

# 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.
- Build 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 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



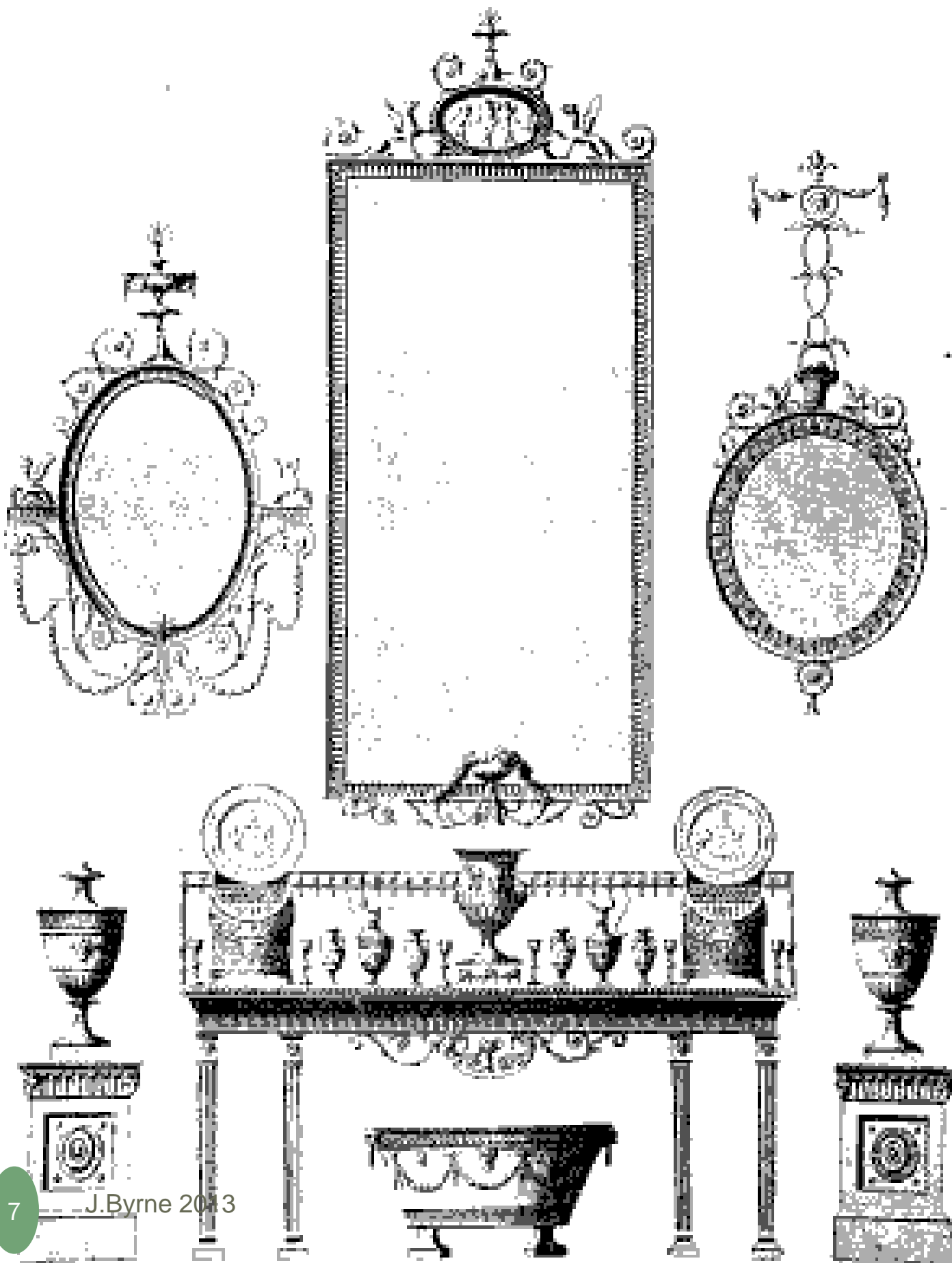
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# Design page from Adam



