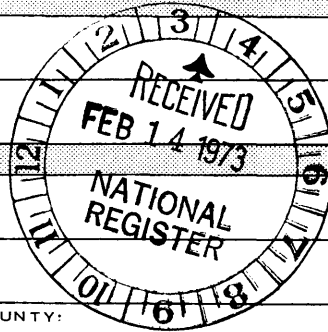


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Meriwether	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 7 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Meriwether County Courthouse
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square
CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville
STATE: Georgia
CODE: 13 COUNTY: Meriwether CODE: 199

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Meriwether County
STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square
CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville
STATE: Georgia
CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Deed recorded in Clerk of Superior Court's Office
STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Square
CITY OR TOWN:
Greenville
STATE: Georgia
CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None
DATE OF SURVEY:
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
STATE:
CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

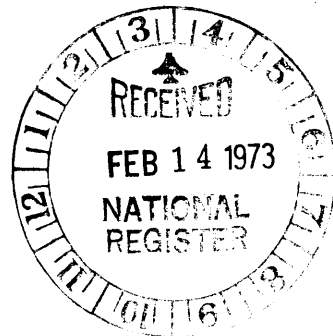
Built on the same site as the c.1830 Meriwether County Courthouse is the present courthouse (1903-4) in the Neo-colonial mode of the Georgian Revival style. Like the earlier courthouse and as in many other Georgia town plans, the present Meriwether County Courthouse is situated on a square in the center of town.

This almost symmetrical two story brick structure has portico facades on all four sides, two seven bays wide and two five bays wide. Each facade has a two story portico, full entablature and pediment with a Georgia State Seal. The fluted, metal columns are of the composite order and stand on a square pedestal. The three central bays of each facade are recessed and correspond to the projection of the portico. Stone quoins define the corners of all projecting parts. White coursing defines each level of the building. All entrances and second level windows are delineated with white arched coursing; all windows have keystones. A large metal dome rests on an octagonal base above the main rectangular part of the building. Crowning the dome is an open, columned cupola that supports a statue of Justice. The building's cornerstone, laid at the time of construction in 1903-4, lists J.W. Golucke and Co. as architects.

In 1967 the Records Building was connected to the main building, using materials and features. The architect was Edward W. Neal of Biggers-Scarborough Neal-Crisp and Clark architectural firm.

The interior features four hallways that connect with a central rotunda. The ceilings of these hallways and the courtroom are stamped metal construction. Floors are of hexagonal tiles. There are panelings, mantels, and chair rails in this area. A double stairway leads from the south hall to the second floor, and other stairs reach the gallery of the courtroom. Single stairs ascend from the north hall to the Judge's chambers and elaborately paneled platform.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1903-4

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Not only is the Meriwether County Courthouse a fine example of the Neo-colonial mode of the Georgian Revival, but its siting on a centrally located town square is excellent.

Built in 1903-4 and designed by J.W. Golucke, the courthouse exhibits fine proportions and details of classical style. Excellent maintenance has preserved the building. Blue print renderings of the architect's drawings are exhibited in the County Commissioner's Office.

The courthouse is situated in the center of Meriwether County on a site chosen when the town of Greenville was laid out in 1828. It is surrounded by large oaks, shubbery and well-kept lawns. Approaches from all directions, especially east and west present an exceptional view of the courthouse on its elevated, three acre square.

This centrally located planning for a town square is found throughout Georgia after 1803. Courthouses were set off from towns by being surrounded on four sides with lawns and streets to create a square. Bordering the square were stores, offices, residences, hotels, etc. This nucleated plan which seems to have started in Virginia in the 17th century was used in the c.1830 Meriwether County Courthouse and again when the present courthouse was erected

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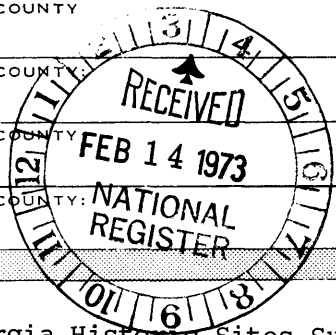
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: three acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 William R. Mitchell, Jr., Director, Georgia Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Georgia Historical Commission DATE: August 4, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
 116 Mitchell Street, SW

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary G. Jewett
 Title State Liaison Officer
 Date Feb. 7, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert A. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/7/73
 ATTEST:
W. J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 4 26 73

Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
State Highway Department of Georgia			
SCALE:			
1 inch = 1 mile			
DATE:			
1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

