

ST. JAMES' HOUSE

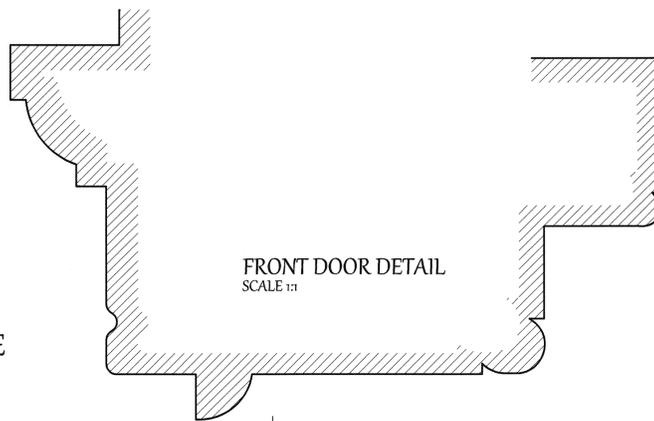
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



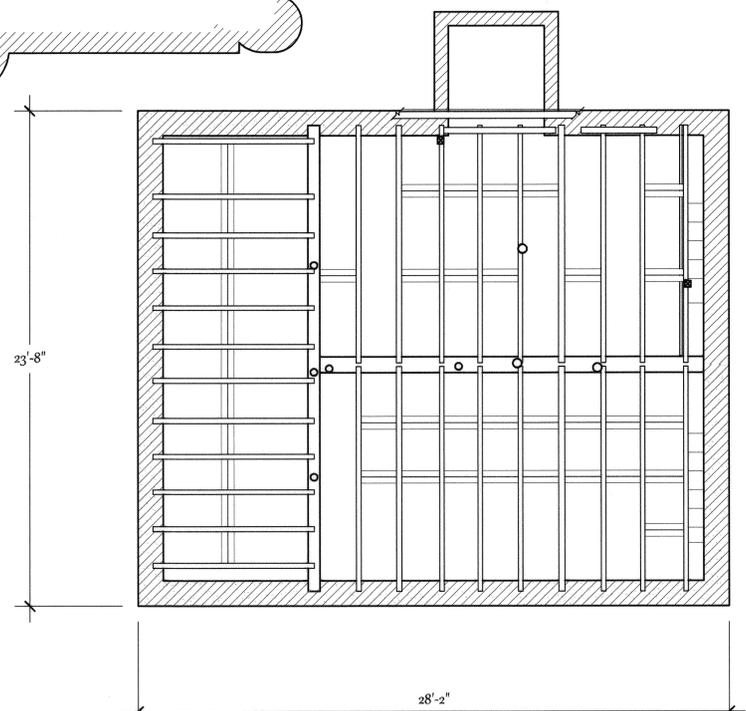
EAST ELEVATION
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" 1:48

THE ST. JAMES' HOUSE WAS BUILT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA AROUND 1768-69. EARLY RECORDS ASSOCIATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING WITH JAMES MERCER, A LOCAL LAWYER, WHO PURCHASED THE PROPERTY FROM FIELDING LEWIS AND GEORGE WASHINGTON.