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



# Robert & James Adam Book

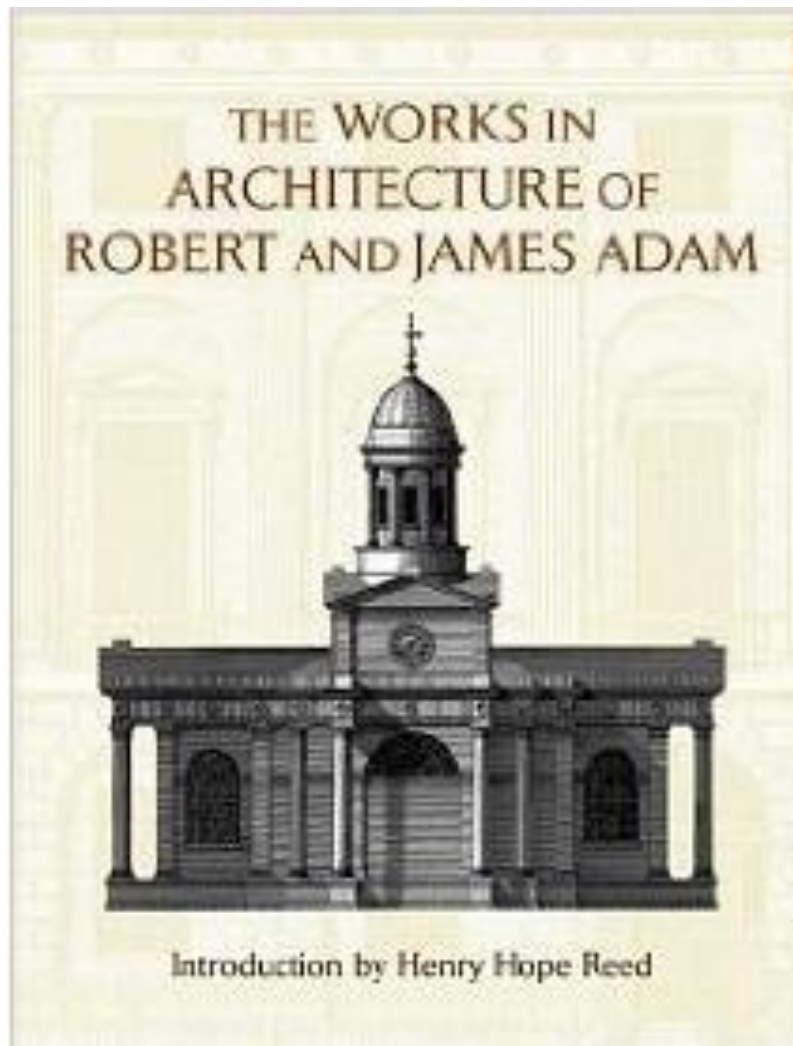


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Adams side table  
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## Robert Adam Style Commode



