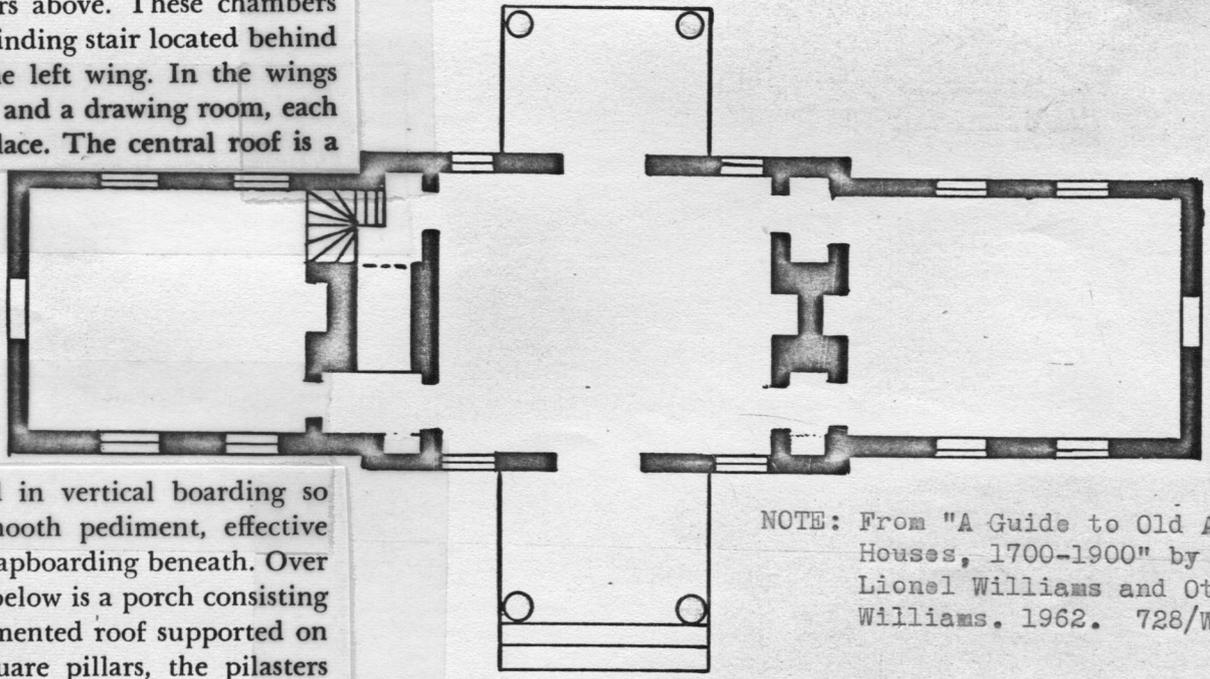


Note: This house, although frame, has many of the features of Chesterville. It is also from the same period of time. According to the authors of the book from which this information was taken, it is a good example of a small, late Georgian Period home.



96. The Semple house (1780) may have been designed by Thomas Jefferson.

One of the most attractive of the smaller houses, with a far different appearance and arrangement than the typical one just described, is the James Semple (or Randolph-Semple) house (Fig. 96) at Williamsburg. This is a five-room house built in 1780. It consists of a two-story central unit flanked by single-story wings. The main unit contains a ground-floor salon with fireplace, and two small chambers above. These chambers are reached by a winding stair located behind the chimney in the left wing. In the wings are a dining room and a drawing room, each with its own fireplace. The central roof is a



low gable sheathed in vertical boarding so that it forms a smooth pediment, effective in contrast to the clapboarding beneath. Over the main entrance below is a porch consisting of a dentilled pedimented roof supported on slightly tapered square pillars, the pilasters behind them being fluted. There is evidence,

NOTE: From "A Guide to Old American Houses, 1700-1900" by Henry Lionel Williams and Ottalie K. Williams. 1962. 728/W67.

97. Floor plan of the Semple house.