

Quick Facts: Augusta County Circuit Courthouse

- The City of Staunton has been the seat for the Augusta County Circuit Court for 200 years, in addition to serving as the location of all courts.
- The land upon which the courthouse stands was a gift from William Beverley to the newly created Augusta County in 1746 and has remained in the ownership of the County ever since.
- The neo-classical designed, 20,298 square-foot courthouse is listed on both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. It's also listed as a building contributing to the significance of the Beverley Historic District.
- The building retains many character-defining features on the interior and exterior, including original masonry, cornice, windows, ceiling and the pinnacled bronze statue on the exterior, and much of the original fabric on the interior, including doors, woodwork, light fixtures and floor covering.



Historical Construction & Improvements

- **1745:** Augusta County's first circuit courthouse, a log structure, was built in Staunton at the corner of East Johnson and South Augusta streets, where the courthouse remains to this day.
- **1835:** A building designed by local architect Thomas Blackburn was built.
- **1901:** The current courthouse was erected. The structure was designed by prominent, local architect, T.J. Collins.
- **1939:** A rear addition was made to the courthouse, designed by the Waynesboro architectural firm of Daley Craig and Fleming Hurt. The design was sympathetic to that of T.J. Collins.
- **1949:** The main courtroom was remodeled according to plans created by Sam Collins, T.J. Collins' son. The 1949 renovation represents the last significant improvement to courthouse.
- **2012:** Augusta County commissioned a feasibility study by Frazier and Associates to determine necessary future improvements to the courthouse. Suggested improvements have not been made.