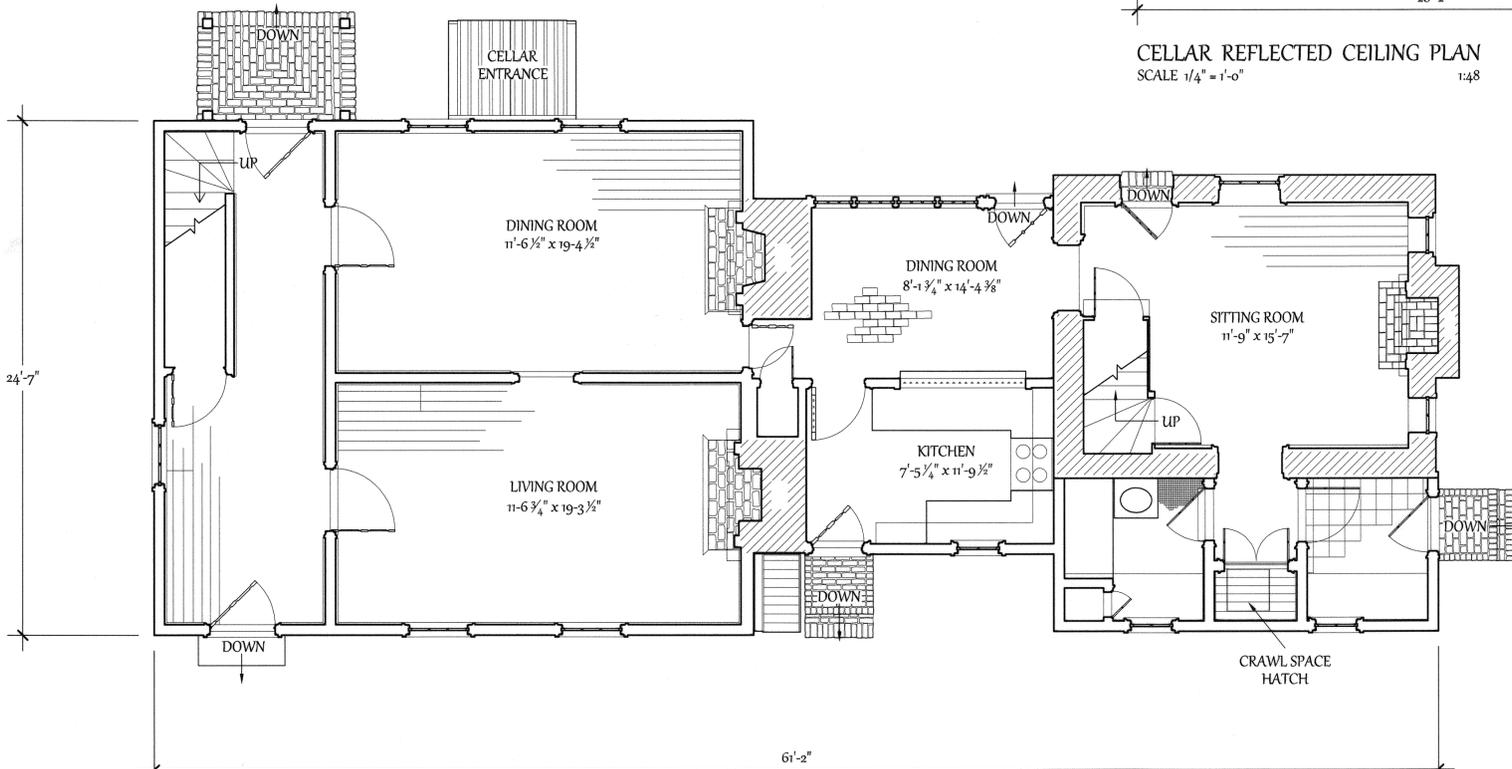
A MUTUAL ASSURANCE POLICY FROM 1808 PROVIDES THE FIRST KNOWN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING DESCRIBING IT AS A "20'X26' WOOD FRAMED DWELLING COVERED IN WOOD." ALSO NOTED ON THE POLICY ARE A NUMBER OF AUXILIARY STRUCTURES ALIGNED IN A LINEAR FASHION ALONG CHARLES STREET, INCLUDING A NEARBY WOOD FRAMED KITCHEN TO THE NORTH. IN 1847, A FIRE DESTROYED THE ORIGINAL KITCHEN WHICH WAS REPLACED THREE YEARS LATER BY THE CURRENT BRICK KITCHEN, NOW ENCAPSULATED BY A NUMBER OF LATER ADDITIONS. FIRE AGAIN RAVAGED THE BUILDING IN 1870 DESTROYING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL DWELLING HOUSE AND THE BRICK KITCHEN. THIS CONNECTOR WAS RECONSTRUCTED IN THE LATER-19TH CENTURY AND REMAINS TODAY, ALTHOUGH LATE-20TH CENTURY MODIFICATIONS, PARTICULARLY TO THE KITCHEN HAVE ALTERED ITS INTERIOR APPEARANCE. DESPITE THESE CHANGES THE ORIGINAL DWELLING HOUSE STILL RETAINS MUCH OF ITS INTEGRITY FROM THE MID-18TH CENTURY MAKING IT UNIQUE AMONG FREDERICKSBURG DWELLINGS. TODAY THE BUILDING IS MAINTAINED BY THE WASHINGTON HERITAGE MUSEUMS.



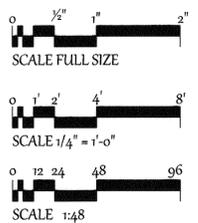
FRONT DOOR DETAIL
SCALE 1:1



CELLAR REFLECTED CEILING PLAN
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" 1:48



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" 1:48



DRAWN BY: TERESA BOEGLER

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

1300 CHARLES STREET

SAINT JAMES' HOUSE
FREDERICKSBURG

VIRGINIA

SURVEY NO.
VA-1508

HISTORIC AMERICAN
BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
INDEX NUMBER