

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Ben Hill County Courthouse

Location: East Central Avenue, Fitzgerald, Ga. 31750

Cost: \$45,000 Date of Construction: 1909 (Renovated 1974)

Architect/builder: H. H. Huggins, Roanoke, Va. Contractor: Falls City Construction Co.

Subsequent architects: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

BK.11 -SQ.4 1-4; 6-8

DESCRIPTION:

UTM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Style: Neo-Classical

Zone 17/E285840/N3510860

Facade Material: Brick/Stone

Boundary:  
20 feet on all sides of the  
courthouse building proper.

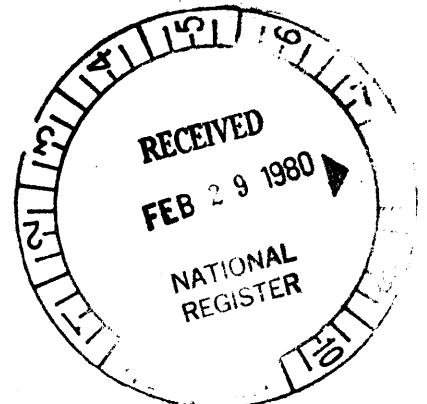
Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair

Acreage: less than one

Four Corinthian tetrastyle entrances give a sense of grandeur to the exterior of the Ben Hill County Courthouse. Built on an acre lot which was the original public square, the building is located today on a secondary street. The pediments of the entrances have a foliate design with center cartouches, Baroque in spirit. Pilasters are on the corners of the building and a ballustrade crowns the roof.

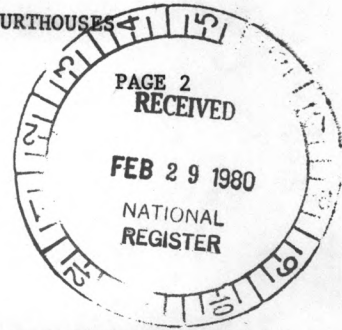
The cross-styled plan utilizes grey marble in the interior.

The courtroom has been renovated and modernized recently. The ceiling was lowered and the tops of the pilasters were covered to the detriment of the spatial balance of the room. The jury box is now placed at an angle to the judges bench and faces the witness stand.



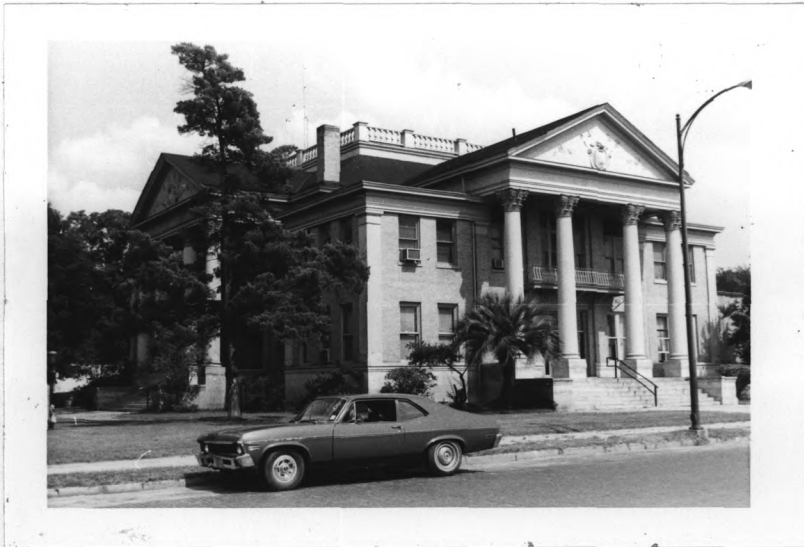
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ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

The courthouse was the center of social activity and serves as headquarters for a large geographical area. It is a reference point that reveals the community's cultural traditions.



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BEN HILL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

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