

CLERK'S OFFICE
Lancaster
Lancaster County
Virginia

HABS No. VA-360

HABS
VA
52-LANC,
1-

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of Virginia

Historic American Buildings Survey

Prepared at Washington Office

CLERK'S OFFICE
Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Va.

52-LANC

1-

Owner: The County

Date: 18th Century

Condition: Fair

Description: This building, of brick laid in Flemish bond is notable chiefly for its sheathed and studded shutters. These are single-leaf, sheathed vertically on the outside and horizontally within, the two thicknesses held together by wrought-iron spikes set in a diagonal pattern and clenched on the inside. This is a practice much followed where strength and economy were required in the 17th and 18th centuries and is an English tradition. A description of the practice is contained in Bettesworth's Builders Dictionary, published in London about 1732. The shutters here are locked by an iron bar, which hangs at one joint, being crossed diagonally over the shutter when closed, and a bolt being passed through a hole in the end of the bar and window joint fixed with a cotter pin on the inside.

—TTW 5/27/41