

The renovated Historic Courthouse was dedicated May 5, 1963, and the new Courthouse on June 20, 1991.

The Historic Courthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. Recognized was its Greek Revival style of architecture. John Wills was credited as architect.

# Campbell County Historic Courthouse

Rustburg, Virginia



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## The Building of the Historic Courthouse

Campbell County Justices ordered on August 10, 1846, that a new courthouse be built on the public square at a cost of no more than \$7,000. John Wills, John G. Meem, Chiswell Dabney, Odin G. Clay, Samuel Tardy, Josiah Shepperson, and Richard Morgan were appointed commissioners to select a location and adopt a plan for building the new courthouse. No portions of the materials of the old courthouse were to be used in the new courthouse, and the old courthouse was to be sold in a public sale. Advertisements were to be placed in the two Lynchburg newspapers for proposals to erect the new courthouse by November 1, 1847.

Commissioners adopted a plan for the new courthouse and contracted for its building with Lindsay Shoemaker (Shumaker) on March 8, 1847. Shoemaker was paid \$3,500 on November 8, 1847, and another \$3,500 on September 11, 1848, for building the new courthouse. He would build in 1853-1855 the Pittsylvania County Courthouse in Chatham.



### OLD CAMPBELL.

Attending Campbell Court during the past week, we found the new Court House nearly finished. We venture to say that, when completed, it will compare favorably with any similar building in the State, and will reflect credit both on the Commissioners who designed, and the worthy mechanic, L. Shumaker, who executed the work. In architectural design and proportion, as well as in durability of material and good workmanship, the building appears to us a model worthy of imitation.—The ceiling in the Court Room is executed with elegance and taste, rarely equaled, and not surpassed by anything we have ever seen, unless, indeed, it be the Hall of Marshall Lodge, No. 39, in this town, the plastering of which was executed by the same ingenious mechanic, Mr. John Long, who, as a Plasterer, cannot be excelled. [“Old Campbell”, *Lynchburg Virginian*, June 19, 1848, p. 3]



### PLASTERING.

THE subscriber, a Plasterer from Baltimore, having located in this place, offers his services to this community and surrounding counties. With an experience of nearly 20 years in his trade, and most of that time spent in the Northern cities, he thinks he can please any who may favor him with a call. He understands the Ornamental branch, as well as imitations of Rock and Granite in Stuccoing. Those who have plastering to do, would do well to give him a call before engaging anyone else, as he is well supplied with hands, and there is no danger of disappointment.

JOHN LONG.

N. B.—Repairing done with dispatch and neatness  
[John Long, “Plastering”, *Lynchburg Virginian*, July 13, 1846, p. 3]