

North Wing Restoration, Ash Lawn-Highland

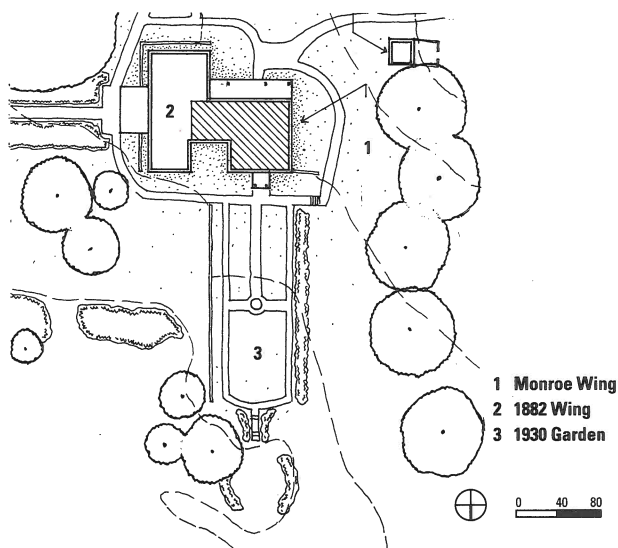
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This reconstruction entailed extensive design of architectural components to resemble details which were present during the lifetime of President James Monroe, original owner of the house 175 years ago. The architect's charge was to research the structure's original condition, analyze unaltered portions of the building, work closely with archaeologists, and use specialized methods to reconstruct the north wing to its 1816 appearance. A mid-19th century porch enclosure and late-19th century siding were removed and new siding was installed. A stone ground gutter also was reconstructed around the perimeter. "This is an elegant job," said Forbes, "and the exterior room made with the landscaping is very well resolved."

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Siding, windows, and trim dating from the late 1800s were removed and replaced with new trim and siding that matched original molding profiles (above). Site plan shows the formal garden that relates to the north wing (left).

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