




Charlottesville, Virginia — *The American South (Mid-Atlantic)*

Watering Fountains

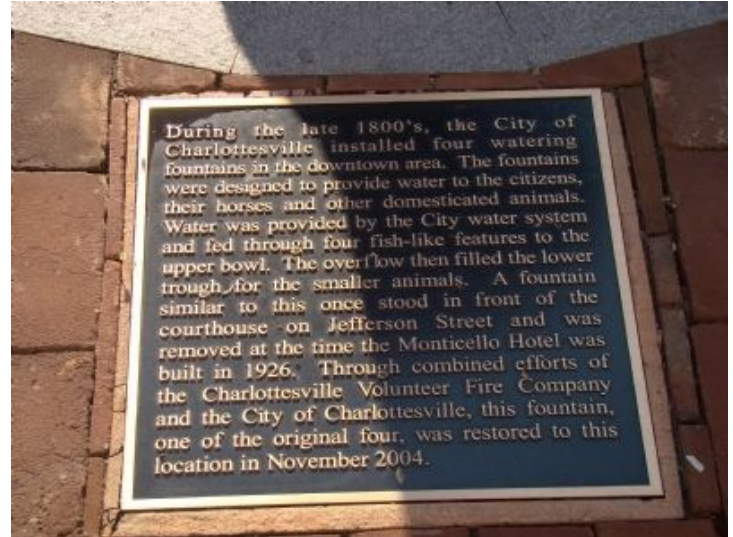
Inscription.  During the late 1800's, the City of Charlottesville installed four watering fountains in the downtown area. The fountains were designed to provide water to the citizens, their horses and other domesticated animals. Water was provided by the City water system and fed through four fish-like features to the upper bowl. The overflow then filled the lower trough for the smaller animals. A fountain similar to this once stood in front of the courthouse on Jefferson Street and was removed at the time the Monticello Hotel was built in 1926. Through combined efforts of the Charlottesville Volunteer Fire Company and the City of Charlottesville, this fountain, one of the original four, was restored to this location November 2004.

Topics. This historical marker is listed in this topic list: [Charity & Public Work](#). A significant historical year for this entry is 1926.

Location. 38° 1.868' N, 78° 28.622' W. Marker is in Charlottesville, Virginia. Marker is at the intersection of 6th Street and East Jefferson Street, on the left when traveling south on 6th Street. [Touch for map](#). Marker is in this post office area: Charlottesville VA 22902, United States of America. [Touch for directions](#).

Other nearby markers. At least 8 other markers are within walking distance of this marker. [First Public Library](#) (here, next to this marker); [Early Hotels](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [Mercantile Business](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [First Post Office](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [Lynching in America / Lynching of John Henry James](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [Site of Old Swan Tavern](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [A Bicentennial Tribute](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [Historic Courthouse Square](#) (within shouting distance of this marker). [Touch for a list and map](#) of all markers in Charlottesville.

More about this marker. The fountain and marker are in front of the site of the first public library that dated from the early 1800s.



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1. Watering Fountains Marker



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2. Watering Fountain and Marker

Horses drank from the upper basin, dogs from the trough at the base. The fountain is no longer piped.



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3. Charlottesville's Watering Fountain
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4. Sixth Street Buildings and Watering Fountain



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7. Watering Fountain

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