia
 COUNTY: Dinwiddie
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1. NAME

COMMON:
 Dinwiddie County Court House
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: West side of Route 619 at intersection with Route 7
 CITY OR TOWN: Dinwiddie (Fourth District, Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)
 STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Dinwiddie CODE: 053

at intersection of Va. and US 1

3. CLASSIFICATION

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Dinwiddie County
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Dinwiddie STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
 Dinwiddie County Court House
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Dinwiddie STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1959 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original portion of the Dinwiddie County court house is a two-story, brick temple-form structure approximately 37' wide and 78' long including the front portico. Designed in a simple Greek Revival style, the front and side bays are framed with Greek Doric pilasters supporting a Greek Doric entablature without triglyphs. The center bay of the three-bay facade is widened, making the pilasters appear paired rather than evenly spaced. The portico columns echo this spacing.

As originally completed in 1851 the court house apparently was the more typical one-level building instead of being the present two-level one. A court order of November 1858, however, resolved that the building was to be so remodeled as to have ". . . three rooms on the first floor for Clerk's office and sheriff's office & peoples room -- a court room and two Jury on the 2nd floor -- and that the materials of the old clerks office be used in the said work. . ." This remodeling was interrupted by the War between the States, and the incompleteness of the project was noted by General Philip Sheridan in his 1865 description of the court house village. Sheridan observed that the roof was tottering under "the unusual burden on new repairs and improvements thereupon. . ." He further mentioned the large timbers placed to brace the building's eaves while the remodeling was being carried out. He confirmed the fact that the building was divided into two stories by that time with his description of the interior spaces. A contemporary engraving showing Sheridan at Dinwiddie Court House illustrates the building with a two-run divided stair leading up to a second-floor door in the center of the facade. The top landing is shown serving as both a small balcony and a shelter for the first-floor entrance. This exterior stair apparently lasted for little more than a couple of decades as it was replaced before the turn of the century by an interior stair. A small iron balcony now occupies the former position of the stair's top landing. If indeed the court house originally had only one level, it is assumed that the side bays were altered during the 1858 renovation to have their present two-tiers of windows to reflect the new two-level scheme.

During the early part of the present century the building's interior was further altered so that most of the present interior trim such as window and door architraves, doors, flooring, and fixed furniture dates from that time. The court room's handsome stamped-metal ceiling also belongs to the early-twentieth century period. It was during this period that the building was first painted gray rather than its former red.

The building received two additions during the early 1930's. A two-story wing was placed on the rear, and a one-story wing with gable roof was attached toward the rear of the east side in 1933. The new east wing was built to correspond with the one-

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 story west wing which originally was a free-standing building believed to pre-date the court house. The original function of this early structure is uncertain, although most probably it was a law office. Its facade is laid in Flemish bond, and its openings originally were topped by flat splayed-brick arches. The wing's openings, trim and roof pitch were altered to make it conform architecturally to the east wing.

The court house did not receive its portico until 1933 when it was erected as part of a Civil Works Administration project. The Doric order of the original portion was carried into the portico making it a harmonious addition.

The setting of the court house is enhanced by a broad lawn in front which slopes down to the highway (U.S. Route 1). The lawn is planted with shade trees, and on its eastern edge is the 1904 Clerk's Office. Behind the court house is the early twentieth century Sheriff's Office and jail. To the east of the complex is the small frame Episcopal Church noted by Sheridan.

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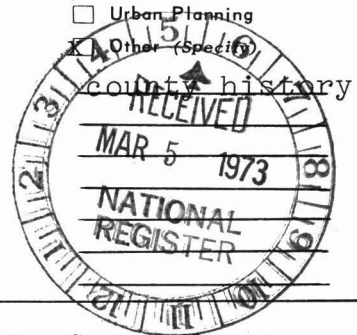
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greek Revival-style Dinwiddie County Court House stands as the architectural and historical focal point of its venerable Southside county. Set at the head of its broad lawn the dignified building has housed the county's government and courts since it was completed in 1851.

The destruction of many of Dinwiddie's early records during the War between the States has left the history of the county's earlier court houses obscure, but it is thought that the very first courts were convened near Petersburg. However, the earliest known court house was located about a half-mile northwest of the present building. This court house burned in 1821, and it is assumed that the court house location was moved in that year to the present site. An unpretentious frame building is thought to have been the immediate predecessor of the present structure.

The frame building proved inadequate, and on February 7, 1849 the County Court advertized for bids on the building of "a new brick Court House." Completed in two years the new building was described in a letter by Dr. James Boisseau of Dinwiddie to Judge James Boisseau of the University of Virginia: "The Court House has been finished and was received by the Court on Monday----It is a very neat and tasty building; externally it does great credit to the builder, but some of the internal arrangement is very bad and does not speak so well for them as the former." Some of the inconveniences of the internal arrangement noted by Dr. Boisseau provided sufficient reason for a major remodeling of the interior just seven years after its completion. In November of 1858 the County Court resolved that the building was to be so remodeled as to have "three rooms on the first floor for Clerk's office and sheriffs office & people room --a court room, and two jury rooms on the 2nd floor -- and that the materials of the old clerks office be used in the said work. . ."

