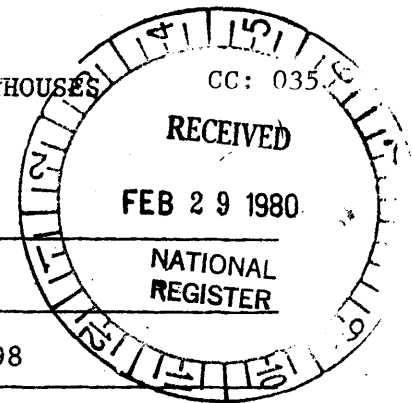


THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES

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ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM



Name of Structure: Butts County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Jackson, Ga. 30233

Cost: \$24,980

Date of Construction: 1898

Architect/builder: Bruce & Morgan

Contractor: J.H. McKenzie & Son

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

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DESCRIPTION:

UTM NO. _____

Style: High Victorian

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Facade Material: Brick with stone and terra cotta

Boundary- the courthouse square trim. includes the courthouse and a Confederate Monument.

Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair

Acreage: approx. 1 acre

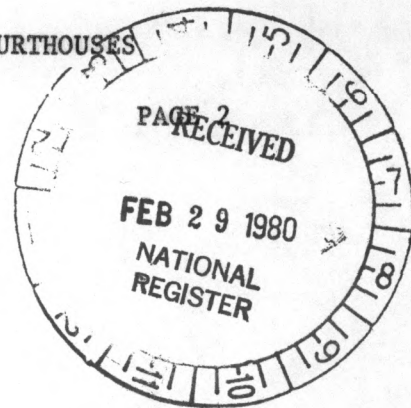
Built on a cross plan, the building has a pyramidally capped bell tower on the South corner rising in 4 stages from the ground level, through an open belfry to 4 pedimented clock faces. The other 3 corners of the building are projecting pavilions that have quoins and steep hipped roofs. The main facade juts forward from the core of the building and has a one story entry porch emphasized by a huge round arch and 4 colossal Ionic pilasters. Directly over the porch is a Palladian window framed by single round arched windows. All have decorative keystones (see photograph). A gable with three tiny round arched windows completes the scheme. The side entrances have a one story porch featuring triple round arched entrances crowned by a balcony leading from the courtroom. The 5 round arched windows on the second story (courtroom) have decorative keystones and tiny glass panes that constitute a "transom" over each window.

The courtroom is a less elaborate adaptation of the Monroe County courtroom. The ceiling is of beaded boards laid in patterns rather than pressed metal. The apse behind the bench has a small stained glass window and an organic plaster frieze in the entablature. Cast iron Corinthian columns support the balcony. The litigation area is separated from the spectator section by a bow shaped railing. A dark wooden dado alternated in plain and grooved strips encircles the room.

When the building was constructed a steam heating plant was included at a cost of \$1000 - 1200.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

See general statement of significance concerning the architects, Bruce and Morgan.

This plan is reminiscent of the Monroe County Courthouse designed by Bruce and Morgan in 1896 and is an excellent example of High Victorian Architecture.

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