

The DeSaussure House
316 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia
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Owner: Gregory and Graham, 406 West Broad Street, Richmond,
Virginia

Date of Erection: About 1839

Architect:

Builder: Samuel Freeman

Present Condition: The building is in bad repair, and now
used as a machine shop.

Number of Stories: Three stories, attic story, and cellar.

Materials of Construction: Walls of brick are laid in Flemish
bond with convex tooling. Window sills, panels over first
floor windows, and lintels are of wood. Interior woodwork is
of unusually delicate Greek character. A continuous stairway
from basement to attic is of light detail. Granite steps lead
to the high porch, which is of Greek Revival Period. The
gabled roof is covered with slate. There are indications of
rear extensions, including a three story porch and servants'
quarters and kitchen which have been removed, except a part of
the latter, which is still standing.

Other Existing Records: The abstract of title records Lot
No. 623 as follows: Crown to William Byrd, on March 15, 1675;
William Byrd to William Byrd, II; William Byrd, II to
William Byrd, III; William Byrd, III to Patrick Couatts, about
1771. After passing through various ownerships, the property
was transferred from Edmund Walls to Samuel Freeman, on
May 28, 1836.

Additional Data:

Bibliography:

Property Books, City of Richmond, Virginia

Deed Books, filed in the Chancery Court,
Richmond, Virginia

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Lawyers' Title Insurance Corporation,
Richmond, Virginia

Personal Notes of Edward V. Valentine

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