

Georgian Furniture

Robert
Adam

Robert Adam (1745 – 1780)



Robert Adam
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- British architects Robert (1728-1792) and James (1730-1794) Adam were leaders in the neoclassic style in the late 18th century.
- Their graceful, elegant work is based chiefly on ancient Roman and Renaissance motifs.
- The Adam brothers hired workers such as cabinetmakers, painters and sculptors to carry out their designs.
- A firm of cabinet-makers called "Adam Furniture" produced furniture from Adams designs

- One of their most noted works is Harewood house Yorkshire England.
- Built in the late 18 century by John Carr of York, Adams was responsible for the interiors he commissioned cabinet-maker Thomas Chippendale to make most of the furniture.



Harewood House

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- Adam spent some time studying in Italy. The excavations of Pompeii and findings of the 1750's had a large influence on his work.
- Adam started the neo-classical style of sleek, straight lines and simple mouldings
- Adam developed his own style which later became known as 'Adamesque'
- In 1768 he refurbished part of Saltram House in Devon.
- <http://www.vam.ac.uk/content/articles/r/robert-adam-neo-classical-architect/>



Saltram House Devon

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/saltram>

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Adam Style or Adamesque

- Adam used lots of fans, urns, honeysuckle, patera, swags & leaves, bells & husks as decoration.
- His later designs had gilding, marquetry, ormolu ornaments.
- He designed lots of mirrors and wall furniture also fire surrounds and is credited with inventing the sideboard.
- Chairs : Adam's chairs were simple and gracious. The legs for the most part were straight, wide chairs with pierced splats wheel backed chairs

