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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** Lynchburg Baptist Seminary (1888-90);  
HISTORIC Virginia Theological Seminary and College (1900-1962)  
AND/OR COMMON Hayes Hall (Preferred)

**2 LOCATION** On the Virginia College Campus; W corner Dewitt Street and Carfield  
STREET & NUMBER Avenue.  
CITY, TOWN Lynchburg  
STATE Virginia  
VICINITY OF CODE 51  
6th ( M. Caldwell Butler)  
COUNTY CODE 680  
(in city)

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRESENT USE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
NAME Board of Trustees c/o President  
STREET & NUMBER The Virginia College  
CITY, TOWN Lynchburg  
VICINITY OF STATE Virginia 24501

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Lynchburg City Hall  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Lynchburg  
STATE Virginia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
TITLE Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
DATE 1978  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
Richmond Virginia 23219

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hayes Hall at Virginia College is an imposing three-and-one-half-story, mansard-roof, brick structure at the intersection of Dewitt Street and Garfield Avenue in Lynchburg. Executed in five-course American bond, the modified Second Empire-style building was constructed in 1888.

The main (east) elevation is dominated by a five-story entrance tower covered by a pyramidal roof. Located on the tower's first floor, the main entrance is comprised of a round-arch entry containing a transom and sidelight door frame. The original double doors have been removed. The entry also contains an interior transom doorway, presently blocked by plywood. The tower's side entrances consist of elongated arched transoms and raised-pancled doors. Fenestration consists of 2/2 hung-sash, segmental-arch windows on the second, third, and fourth stories. A brick blind arcade frames the windows on the fifth story. The tower is flanked by five bays, each bay defined by pronounced brick pilasters which terminate on the third story into a brick blind arcade. Bay windows dominate the center bays on the first floor. Fenestration consists of 2/2 segmental-arch windows. The attic story contains round-arch dormers that have been blocked.

The west elevation formerly contained a portico that covered a central pavilion of three bays. A former rear entrance is presently blocked, as are two flanking windows. Fenestration on the first floor consists of elongated segmental-arch windows. The second story had 2/2 hung-sash, segmental-arch windows, now blocked. Similar to the east elevation, each bay is defined by pronounced brick pilasters which terminate in a blind arcade on the third story. The attic story mirrors the east elevation.

The north and south elevations contain a centrally positioned double-door entrance on the first story. Paired windows occupy the second and third stories. Paired dormers constitute the attic fenestration.

Hayes Hall retains its original interior plan. A long passage runs north and south through the center of the building and intersects with the east-west entrance passage which is flanked by paired lateral stairs that ascend to the third floor. The interior preserves its original decorative trim. The principal doors and windows have fluted symmetrical trim that features molded corner blocks. Matched boarding is used for wainscoting in the principal rooms of the first floor. The second and third-floor rooms were used as dormitory space and are relatively plain. Bracket-supported mantel shelves are found in principal first-floor rooms. A screen with elaborately turned columns defines the main (east) entry hall.

A statue of Gregory Hayes, for whom Hayes Hall is named, is found in a small landscaped garden to the north of the building.

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## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

Hayes Hall is bounded on the east by Garfield Avenue, on the south by Dewitt Street, on the north by a walkway that surrounds the statue of Hayes north of the building, and on the west by a concrete wall and its extension that runs across the campus of the Virginia College. Hayes Hall constitutes an acre of nominated property on the college grounds. This acre includes the building's front and rear lawns, the side lawn to Dewitt, and the

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) black history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES                      1888                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT                      unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1888, this impressively large, Second Empire-style edifice is one of the oldest collegiate buildings in Lynchburg. The first building constructed for the Lynchburg Seminary, it was later named Hayes Memorial Hall in honor of the institution's second president, Gregory Willis Hayes. The Virginia Baptist Convention authorized such a school in 1886 and gave final approval to the charter, location, and construction plans two years later during its 21st annual session.

Renamed Virginia Seminary in 1890, and known as Virginia Theological Seminary and College from 1900-1962, the school participated actively in the "Self Help" educational efforts inspired by Booker T. Washington. President Hayes espoused black "Spiritual Independence", stressing community ownership and control of its educational institutions. During the school's early years, a primary emphasis was the training of teachers and ministers for work within the black community.

