



The building as it appears today



The building east of the house prior to being stuccoed.

Boasting a wonderful lawn and six out-buildings, Monticola has exceptional outdoor living space. The out-building shown above would make a wonderful guest cottage or studio.



Smokehouse and other out-buildings

MONTICOLA

AN ALBEMARLE COUNTY PLANTATION



"Come quickly... have found Heaven."

-ALFRED HUTTY, AMERICAN ARTIST (1877-1954)

Monticola has been restored to its former grandeur!

This 6,800 square foot Greek Revival mansion sits on 292 acres above the James River in historic Howardsville.



Pre-1900 showing original porch



After years of deterioration

Restoration work has been completed on every aspect of the home. Frazier Associates of Staunton, Virginia designed the renovation plans, successfully following the guidelines of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Modern convenience has been gained without losing historic integrity.



Restored to original design

Like the exterior and grounds, the interior of the home has undergone meticulous renovation. The home features 12 rooms (four on each level), 12 fireplaces, three bathrooms, a powder room and a large laundry room.

The glowing Heart Pine floors have been refinished throughout the home. The once dirt and cement ground level now has Heart Pine floors as well.

The kitchen has been relocated to the main level and features Soapstone countertops and exceptional appliances. A pantry and dumbwaiter have been added. The other main rooms have been fully renovated and feature 10-foot ceilings and pocket doors.

Originally, the upper level had four 18' x 18' bedrooms. At one time, one of the bedrooms had two small baths added. Now the upper level features three bedrooms and two large baths. A fourth bedroom and full bath have been added on the ground level.



Front Hallway



Master Bath

This remarkable showplace features:

- Stunning gourmet kitchen with custom-cut Soapstone and Heart Pine countertops. Exceptional appliances and cabinetry. Adjacent to the kitchen, the pantry features a dumbwaiter.
- Altered in the 1890's, the front porch has been restored to the original 2-level design
- Master suite with granite countertops and marble basins
- Four bedrooms, three bathrooms featuring travertine counters and a powder room
- Once unlivable, the ground level now houses a bedroom, full bath, office and double parlor featuring a wet bar.



Kitchen



Double Parlor

Built in the 1850's by Daniel James and Elizabeth Carrington Hartsook, Monticola is a wonderful example of a pre-Civil War Greek Revival plantation home. The Hartsook family owned the plantation until 1887 when Emil Nolting acquired it. It remained in the Nolting family until the late 1950's. Since then, it has changed hands several times. It is now available for purchase with 292 acres.

The Nolting family made many alterations to the home. They replaced the tin roof with slate. They removed the original two-level front porch, replacing it with the slender two-story columns. The original back porch (shown upper right) was removed and replaced with the two-level semi-circular porch.

The front porch has been restored to the original design and the structurally-failing rear porch has been renovated. Both porches now offer wonderful shade and space for entertaining.



