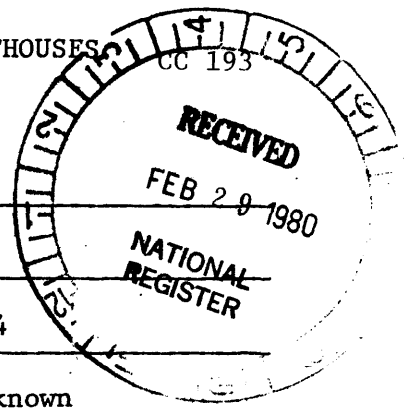


THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM



Name of Structure: Macon County Courthouse
 Location: Courthouse Square, Oglethorpe, Ga. 31068
 Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1894
 Architect/builder: Unknown Contractor: Unknown
 Building Superintendents: S. T. Lofley and C. A. Greer
 Subsequent architects: _____

1976: Some repair - using prison labor.

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Romanesque
 Facade Material: Brick (painted white in the last 10 years)
 Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair

Map 12, BK 3, Par. 7
 Zone 16/E776850/3576540
 UTM NO. _____

Boundary: As marked on the enclosed tax map. The building shown on the U.S.G.S. map to east of courthouse is gone. Acreage: 1 and 1/2 acres

Sitting solidly on its site, the two story courthouse has four corner pavilions that are pyramidally capped and interior chimneys remaining. Two center projecting side entrances have broad Romanesque arched entry ways. Appearing to be a later addition, the main portico is a projecting entrance porch; its top severs an additional Romanesque arched entrance. Four thin columns of undetermined orders make this entry the most ornate of the three but certainly not the most aesthetically satisfying.

Projecting brick laid in angled rows is used decoratively as stringcourses and on the first story around the windows forming a drip-stone molding. It is also used under the cornice of each pavilion and at basement level around the building.

The clock tower rises in several stages, from a square and open area containing a bell, to pedimented clocks, and finally to an octagonal dome with finial. In the rear of the courthouse a new jail is attached.

On the interior, double stairways lead to the courtroom. The ceiling has been lowered and accoustical tile installed. The Victorian bench (see photograph) is the most outstanding feature of the courtroom. Of beaded boards, it has corner blocks and reeding in the design. Behind the bench, which stands free of the wall, is a door to the judge's chambers.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The architecture of this courthouse resembles that of the Berrien County courthouse (1898). It, too, is a good example of a carpenter's version of the Romanesque Style.



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MACON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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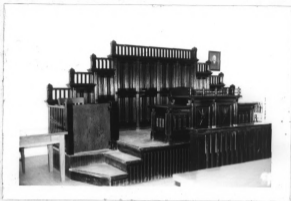
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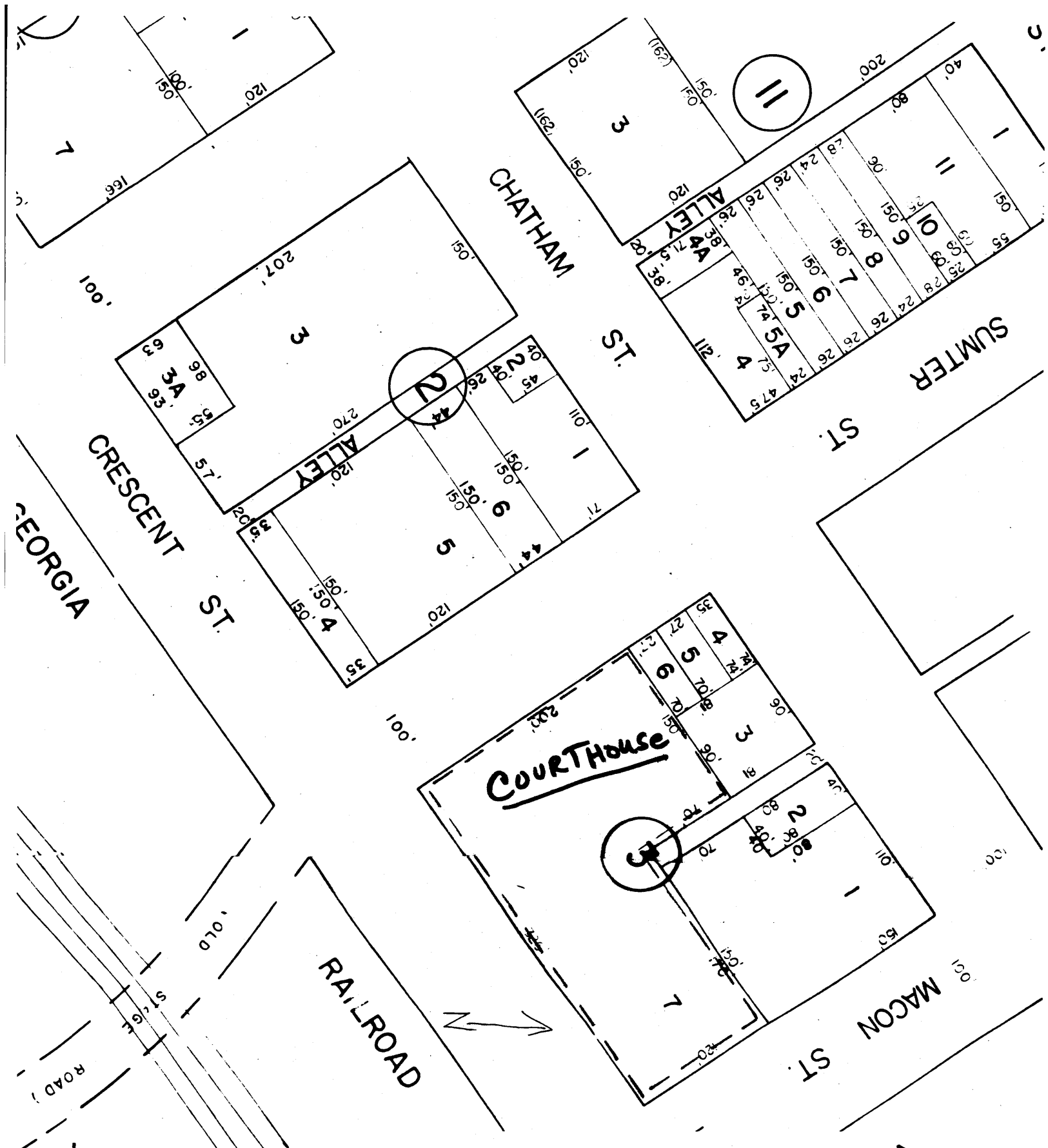
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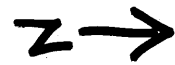
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Sketch Map



MACON COUNTY, GEORGIA		
TAXING DISTRICT CITY OF OGLETHORPE		
SCALE	1" = 100'	DATE 1963
12 MAP NUMBER	FLIGHT 6	
	PHOTO NO. 35	
	DISTRICT 28	
	S.M.D. 1070	

MACON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Oglethorpe, Macon County, Georgia
 Scale: 1" = 100'
 Source: Tax Assessors Office
 Date: 1963
 Key: Nominated property is outlined