Distinguished alumni include Anne Spencer, a poet of the Harlem Renaissance, and Dr. Noel Taylor, Mayor of Roanoke. Nationally recognized black leaders of an earlier day who are said to have stayed in Hayes Hall while visiting the college include: W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, George Washington Carver, Langston Hughes, and James Weldon Johnson. Although the great majority of the students came from Virginia, the Middle Atlantic States were represented by the early 20th century.

Built in the Second Empire style, the imposing three-and-a-half-story Hayes Hall displays little architectural ornament. This is reminiscent of Virginia Hall (1874) and the Wigwam (1878) at Hampton Institute. At a period when embellishment characterized architectural style, these buildings were constructed for strictly utilitarian purposes.

In 1972 the Virginia College and Virginia Seminary were divided administratively into two separate entities. Although continuing to share the same board of trustees and facilities, the former functions as a two-year college, while the religion program is conducted under the auspices of the Virginia Seminary.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Catalogue of the Officers and Students of the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg 1899-1900.  
Lynchburg, 1899.  
The Virginia College Bulletin, 1976-1978. Lynchburg, 1976.  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Archives.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Lynchburg, Va.

UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

A 

1	7	6	6	3	5	3	0	4	3	4	0	0	6	0
ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

B 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

C 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

D 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point about 250' NW of intersection of Dewitt Street and Garfield Avenue; thence extending 250' SE along Garfield to said intersection; thence extending about 175' SW along Dewitt; thence extending about 250' NW, then about 175' NE to point of origin.

## 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/TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE   X  

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE FEB 26 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE Jun 19 1979

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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7. DESCRIPTION

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION - (Continued)

small garden occupied by the Hayes statue. No bordering college buildings are included in the nomination. The site around the building is the same as when it was built in 1888.

