

## ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Early County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Blakely, Ga. 31723

Cost: \$50,000 Date of Construction: 1904-05

Architect/builder: Morgan and Dillon Contractor: W. T. Jay of Shellman, Ga.

Subsequent architects: 1972 - Installation of air conditioning and a heating system.

## TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

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## DESCRIPTION:

UTM NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone 16 E696470 N3473090

Style: Neo-Classical

Facade Material: Brick/granite trim

Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair

Boundary: The courthouse square surrounded on all four sides by roads.

Acreeage: 1 and 1/2 acres

This hipped roof building sits on a four acre square in the center of town. It is two and one half stories with central two story tetrastyle porticos on north and south facades. The columns are Tuscan and have eight bands on the lower third of each column (see photograph). The pediment has an oculus. The west entrance is di-style, the eastern entrance has a simple fan lighted doorway - without colossal columns. The dome is ponderous and rises from an octagonal base, which has a band of metal decoration and four recessed clocks are emphasized by projecting round arches. The original brick chimneys remain. At the corners of the building, there are brick quoins. The windows of both stories are square with brick lintels and stone keystones.

On the interior there is a grey marble wainscoting, floors, stairs. The ceiling has been lowered in the courtroom, New lighting fixtures and jury seats were installed in 1972.



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ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM EARLY COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

This county courthouse is the most outstanding building in Early county. It stands on the town square, surrounded by confederate monuments. By utilizing a cross plan, the courthouse serves an economic purpose. Because of their proximity to the courthouse, businesses on all four sides of the square prospered.



EARLY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Early County Courthouse  
Courthouse Square  
Blakely, Georgia 31723



DETAIL - BANDED COLUMNS