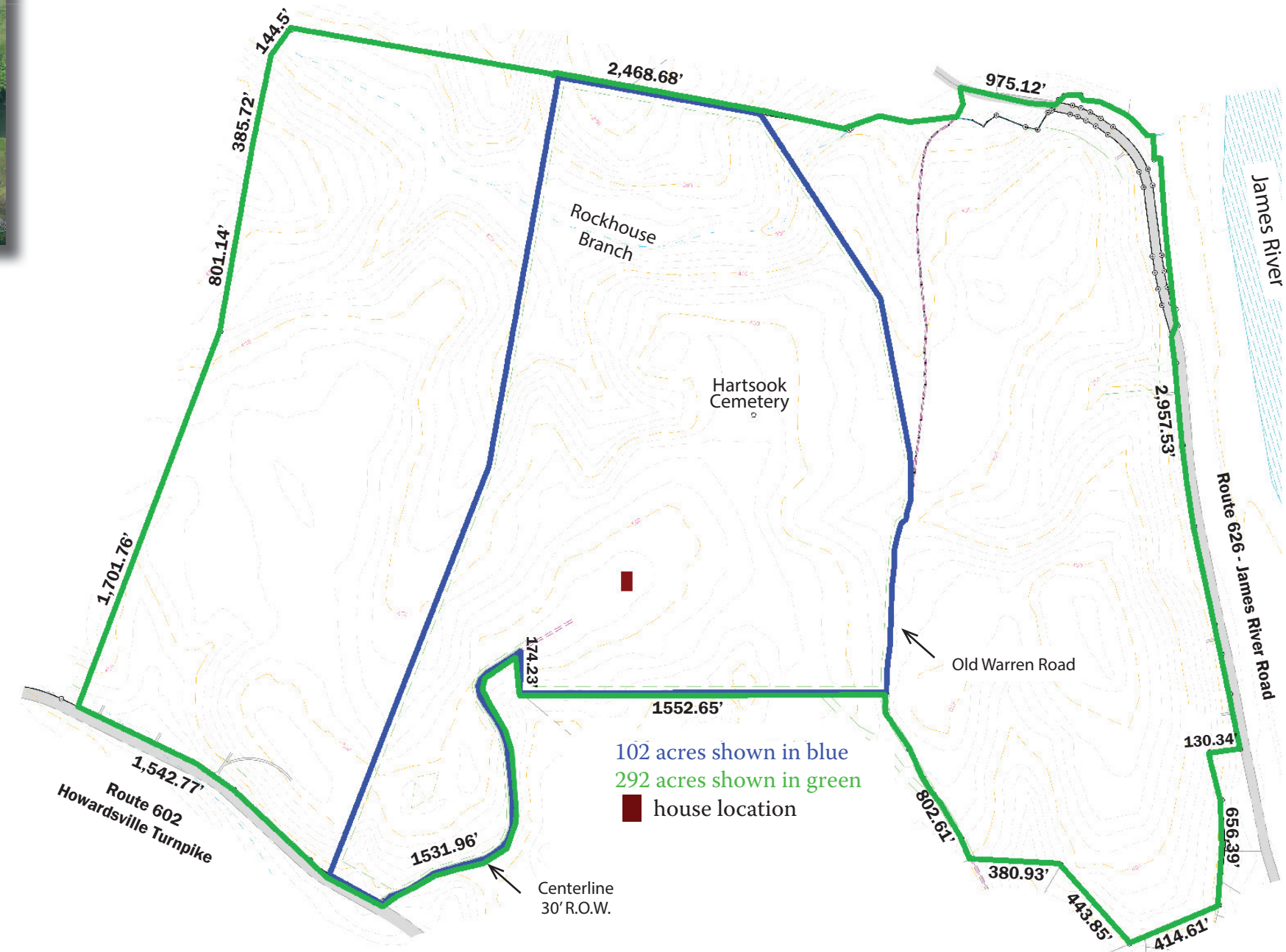
The rear view showing the original back porch