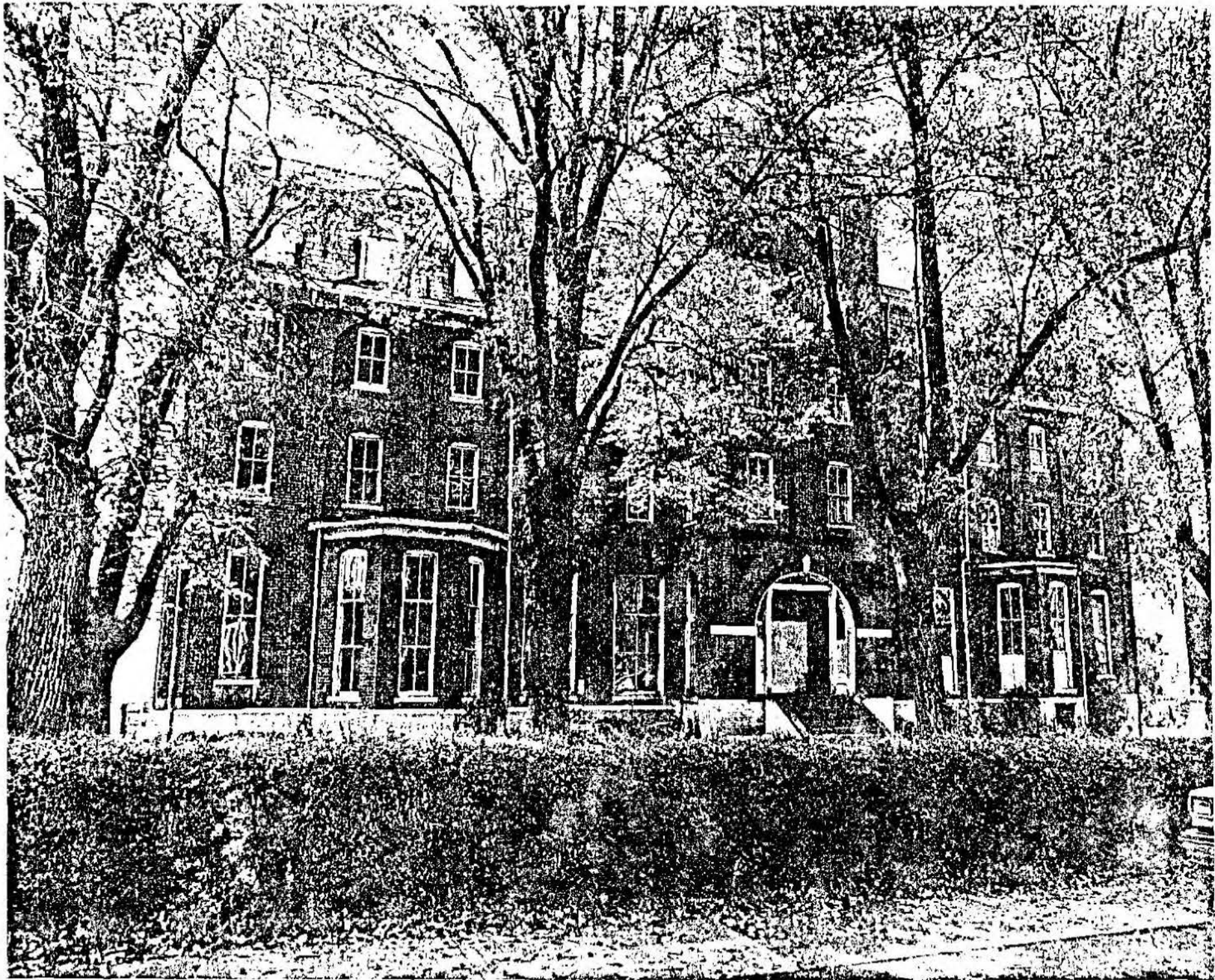
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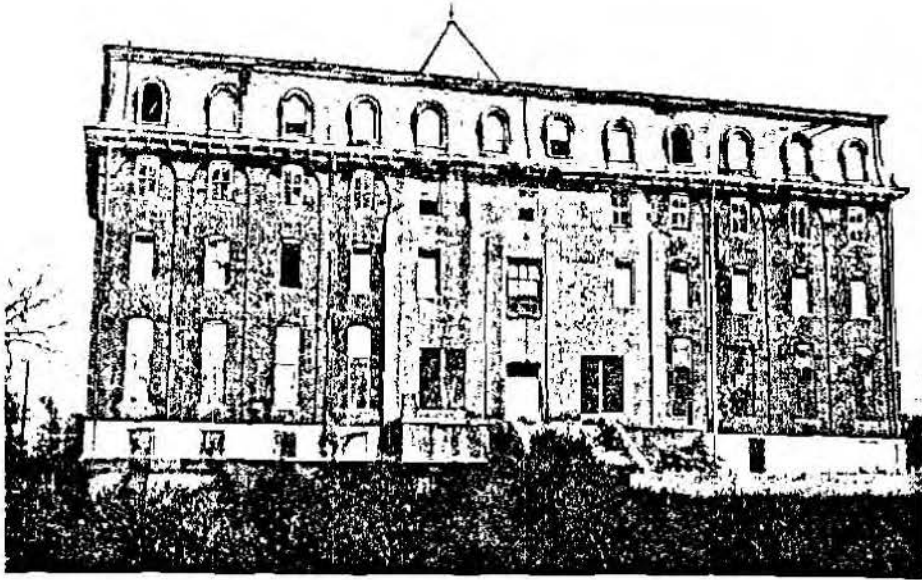
Richmond, Virginia 23219

HAYES HALL, VIRGINIA COLLEGE  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
Credit: VA Historic Landmarks Commission  
2073  
Negative Filed: VA State Library  
Exterior view from Northwest

