

Carm Store
Williamsburg
James City County
Virginia

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CAMM (BLAIR) APOTHECARY SHOP
Williamsburg, James City County, Virginia

Owner: Williamsburg Restoration

Date of erection: eighteenth century

Present condition: Good, restored

Description:

This is one of the few early shop buildings left in Williamsburg. There is an early frame shop with pediment roof opposite Bruton Church, and nearby was the old Cole Shop, but the latter was completely demolished and then rebuilt in 1940. The Camm Shop is of brick laid in Flemish bond, one and a half stories high, with a chimney in the rear wall. The roof is gabled, with the end to the street. The gable is treated as a high pediment, the rake mould repeating the detail of the modillioned main cornice. The fenestration of the sides is irregular and has new nine-over-nine colonial sash. On the roof are small dormers on either side. The entrance on the street front has shop windows newly built in the old style. The interior is also new.

When acquired for restoration this building was being used as a garage and machine shop. The interior was entirely gutted and the east wall was covered by large painted signs, of which some blue pigment still remains. Fortunately the brickwork was otherwise in fairly good condition and needed no radical restorations. The cornice is also original.

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