The Red Drawing Room at Hopetoun House



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Robert & James Adam Book

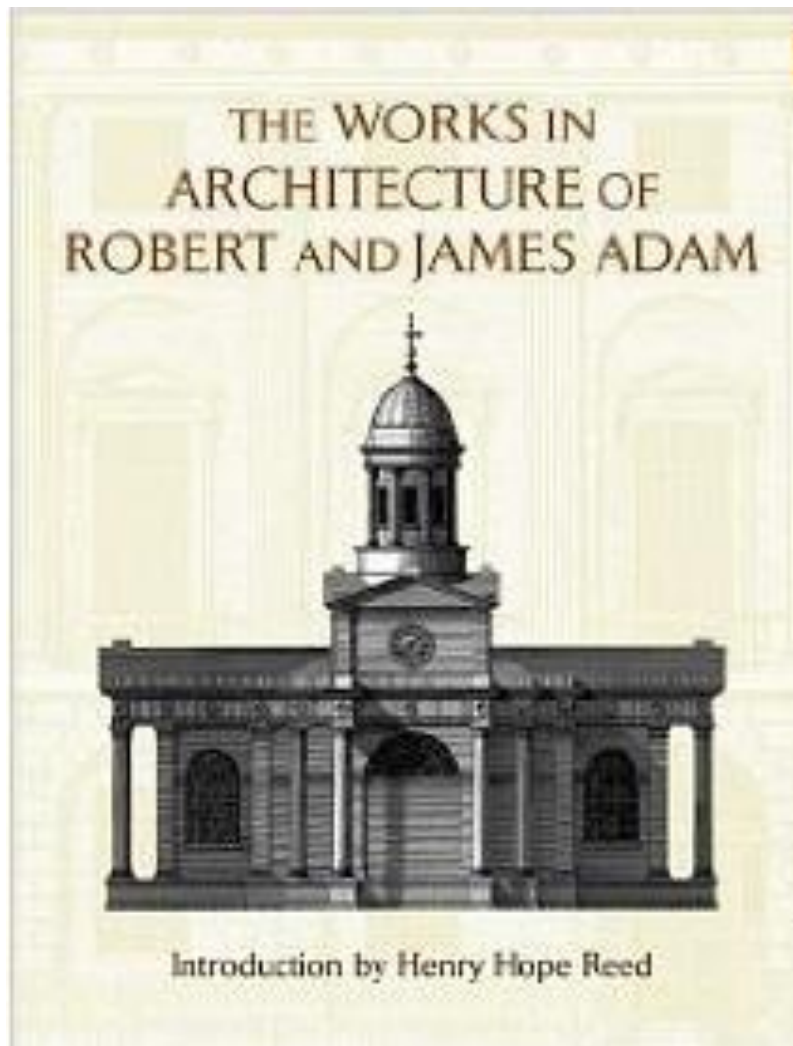
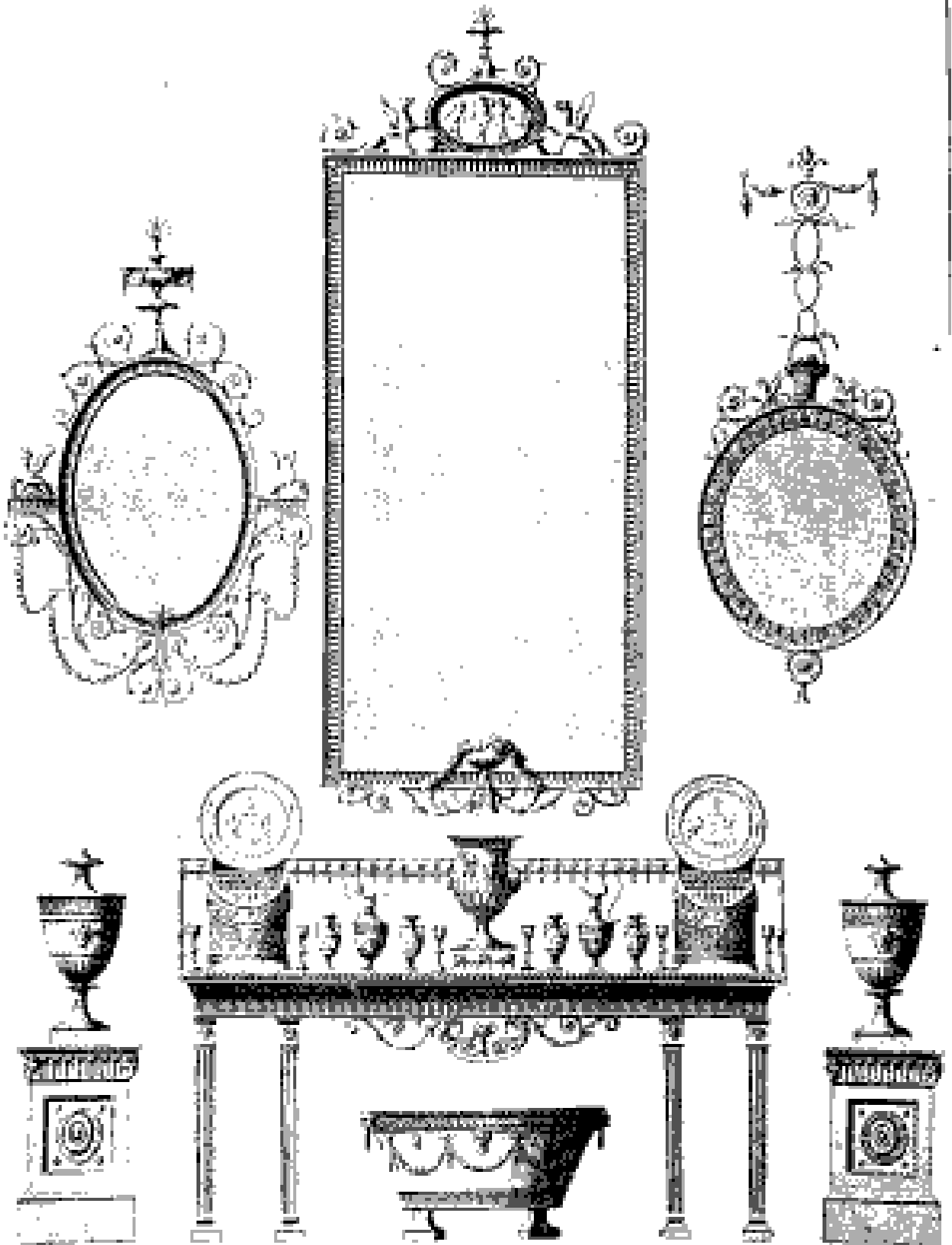


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Design page from Adam



Some 3000 drawings by Robert Adam and other members of his firm are preserved at Sir John Soane's Museum in London.



Robert Adams



Adams side table
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Robert Adam Style Commode



- A Commode first appeared in the 1700's it comes from the French word for convenient.
- They were small decorative cabinets or chest of drawers usually with marble tops.
- Bedroom commodes were often used to sit washing facilities on.