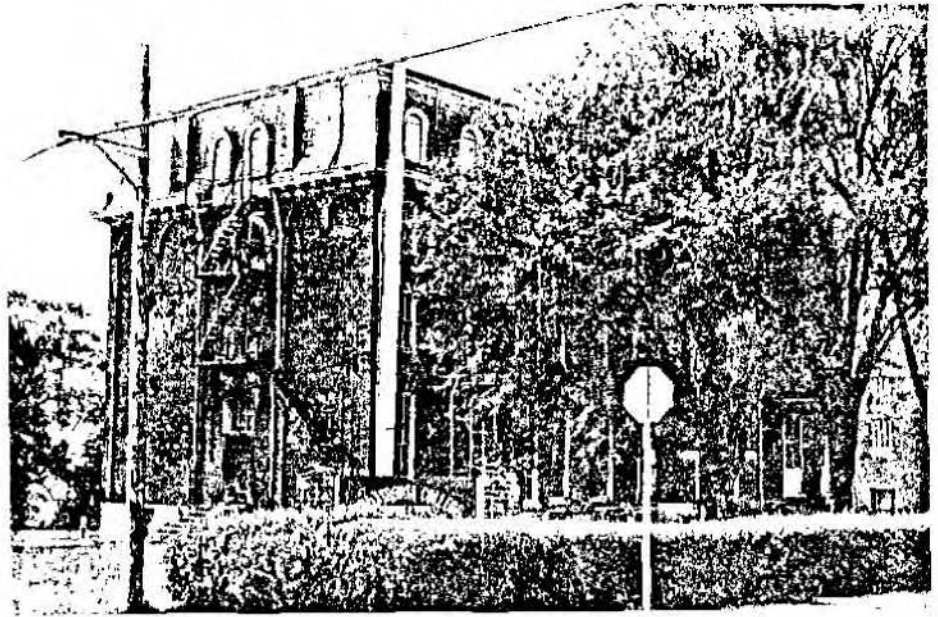
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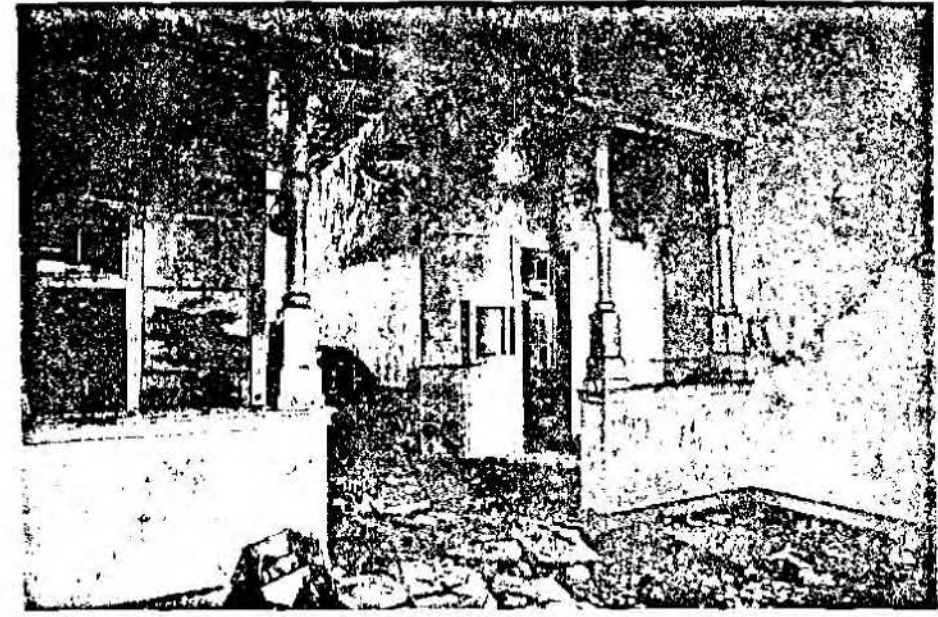
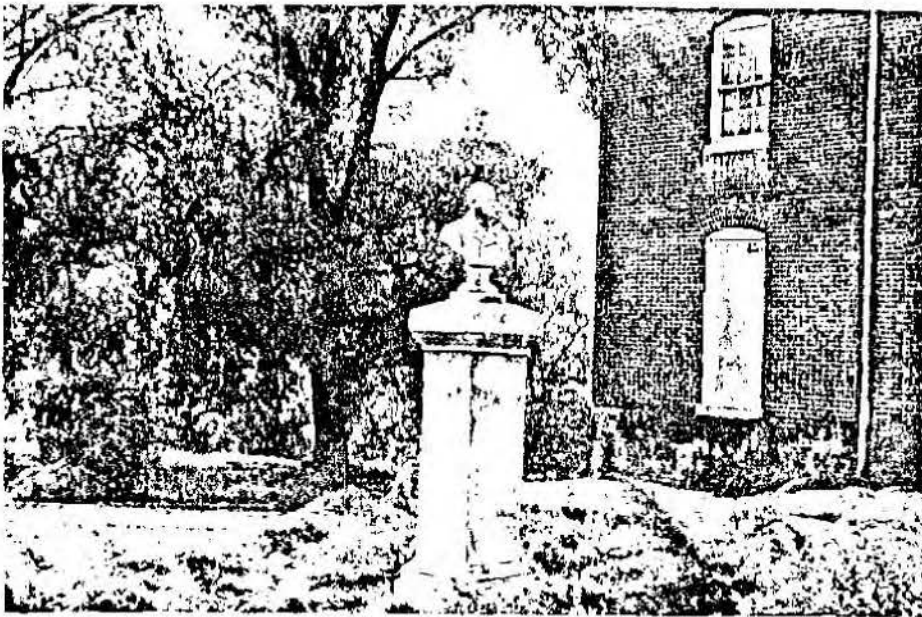




