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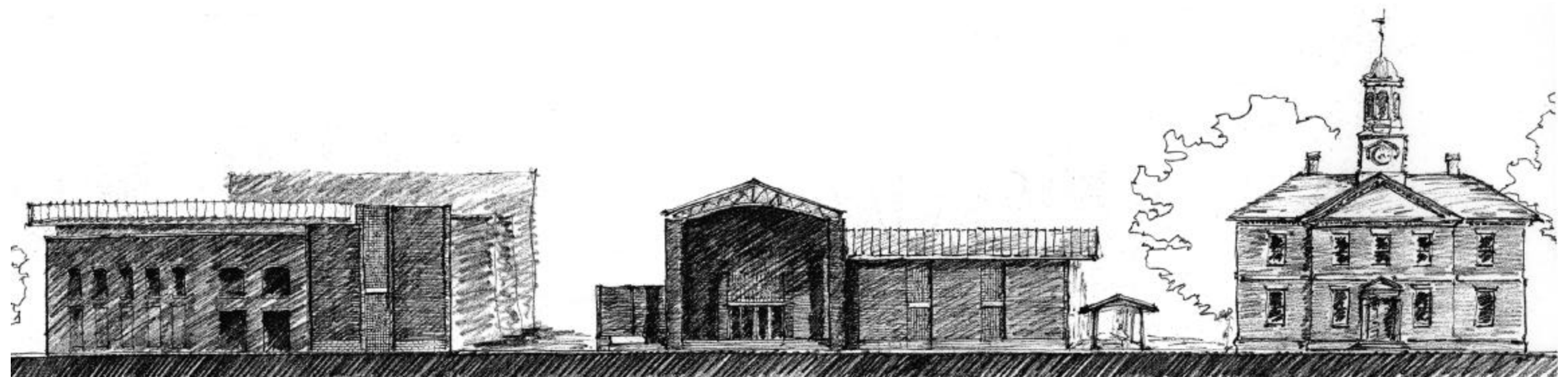
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Images:

(left) Drawing of entry door to existing Chowan County Courthouse, Edenton, NC.

(right) Doorway studies for new county complex.

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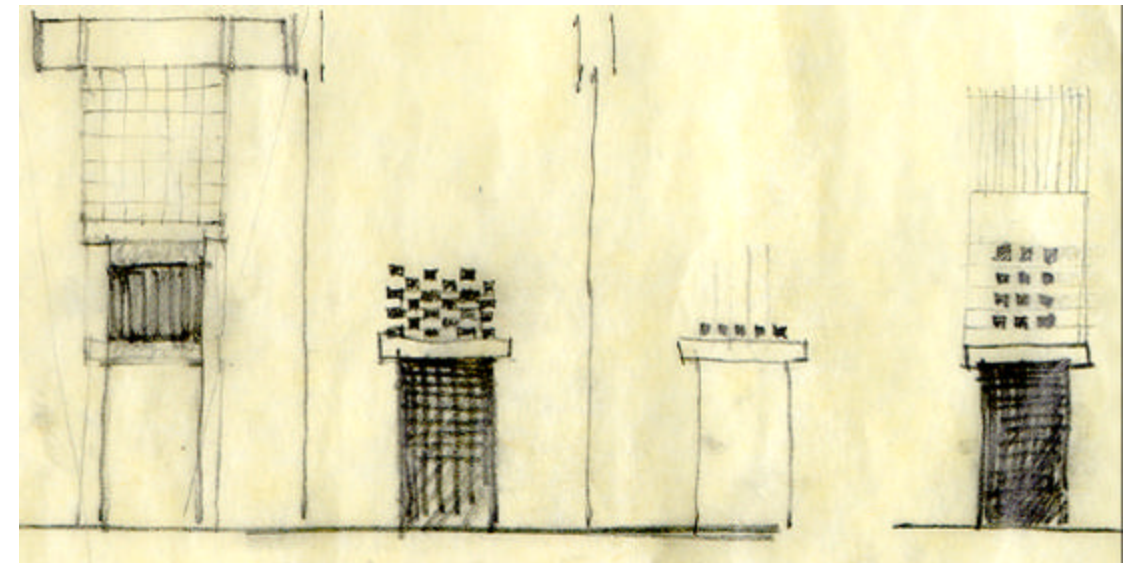
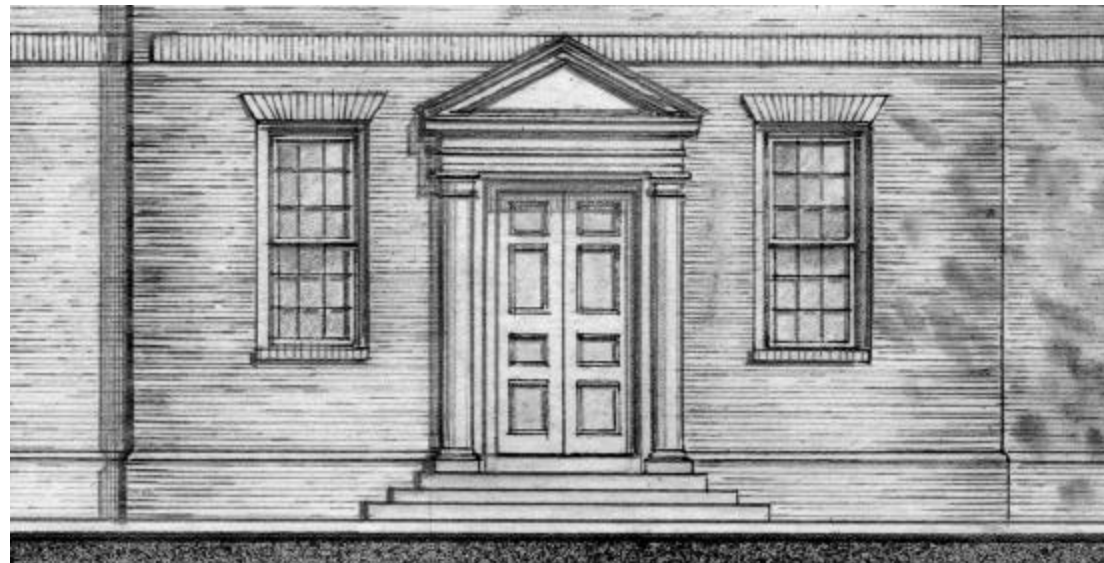
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Project Abstract :

