

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Name of Structure: <sup>OLD</sup> / Chattahoochee County Courthouse (No longer in use.)

Location: Westville, Lumpkin, Georgia 31815 [This is located now in Stewart County]

Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1854

Architect/builder: Unknown Contractor: Unknown

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

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

None

DESCRIPTION:

UTM NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone 16/E708900/N3546820

Style: Carpenter Style

Facade Material: Wood (pine)

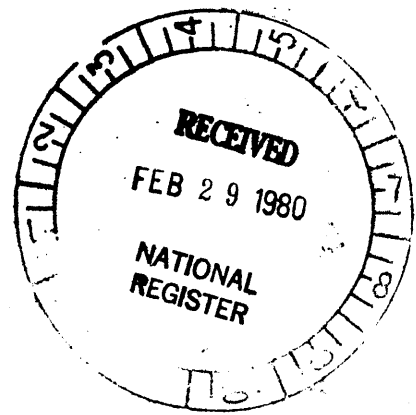
Condition: [ ] Excellent [X] Good [ ] Fair

Boundary: The Courthouse Square lot in Westville. (see enclosed map)  
Acreage: Less than one

The simple 50' x 60' weatherboarded structure is built on a cross plan with four identical entrances that feature double doors with a rectangular transom and side lights. The hipped shingle covered roof has four chimneys. Some of the old panes of glass remain in the nine over nine windows.

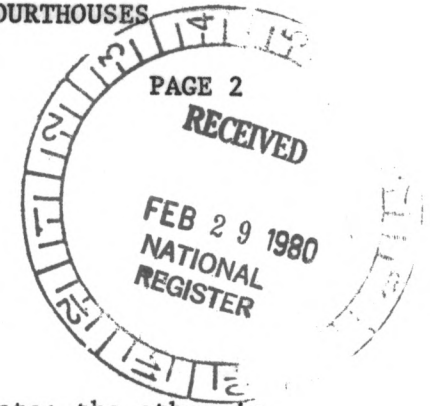
Inside there are four rooms downstairs each with a fireplace and mantel. A staircase with flat beveled edge balusters rises from the center of the hallway to the courtroom and two jury rooms upstairs. The courtroom had plastered walls and ceiling. The laths that held the plaster mixed with animal hair were hand split.

In the attic are five trusses that are strapped and bolted together. The bolts are hand threaded. Pegged construction is seen in the ceiling joists; one huge original beam is 52' long.



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SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of two wooden courthouses remaining in the state; the other is the old Marion County courthouse at Tazewell (1848). Neither are in original use. Both employ similar plans and are typical of Pre-Civil War rural courthouses throughout Georgia.

Originally, the Chattahoochee courthouse was in Cusseta, but when faced with demolition, it was dismantled and moved to Westville, a model village of the 1850's. Boards were numbered before dismantling and great care has been taken in the rebuilding. The attic trusses, the 52' ceiling beam, the pegged construction and the patina of old pine remains. If this building had not been moved to Westville, 35 miles from its original site, it would have been destroyed. As it is, students of all ages can visit and study the fine old building.



CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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OLD  
Chattahoochee

# Town of Westville Lumpkin, Stewart Co. Georgia

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SKETCH MAP

OLD CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
Westville, near Lumpkin, Stewart Co., Ga.  
Scale: unknown  
Source: Westville Handicrafts, Inc.  
Date: 1979  
Key: The nominated property is the  
courthouse square as shown on the map