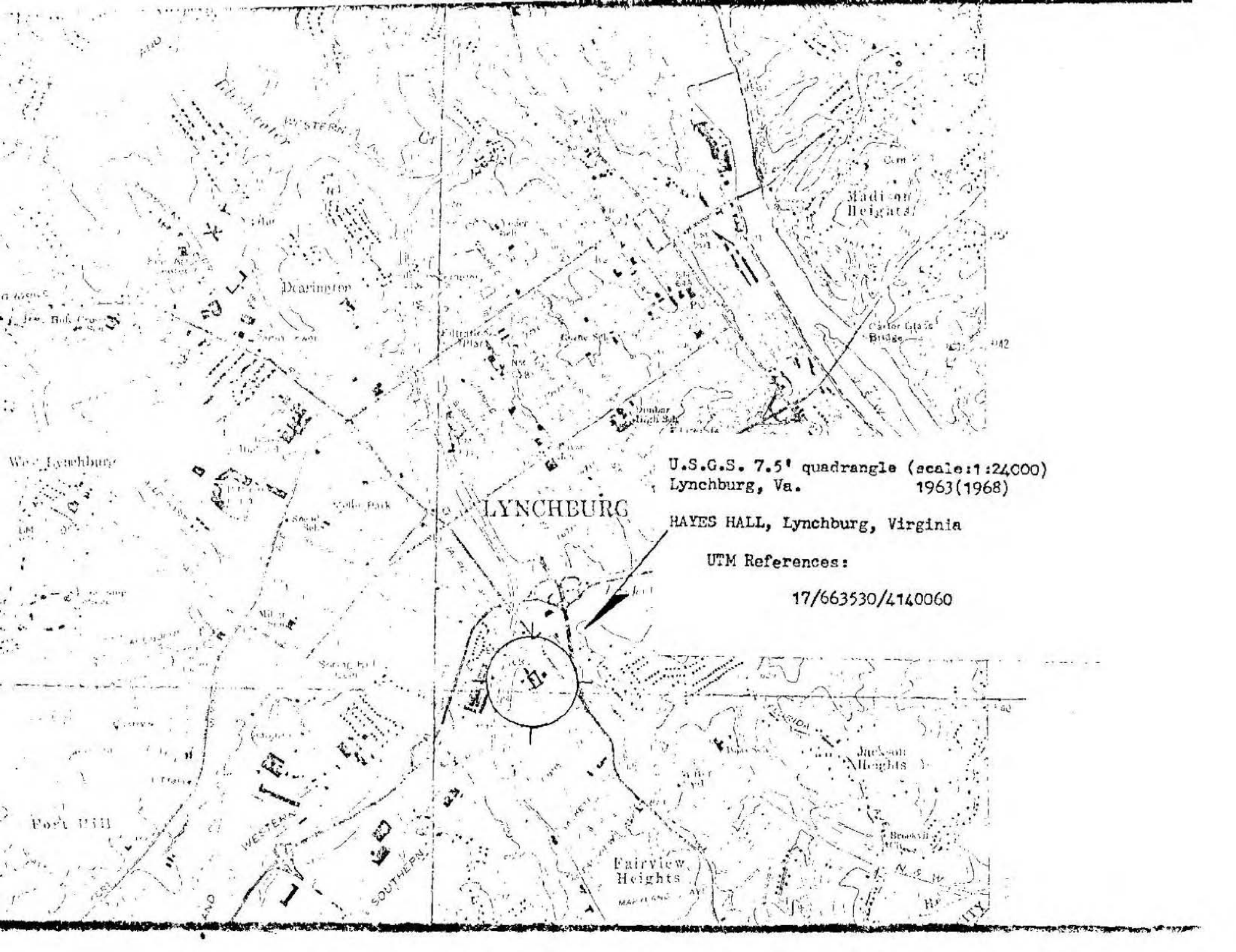
Exterior View - West Elevation  
Exterior View - Hayes Statue N of Hall



Exterior View - South Elevation  
Interior View - First Floor







U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)  
Lynchburg, Va. 1963(1968)

HAYES HALL, Lynchburg, Virginia

UTM References:  
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