This alteration was interrupted by the War between the States, and it was during this period that the court house witnessed its most significant historic events. In March of 1865 Union General Philip Sheridan, bringing his troops from

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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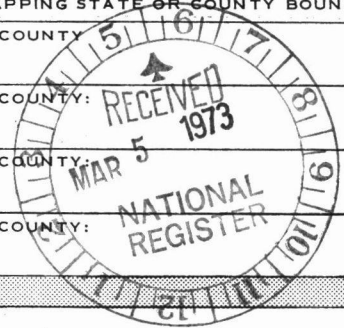
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff
 ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: February, 1973
 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 J. R. Fishburne, Jr.
J. R. Fishburne, Jr., Director
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Date FEB 20 1973

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

Robert Y. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date 3/21/73

ATTEST:
John S. Woolford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 3/20/73

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 the east as part of the drive on Petersburg, passed through the court house village but was driven back by a fierce attack led by General Pickett. This action has been designated the Battle of Dinwiddie Court House. Sheridan withdrew to Dinwiddie and the next day advanced to attack Pickett, and defeated him in the decisive Battle of Five Forks. In his personal memoirs Sheridan gives both a detailed account of the action at Dinwiddie Court House, as well as a careful description of the village complex. Recalling the court house building Sheridan noted:

The court-house betokened a more modern appearance than the specimens of rural architecture surrounding it, and was built of red brick, freshly painted. The roof, as though tottering under the unusual burden of new repairs and improvements thereupon, was bolstered up by immense timbers supporting its eaves. The court-room, in the upper story, formed a most excellent public dormitory, and the various legal and county offices, on the first floor, gave employment to many a wandering soldier. The floors were irreverently strewn with abstracts of title, venerable mortgages, copies of deeds, and other such interesting matter as appertains to a county clerk's office. This being one of the oldest counties in Virginia, many of the documents were yellow with age, some bearing date as far back as the time of Governor Dinwiddie, and, for aught I know, furnishing golden opportunities to the American antiquarian.

Although the court house has been altered and added to over the years, it preserves its simple ante-bellum dignity. Its setting has changed little in character from the time that Sheridan's troops camped on the square.



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Loc. Dinwiddie, VA.

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Dinwiddie Co. Court House

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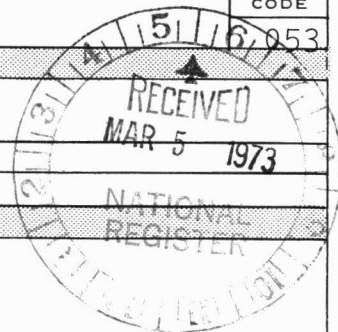
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West side of Route 619 at intersection with Route 1			
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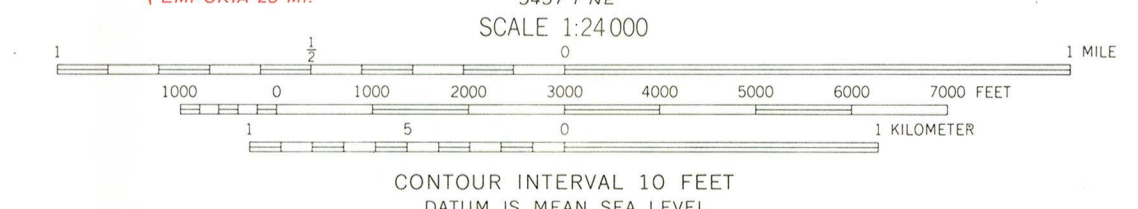
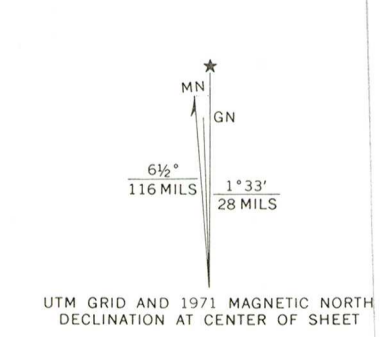
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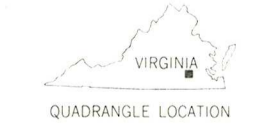
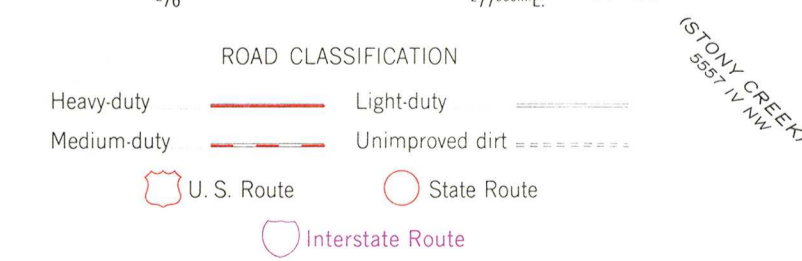
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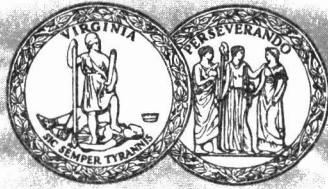


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28 February, 1973

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed is the report on Dinwiddie County Court House for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Lane
Eleanor Lane
Registrar

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 13, 1973

Mr. Ronald Walker, Director
The National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Your attention is called to the attached copy of a nomination form in an effort to see that Dinwiddie County Courthouse is added to the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed is self-explanatory.

I want you to know of my keen interest in seeing that consideration is given to recognizing this historic structure and would appreciate your office keeping me advised of action taken.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Bob Daniel

Robert W. Daniel, Jr.

Encl.

March 15, 1973

Honorable Robert W. Daniel, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Daniel:

We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry concerning the nomination of the Dinwiddie County Courthouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald H. Walker

Ronald H. Walker
Director

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Dinwiddie County**

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Hon. William L. Scott
Hon. Robert W. Daniel, Jr.
Director, Northeast Region**

**State Liaison Officer
Dr. Junius R. Fishburne, Jr.
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Honorable Robert W. Daniel, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Thank you for your letter concerning the nomination of the
Dinwiddie County Courthouse to the National Register of Historic
Places.

We are pleased to advise you that the Dinwiddie County Courthouse
was entered in the National Register on March 21, 1973. The
enclosed brochure describes the National Register program.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Director Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

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