Through the design of a municipal complex for Chowan County, North Carolina, the intention is to examine what it means to design with a sense of place that is an extension of the region's past.

Regionalism has been trivialized to be as simplistic as the practice of attaching community-accepted stylistic embellishment to any new building. This is unfortunately done without historic examination of place. All too often the desire is for a historic connection through iconographic application. This usually results in a farce which mocks and devalues the past and present.

This work is an honest examination of past building and community nuances for translation and inclusion in the development of a new municipal complex, to be built using contemporary construction methods.



Images:

(left) Photo, by author, of porch roof, typical of several houses, Chowan County, Edenton, NC.

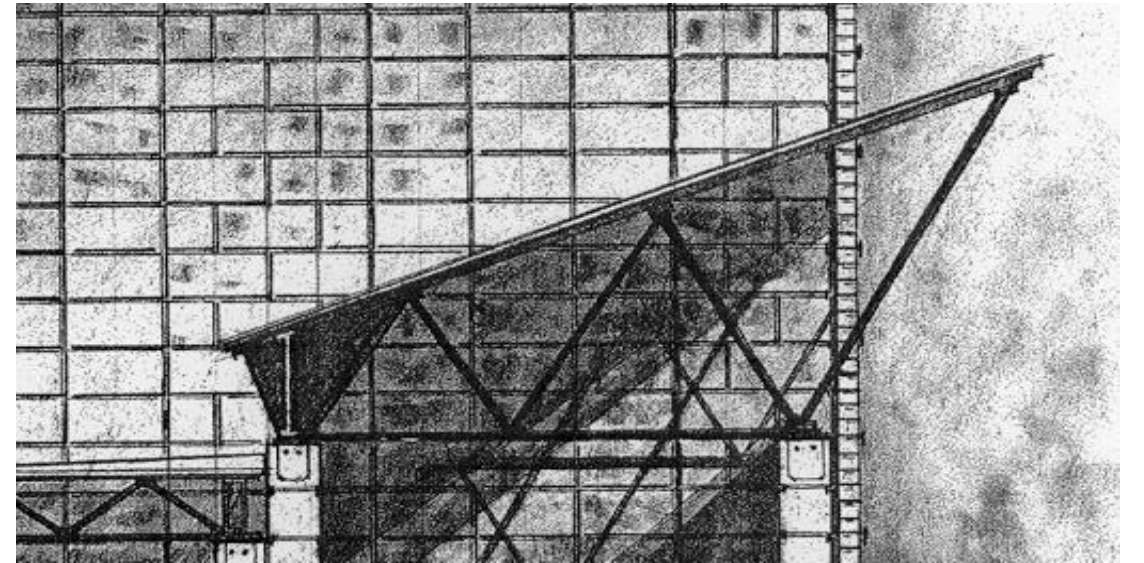
(right) Drawing of new roof truss and system section typical of all buildings.

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Images:

(left) Photo, by author, of brick wall support notch, former jail, Edenton, NC.

(right) Drawing of concrete block wall support, typical of all buildings.

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