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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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X EXCELLENT

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#### CONDITION

\_\_DETERIORATED \_RUINS

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X ALTERED

**CHECK ONE** \_\_UNALTERED X\_ORIGINAL SITE

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Greene County Courthouse at Paragould is a large, rectangular structure with Georgian Revival elements predominating. The original red brick of the courthouse has been covered with brown stucco.

The low-hipped roof has gables on the southeast, northeast, northwest, and southwest corners. Each gable is pedimented and has a semicircular air vent. Above the front and rear entrances are two more gables. These gables are larger than the others and have brackets outlining the pediment. Fanlights are also featured in the center of these two gables. The cornice line of the roof is classically detailed and bracketed.

In the center of the roof is a square, frame cupola. When the courthouse was originally constructed, the square cupola was the base of a clock tower. The tower had a clock with double-louvered windows above it and an arched belfry topped by a dome with ogee roof and spire. About 1970 the dome tower was condemned and removed from the courthouse.

The facade (which faces south) and the rear elevation are similarly constructed. Both have arched, recessed doorways. The reveal of the doorways are paneled. four-panel double doors have glass in the upper-half and feature semicircular stilted fanlights. Above the doorways on the slightly projecting center bays are arched windows. Decorations accent the transom bars and mullions which form a cross in the arched windows. One difference between the facade and the back elevation is the entrance steps. The facade has six steps and features handrails with spiral balusters, while the rear steps have only two steps and plain handrails.

Protruding center bays with arched doorways and arched windows are featured on the side elevations also. The doors do not have fanlights however, as do the doors on the facade and rear elevations. The center bays on the side elevations form double chimneys, reminiscent of Medieval architecture.

Windows are double-hung sash with double-pane transoms above each one. decorative lintels and slender lugsills are featured on each window.

A two-storey addition was attached to the west elevation in 1916. The appendage, which houses the vaults, has a flat roof and has a stucco wall finish. storey windows on the addition, which have iron bars over them are double-hung and transomed. The windows of the top storey are double-hung, but they have no transoms nor iron bars. The east and west elevations of the addition have no first-floor openings, but the upper storey has windows. Onto this appendage has been added a small, one-storey frame storage building. A similar one has also been added to the east elevation, just right of the entrance door.

The original floor plan of the interior has been altered to accommodate the need for office space. High ceilings, plastered walls, and tile floors are present. No outstanding architectural features appear in the interior.

#### PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW \_\_PREHISTORIC \_\_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC \_\_COMMUNITY PLANNING \_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE \_\_RELIGION \_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC \_\_CONSERVATION \_\_1400-1499 \_\_LAW \_SCIENCE \_\_1500-1599 \_\_AGRICULTURE **ECONOMICS** \_\_LITERATURE \_\_SCULPTURE \_\_1600-1699 X\_ARCHITECTURE \_\_EDUCATION \_\_MILITARY \_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN \_1700-1799 \_\_ART \_\_ENGINEERING \_MUSIC \_\_THEATER X\_1800-1899 \_\_COMMERCE \_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT \_\_PHILOSOPHY \_TRANSPORTATION 1900-\_\_COMMUNICATIONS \_\_INDUSTRY X\_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT \_OTHER (SPECIFY) \_INVENTION

SPECIFIC DATES

1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

J. E. Shane

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The largest number of architecturally significant public buildings in Arkansas are the courthouses scattered over the state's seventy-five counties. A structural symbol of American government, the county courthouse serves as the center of local political activity. Often the largest and most costly building in the county, the courthouse is almost always a source of pride to the citizens who financed and make use of its facilities.

Greene County was formed in 1833 from part of Lawrence County and named in honor of General Nathaniel Greene, the Revolutionary War hero. The first center of county business was the Crowley Plantation, home of Benjamin Crowley. This served until the first official county seat was selected at Paris in 1835. Paris was selected because it was then in the center of the county. The courthouse, a vacant, hewnlog house, eighteen feet square, served from 1835 to 1848.

In 1848 the county seat was moved to Gainesville, five miles southwest of Paris, and Paris as a community disappeared. The new courthouse built at Gainesville was a three-storey frame building with the county offices occupying the first floor, the courtroom on the second floor, and a Masonic Hall on the top floor. The courthouse was a thirty-feet square building.

This courthouse burned in 1874, destroying many county records. A storeroom temporarily served as a courthouse, but it also burned in the same year destroying the remaining records. Another fire destroyed the fourth courthouse in 1876.

Arson was suspected in each case of fire, so the new courthouse constructed at Gainesville in 1877 contained a fireproof safe that cost the county \$1105.00.

On March 3, 1883, Paragould became incorporated, and a subsequent election in September, 1884, moved the county seat to the new town. The Ben Wood House on the west end of Main Street was used for a courthouse until 1884, when a temporary courthouse was built at a cost of \$1194.00.

The present courthouse at Paragould was contracted in 1887 at a bid of \$14,700.00. The citizens of the county decided to add a clock, and an additional \$700 had to be subscribed for it. The original plans drawn by J. E. Shane, which called for a dome, had to be modified for the clock and this raised the cost an extra \$300.00. The tower on which the clock was located has since been removed. In April, 1888, the courthouse was completed and occupied.

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The original wall surface of the courthouse was red brick, but the brick has since been covered by brown stucco. Other alterations include the removal of the clock tower and the adaptive alterations made to the interior for office space. A major addition was added in 1916 to the west elevation to serve as the vault room. Two storage facilities of white frame have also been made to the jail and east elevation.