Typical Adam Style hall table & mirror

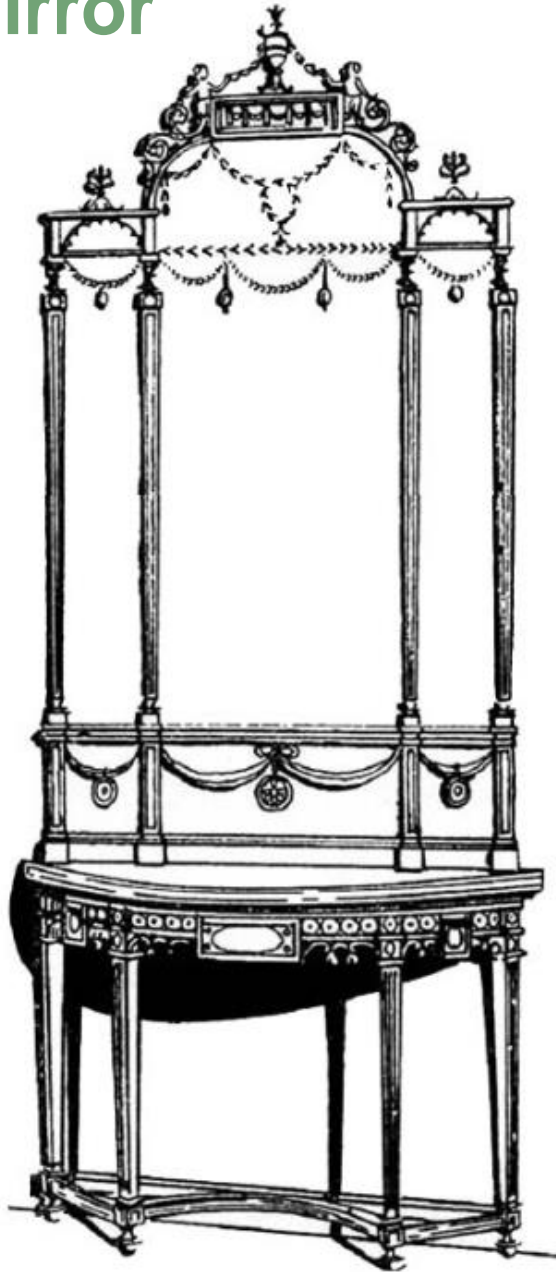


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Typical Adam Style Sideboard

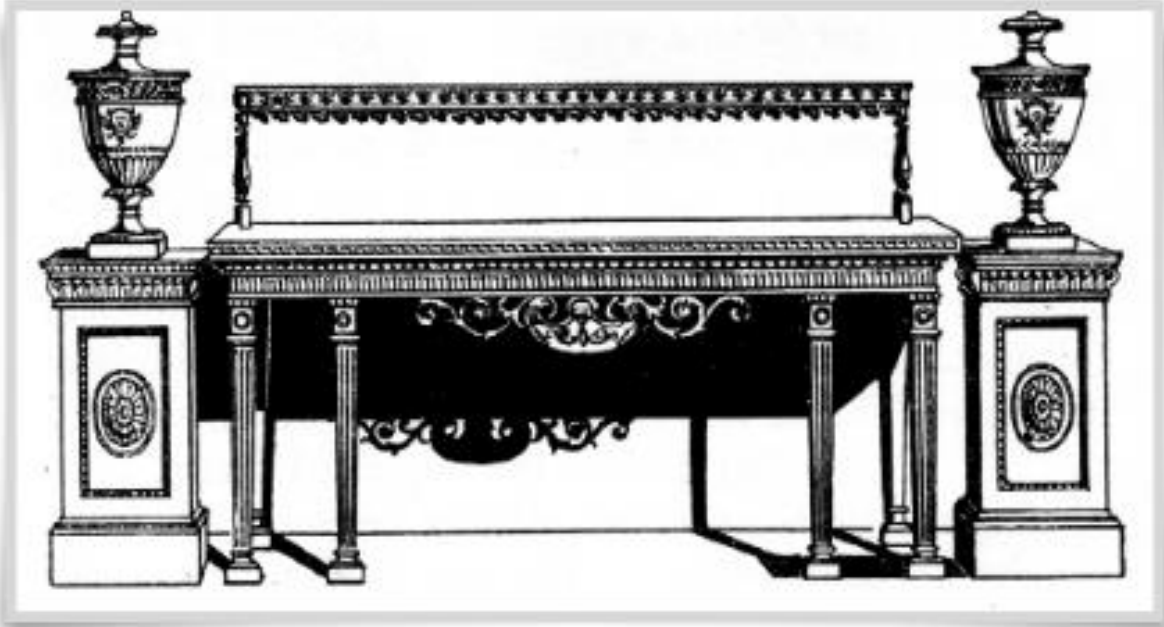


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Sideboard with pedestals,
later these pedestals were transformed
into cupboards and later still removed
altogether

Robert Adams



Wheel back chairs



Candle stands

Robert Adams



Adams Chair

Robert Adams



Adams Style room

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