



ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Liberty County Courthouse
 Location: Courthouse Square, Hinesville, Georgia 31313
 Cost: _____ Date of Construction: 1926; wings added 1965 during remodeling
 Architect/builder: J.J. Baldwin Contractor: _____

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Neoclassical
 Facade Material: Brick
 Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair

UTM NO. _____
 Zone 17 E443640 N3523500

Boundary: The block or square on which the courthouse sits bounded on all sides by streets
 Acreage: one acre

The original 1926 Liberty County Courthouse (now the middle part of the building) is essentially rectangular in plan, box-like in massing, and two stories high. The plan features a central section projecting slightly forward and rearward flanked by wings. The front central bay features a two-story pedimented portico with Tuscan columns and an oculus window. The entry is capped by an entablature-like lintel. A continuous cornice runs around the building above the second-floor level; above is a brick parapet wall. A cupola with projecting columns, a clock, and a dome is centrally located on the roof.

To either side of this original 1926 courthouse were added lateral wings in 1964. These wings, which more than doubled the size of the courthouse, are designed similar to the older part of the courthouse.

See addendum 7/21/80 concerning impact of these wings

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SIGNIFICANCE:

As a repository for records of marriages, wills, land transactions, the courthouse chronicles the county and is a focal point in the life of every citizen.

See general statement of significance concerning the architect, J.J. Baldwin

The Liberty County Courthouse is the third courthouse for the county. The original part of the courthouse is a good example of the Neoclassical style popular in Georgia courthouse architecture during the early-twentieth century. It was designed by J.J. Baldwin, one of the most important courthouse architects in Georgia at the time. The Liberty County Courthouse is virtually copied after the Evans County Courthouse, also designed by Baldwin.



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