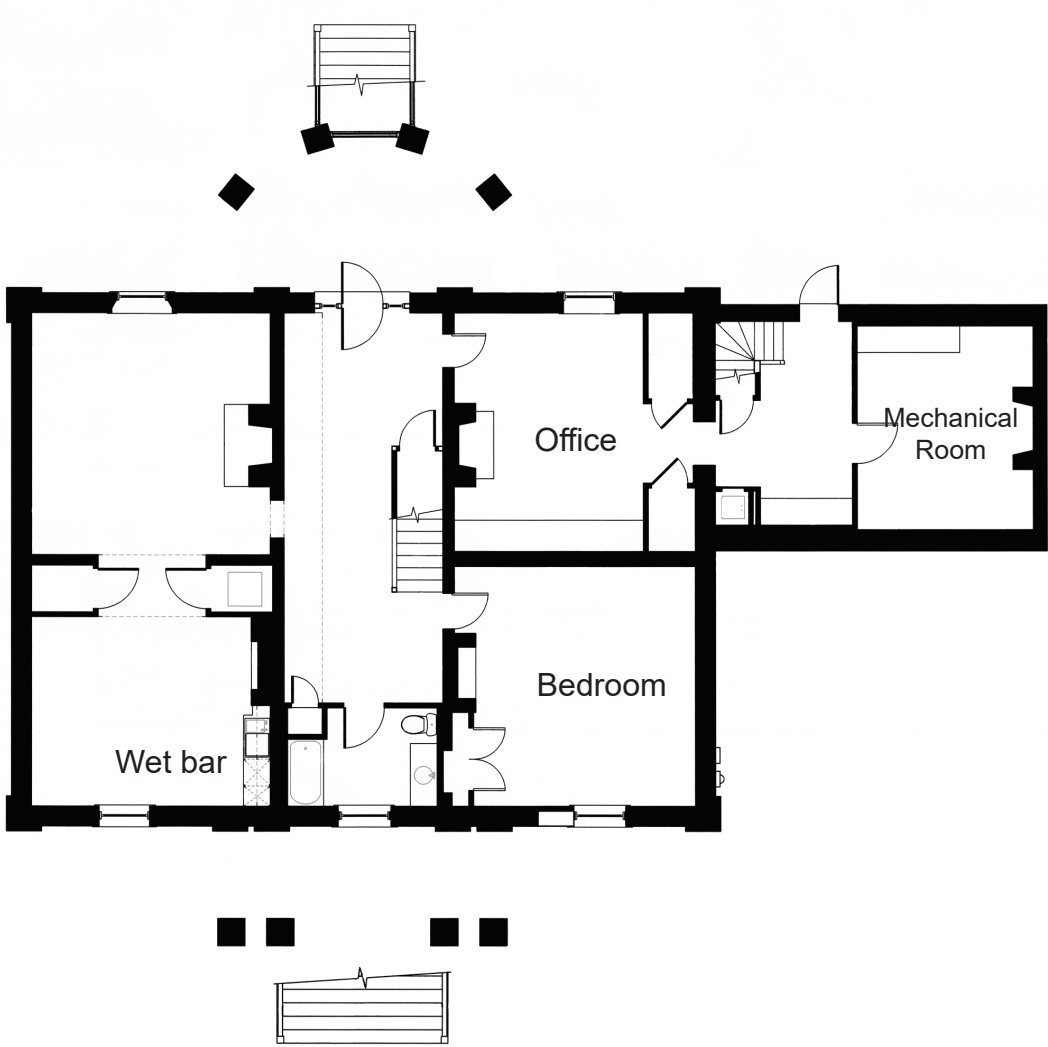
The rear view today



The movie “Virginia,” starring Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll, was filmed at Monticola in 1940. The exterior of the home can be seen throughout the film.



