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Tankersley, circa 1835. The site of a tavern operated by John Tankersley in 1766. President George Washington and his party had breakfast here in June 1791. Patrick Henry made his last public speech and retired to the tavern in 1799.

Deaner's Store. Built in 1810 as a storage shed for Tankersley Tavern. Over the years has housed local merchants.

Masonic Lodge, Smith's Store, and Tucker's Store Buildings. All circa 1825.

Old Brick Tavern. Built in 1823 by William Watkins, this building originally operated as a tavern. Renovated in 1998, the building serves as offices for the commonwealth attorney, circuit court judge and clerk. It houses the records of the county from 1785 to the present. Patrick Henry's will is on display here.

Courthouse. Roman Revival structure built in 1823 from sketches drawn by Thomas Jefferson. Listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Much of the original interior survives. Interior has been renovated. Houses fine collection of portraits of some of Charlotte County's early leaders. Archives displayed during the week, call (434) 542-5147

Old County Jail and Visitors Center. Built in 1936 on foundation of original 1800's jail. Renovated in 1998. Now serves as the Museum of Charlotte County.

District Court. Built in 1830, this Greek Revival structure features its original exterior and is used for offices for the district court judge and clerk.

Old Clerk's Office. Built in the 1890s and restored in 2003, featuring beautiful, original marble floors and fireplaces. It houses the county Board of Elections and offices for the voter registrar.

Village Presbyterian Church and Cemetery. Greek Revival structure built 1836-37. Additions at back in 1955 and to side in 1967. Church was organized in 1825 at the Village meeting house or "old brick church" as it was called. The "old brick church" burned and the present church was built on the site.

The cemetery at the rear of the church was given to the Village of Charlotte Court House by Winslow Robinson some time in the 1840s. It is the Village burying ground.

County Treasurer's Office, circa 1918. formerly served as the State Bank of Charlotte County. Original bank vault in use.

APVA Museum. This is a replica of the first clerk's office, which is located at "Ingleside," home of Thomas Read. The original was built in 1810 and the replica completed in 1962. The Charlotte County Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities owns and maintains it. The museum contains interesting data on Charlotte County, early maps, some furniture and a portrait of Colonel Thomas Read. Open by appointment, please call (434) 542-5453.

County Library. Built in 1810, served as a law office and residence of Judge Hunter Marshall. Original building, annex and formal garden donated and endowed by Ambassador David K.E. Bruce. Expanded to second building in 1987. Open M, W, F 9-5; T, Th 9-6; Sat 10-1.



ROUTE 40 TO BROOKNEAL AND RED HILL

ROUTE 47 TO CENTRAL HIGH MUSEUM AND PAMPLIN ROUTE 40 TO KEYSVILLE

David Bruce Avenue

LeGrande Avenue

ROUTE 47 TO DRAKES BRANCH

Village Cemetery