

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Floyd County Courthouse
 Location: Corner of Fifth Ave. & Tribune St., Rome, Ga. 30161
 Cost: \$49,935 Date of Construction: 1892 Later work - date (after 1904) unknown
 Architect/builder: Bruce & Morgan Contractor: Patton Lash Door & Bldg. Co.

Subsequent architects: _____

 Acreage: less than one
 TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS
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DESCRIPTION:

Style: Romanesque
 Facade Material: Brick/terracotta
 Condition: [] Excellent [] Good [X] Fair

UTM NO. _____
 Zone 16/E668380/N3791860

Boundary: The northeast end of a block surrounded on the NE by 5th St.; SE by Tribune St.; SW by an alley; and NW by West First St. 186' by 120.5'.

see addendum 7/21/80 verify completion

Needs some work immediately on the roof -- it is an endangered building since court facilities have been moved to another location. Presently, the Rome police have offices on first floor.

On the facade are three round arches with the center one framing the entrance. At the springing point of the arches is a terra cotta stringcourse complete with gargoyles and foliate designs. A stone stringcourse is above the arched windows on the first floor and above the windows on the second floor. The square tower rises in 3 stages to the hipped roof and then in 2 additional stages to the open belfry whose round arches echo those on the first story. A pyramidal cap with dormers tops the tower.

Round bays are on both sides of the building. Three different sized bricks are used on the exterior. The double entrance doorway has a fan-lighted transom and side lights.

The interior has not been altered a great deal. The massive oak millwork over the first floor office doors (see photographs) contains square glass transoms with fan motifs and a heavy entablature. The offices themselves are constructed of thick walls with plaster ceilings. In the second story office that is part of the bell tower is a circular metal staircase leading up to the tower.

The ceiling of the courtroom is 20' high. The rear of the room has been reduced in size so that storage space and a law library could be added. The jury box is directly in front of the bench, a feature not usually seen in Georgia. The bench is in a recessed area with Ionic columns on each side and is topped with a rounded pediment and scroll finial. A recessed panel dado encircles the room and a heavy, dentiled cornice adds balance and dignity. The railing between the litigation and spectator sections is emphasized by ornate newel posts.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

See general statement of significance about the architects, Bruce & Morgan.

This is an excellent example of a design by Bruce and Morgan. The exterior has been altered little and has much of the original terra cotta trim around the arches, stringcourses. The dramatic terra cotta gargoyles are rarely found on buildings of this type.

Inside the massive oak millwork remains in place in place throughout the building. It is especially handsome in the courtroom.



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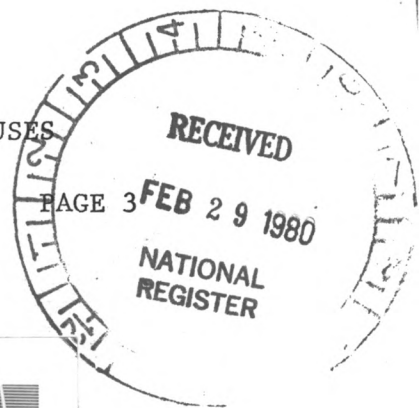
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EXTERIOR DETAIL - ENTRANCE

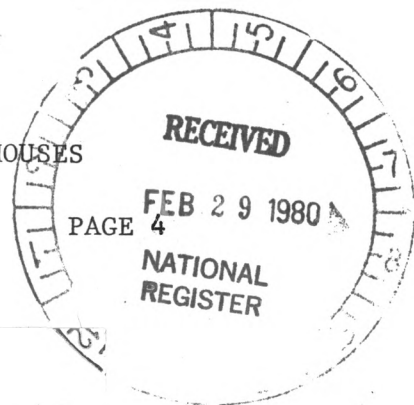
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EXTERIOR DETAIL - GARGOYLE

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INTERIOR DETAIL - OAK MILLWORK

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