

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Gwinnett County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Lawrenceville, Ga. 30245

Cost: Unknown

Date of Construction: 1872

Architect/builder: Unknown

Contractor: Unknown

Subsequent architects: Additions: 1937 - Annex to rear

1973-74 - Courtroom divided

Acreage: 2 1/2 acres

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

5th Land Dist. Land Lot 146 A

Par. 64

Zone 17/E223770/N3761200

UTM NO. _____

Boundary: The entire square upon which the courthouse rests. The four historic buildings shown on the U.S.G.S. map were built in the period 1850-54 originally but two were replaced on the same foundations. Use: NW storage; NE county surveyor; SW doctor's office SE bank.

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Second Empire elements

Facade Material: Brick

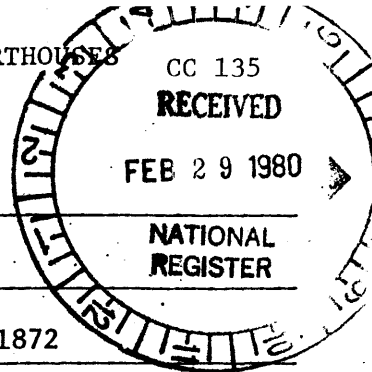
Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair

Located in the town square this asymmetrically massed building with interior chimneys seems solid, heavy. The clock tower on the corner of the two story structure is by far the most interesting feature. On the second story level, it has an unusual round corner balcony. Also, it has additional bracketed balconies, Palladian windows and pediments topped by a small ribbed dome and hooded clocks.

The facade has a projecting entrance porch with large round arches that emphasize the entry; above are triplet windows under a segmental bearing arch.

Renovation on the interior has totally changed its original character.

see addendum 7/21/80 for additional information





SIGNIFICANCE:

This is an 1872 building, one of the few built just after the Civil War. Like the one in Jackson County its exterior has not drastically changed. Its site in the town square gives it a dominant position in Lawrenceville.

Created in 1818 from Cherokee and Creek cessions, Gwinnett is an original county, not one of the ones sub-divided from older, larger counties.



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GWINNETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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