- 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

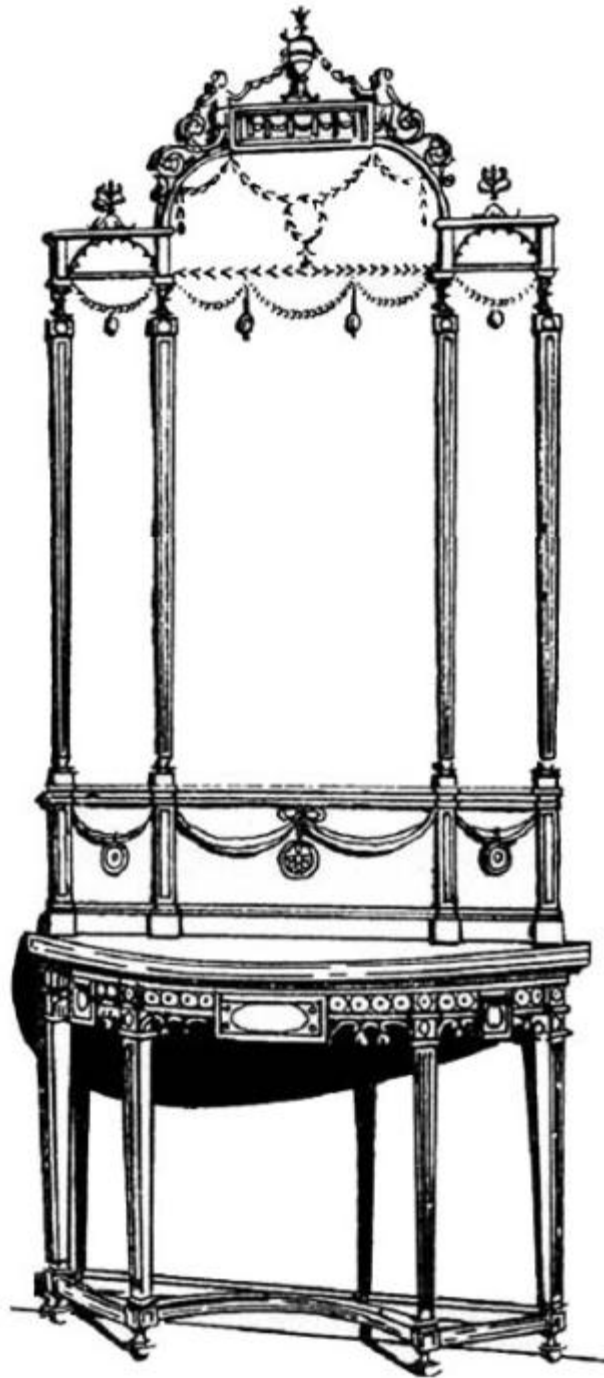


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## Typical Adam Style Sideboard

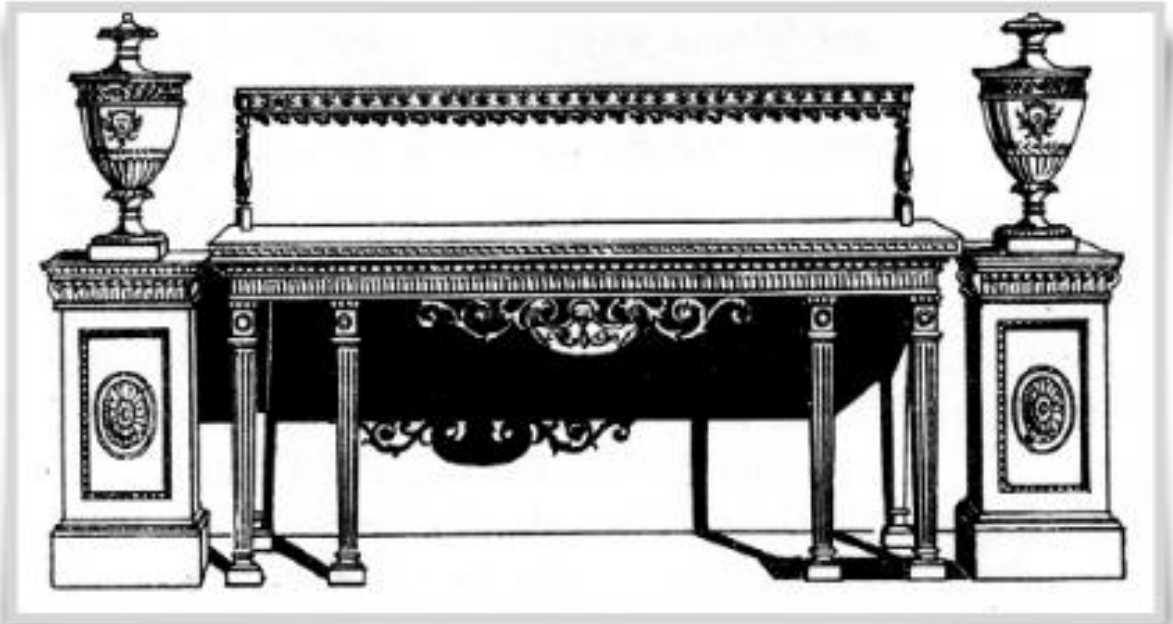


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Sideboard with pedestals,  
later these pedestals were transformed  
into cupboards and later still removed  
altogether

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Wheel back chairs



Candle stands

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Adams Chair



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Adams Style room

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