

INTRODUCTION

tion that have been grounded in personal whim, willful romanticism, and expedient ideas of repair and renewal.

The preparation of a historic structure report is the first step in developing a disciplined approach to the care of a historic building. Over the past year, a team of architects, architectural historians and building conservators has carried out the recording and investigation of the building. There has been a review of the archival information regarding Pavilion IX and a thorough examination of its building fabric. All elements of the building have been examined to determine date of origin, existing condition and scope of needed repairs. A permanent graphic and written record of these findings has been prepared. Assembling the minutiae of the building's history and current conditions creates a benchmark that will not only provide a guide for immediate work, but will furnish future generations with a clear picture of what was found in our time.

Gleaning from Thomas Jefferson's papers, the University's archives and other written accounts and graphic materials, it has been possible to assemble a history of the building's design, construction, subsequent alterations and use. Careful measurement of all exterior and interior features has made possible the preparation of a set of architectural drawings which illustrate the present configuration, as well as the evidence of its historical conditions.

The investigations uncovered evidence of the original parapet on the roof of the building, fragments of early wallpaper in the basement kitchen closet, and evidence of a dumbwaiter in the 1831 addition. These features provide valuable information on the early construction history of the University.

The core team that prepared this report (Clay S. Palazzo, Douglas G. Bucher, Chelle M. Jenkins and John G. Waite, as well as Mt. Ida Press) has been the principal team for the preparation of all the UVA historic structure reports prepared by John G. Waite Associates and its predecessor firm Mesick, Cohen, Waite Architects, dating back to 1988. Their work includes historic structure reports for Pavilion I, Pavilion II, Pavilion V, Pavilion VI and the Rotunda. The same team prepared historic structure reports for other UVA buildings not designed by Thomas Jefferson, including Varsity Hall, Rouss Hall and Cocke Hall.