The Greene County Courthouse, like many of the other courthouses in the state, is significant both architecturally and historically. Built just after Paragould became incorporated, it is located in a court square in what was the middle of the new town. Around it sprang up other municipal and government buildings. Though it no longer remains centered because of the growth of Paragould, the Greene County Courthouse is still located in the heart of the old city.

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HI Jan. 1976 Greene County Courthouse Paragould View of facade, which faces south

- 1) Greene County Courthouse
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View of North elevation

- 1) Greene County Courthouse
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- 6) View of north elevation
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### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

6.16.76

#### TELEPHONE REPORT

1:30

PM

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ARK.

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

1. CALL X TO; FROM (Name)

GREENE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

ASKED IF COULD BE FOCUS OF HISTORIC DISTRICT.

DOWNOR WILL GO UP IN JULY AND CALL ME,

b. 23.76
Dinna called about status
as endangered - early
July meeting scheduled
to vote on new courthouse

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Bill Lesoviel

TITLE

Arch Hist

OFFICE

### ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE

ARKANSAS

Date Entered

AUG 1 1 1976

Name

Location

Old State House Square Historic District

Little Rock/North Little Rock

Pulaski County

Greene County Courthouse

Paragorld Greene County

### Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan Hon. Dale Dumpers Hon. Wilbur D. Mills

Hon. Bill Alexander

Regional Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer Ms. Anne Bartley Acting Director Department of Natural and

Cultural Heritage The Old State House

300 West Markham

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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AARON WHITE & GARY McCLURE

Bert Dial Central & Southeast Arkansas Post Office Box 133 Stuttgart, Arkansas 72160 Telephone 501 673-8861 880

POST OFFICE BOX 893 PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS 72450 TELEPHONE 501 236-7086

August 18, 1977

Department of the Interior Interior Building Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Sir:

According to Executive Order 11593 your agency is to initiate measures to assure whether or not federal program will result in the substantial or demolition of a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In Greene County, Arkansas the Quorum Court is in the process of renovating, remodeling, and repairing the Courthouse and building a bomb shelter underneath the courtyard and courthouse. Your determination as to whether or not this project substantially alters the existing courthouse which is listed in the National Register of Historical Places would be beneficial to us at this time.

I am concerned of the preservation of property listed on the National Register of Historical Places and would appreciate you providing information as to where I could receive additional information pertaining to this proposed project.

Should you need any additional information pertaining to this request, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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Sincerely,

Gary McClare

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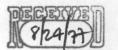
I am concerned of the preservation of property listed on the National Register of Historical Places and would appreciate you providing information as to where I could receive additional information pertaining to this proposed project.

Should you need any additional information pertaining to this request, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Gary McClaxe

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TELEPHONE REPORT	TIME OF CALL  12:45
1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)	2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)
· Sandra Taylor	ARK. SHPO 501-371-2763
3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.	
Green County Court Hous	e - rehab. federally funded?

Green County Court House
They have requested Federal Funds
SHPO has not responded yet.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL TITLE

OFFICE

Globensley 10-20-7)
CShull 807
Suf. 8 NOV 1 1977 H32-880 Mr. Gary McClure Northeast Arkansas Planning and Consulting Company P.O. Box 133 Struttgart, Arkansas 72160 Dear Mr. McClure: Thank you for your interest in the rehabilitation of the Green County Court House, Paragould, Arkansas, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Listing on the National Register is Federal recognition that a property possesses cultural and historic values worthy of preservation. The National Register is one tool which ensures that cultural and historic resources which may be affected by federally licensed, sponsored, or funded projects are considered in the Federal planning process. section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, of 1966, as amended, and Executive Order 11593, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must be afforded an opportunity to comment on the effect of proposed Federal undertakings on historic resources listed in or determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register. We suggest you consult Michael Bureman at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 25085, Denver, Colorado 80225, for further information. For your information we have enclosed the Advisory Council's procedures for the protection of historic and cultural properties (36 CFR 800) and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Your interest in historic preservation is appreciated. Sincerely yours, (Sgd.) William J. Murtagh William J. Murtagh Keeper of the National Register Enclosures

cc: Ms. Anne Bartley
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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: GREENE COUNTY COURTHOUSE OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION: STREET & NUMBER

- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

code

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) :

PRIVATE STATE

SOUTHWEST

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC

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WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR \_Substantially intact-1 \_ unknown - 4

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Substantially intact-2 unknown .-5

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

\_ Substantially intact-3 1 unknown -6 \_\_Not applicable-9

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CONDITION -

ACCESS -

EXCELLENT \_\_FAIR

\_DETERIORATED \_\_RUINS

UNEXPOSED \_Unexcavated \_UNALTERED \_Reconstructed

\_Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE \_MOVED \_Unknown

OTHER

Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted No access

Unknown

historic district?

YES

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? IF YES, NAME:

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? IF YES, NAME:

YES

NO

ADAPTIVE USE:

Saved?

YES

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

\_ARCHECLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE

MARCHITECTURE \_\_COMMERCE

\_\_COMMUNICATIONS

\_CONSERVATION \_ECONOMICS

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health recreation

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Claims

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PHILOSOPHY

ee only 2

### ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ECLECTIC

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landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer: artist/artisan: builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

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