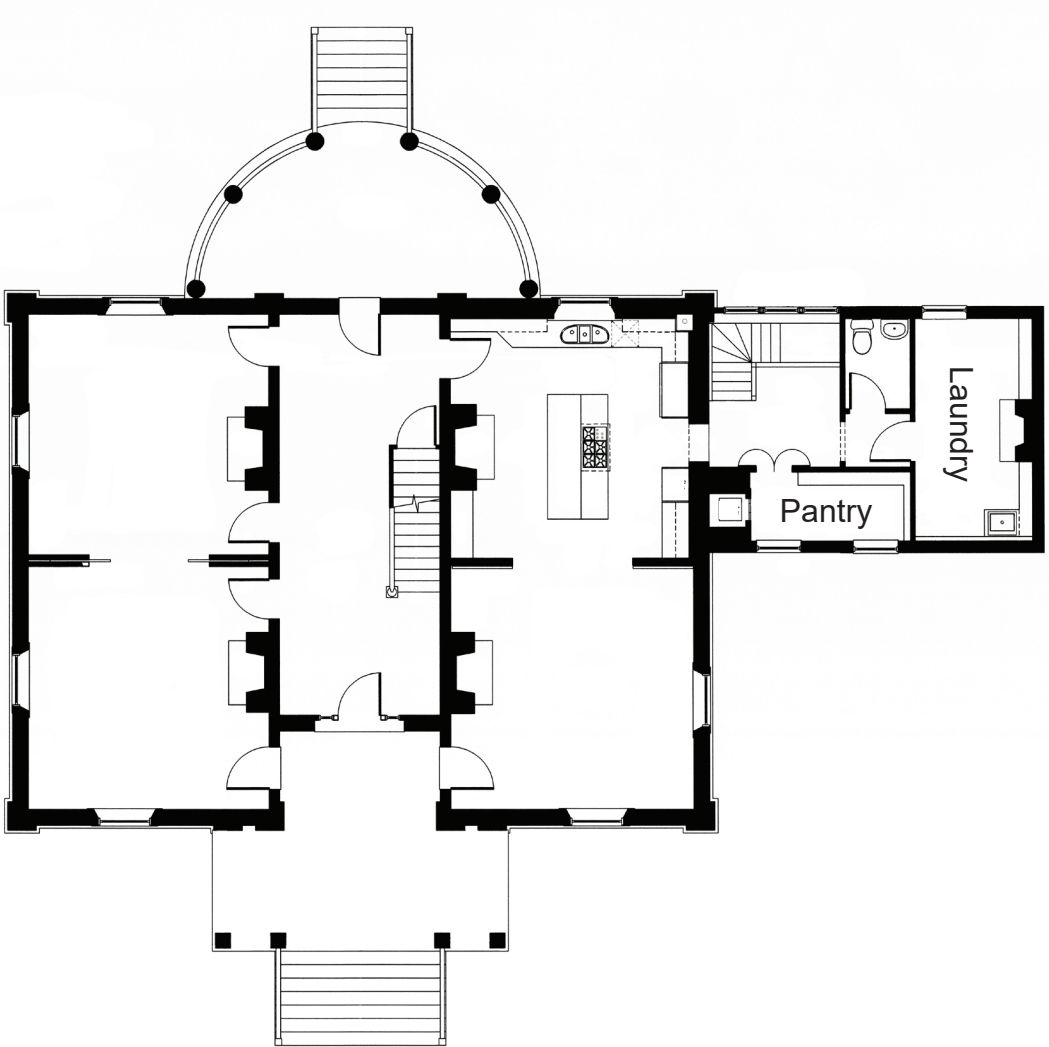
English Basement



Features:

The basement level, once unliveable, has been fully renovated. The double parlor features a wet bar. A full bath has been added and one room can be used as a bedroom. This level has 3 fireplaces.

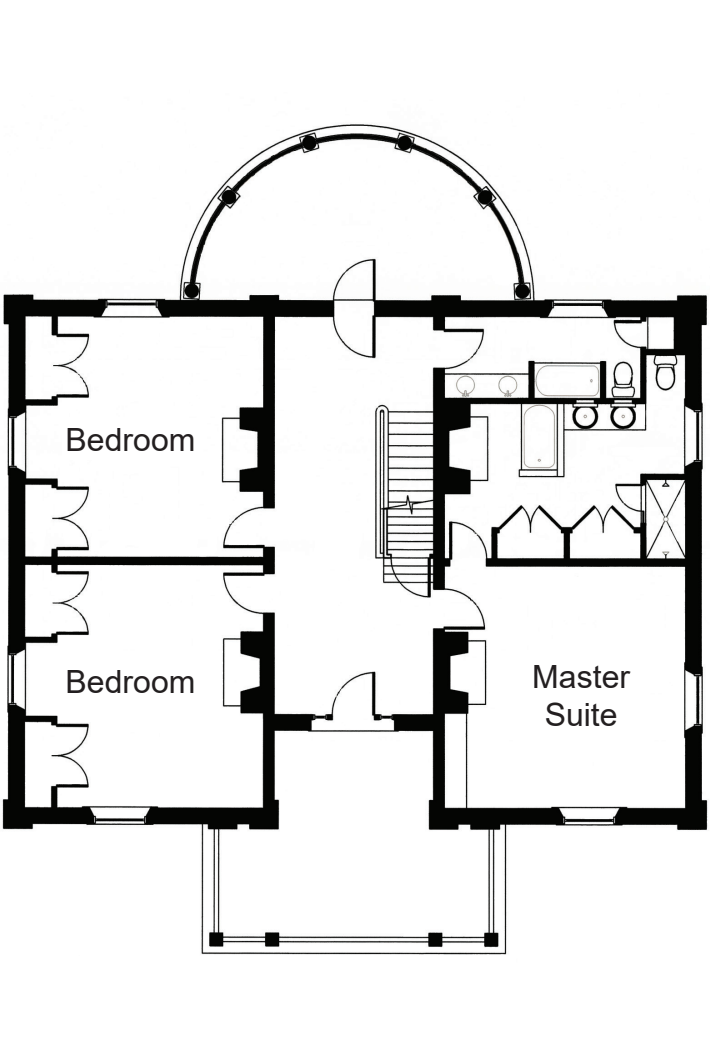
Main Level



Features:

A double parlor on either side of the central hall gives ample living space. One room is used as a gourmet kitchen. The “addition” contains a half bath as well as laundry and pantry facilities. This level has 5 fireplaces.

Upper Level



Features:

One of the bedrooms has been converted into two baths. A hall bath for the two secondary bedrooms and a master bath. This level has 4 fireplaces.