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Centered on the courthouse square in the southeastern Arkansas town of Warren, the Bradley County Courthouse is a two-story brick structure with an unusual combination of classical characteristics. The building was designed by Little Rock architect Frank W. Gibb and contracted by E. L. Koonce.

An unusual feature of the building is its decorative usage of two colors of brick. The rusticated wall surface of brick on the first floor level and brick quoins (almost resembling brick pilasters) are a distinctive characteristic of the building. Resting upon a brick foundation, the structure is covered by a pavilion roof. The building features a water table and belt course of cut stone. As in other courthouses designed by Frank W. Gibb, the building consists of a central core flanked by wings and towers. Also typical of Gibb's designs, the core of the building projects slightly.

The facade (south elevation) is divided into three sections. The central core of the building is marked on the south by a white eaves balustrade. The entry is distinguished by a one-story flat-roofed portico supported by Tuscan columns. The roof of the porch is surrounded by a railing with turned balusters, identical to those on the eaves balustrade. The recessed entry is marked by a cut-stone arch with keystone and flanked by Tuscan pilasters. First floor windows are double-hung and covered by awnings. Three windows span the width of the second floor center facade. These windows are paired, double-hung and topped by a round arched multi-light transom, painted white. A cut-stone keystone is found on each of the windows. Four brick pilasters with cut-stone bases and Doric capitals separate and flank the three windows.

Located on the east side of the facade is a two-and-one-half story tower, divided by a cut-stone water table and cut-stone belt courses into three sections. The tower features, on the first floor level, a single double-hung window on its east and south elevations, and pairs of tall, slender double-hung windows over which are a pair of small arched windows topped by brick arches at the second level. The top section of the tower features arched openings supported by small Corinthian columns, and denticulated cornice, capped by a pavilion roof.

The dominate feature of the building is the clock tower, located at the southwest corner of the building. The three-stage tower has the same groupings of windows as the smaller tower with the exception of the upper level arched windows. On the clock tower these pairs of arched windows are double-hung and feature small single-pane windows directly underneath, utilizing the lugsills of the arched windows as lintels. Dentils are found in the cornice beneath the four-faced round clock, while above modillions are used in combination with the denticulated cornice. The clock is flanked on all four elevations by coupled Tuscan brick pilasters. Surmounting the clock tower is a cupola with arched openings, dentiled cornice and hexagonal roof with finial.

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Hipped roofed wings contain east and west elevation entries. The single door entries are marked by a one-and-one-half story gabled bay with denticulated cornice. A pair of double-hung windows are located at the story-and-a-half level of the bays.

The north elevation of the building is divided into three sections, composed of the central core and east and west elevation wings. Window design is the same as on the facade with three arched windows in the center of the second story.

Interiors of the Bradley County Courthouse remain minimally altered, containing colorfully patterned ceramic tile floors and decorative central stairways. There have been no additions made to the building.

The County Clerk's Building is located to the east of the courthouse. Built in 1890, the small, pavilion roofed, one-story brick structure is now used as a library.

The Bradley County Courthouse, as one of the most architecturally significant structures in the county, is an important local landmark. In excellent condition, the courthouse has long served a central role in the political and governmental life in Bradley County.

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The largest number of architecturally significant public buildings in Arkansas are the courthouses scattered over the state's 75 counties. A structural symbol of American government, the county courthouse serves as the center of local political activity. Often the largest and most costly building in the county, the courthouse is almost always a source of pride to the citizens who financed and make use of its facilities.

Bradley County, Arkansas, is situated in the southeastern part of the state. The county covers 659 square miles and ranges from 102 feet to 300 feet above sea level. The county's most southern point is only eight miles from the Arkansas-Louisiana border. A wide central forest land called the Prairie Terrace is found within the county's boundaries.

Captain Hugh Bradley, while with General Andrew Jackson at New Orleans, had learned of the Arkansas country. In 1818 he and a few of his neighbors came up the Red River on an exploring expedition. Around 1825 Captain Bradley and his company settled on the Saline River, just east of what is now Warren.

Bradley County, at the time of its formation December 18, 1840, comprised all of the territory now included in Cleveland, Lincoln, Ashley and Drew Counties. The seat of government was established at the home of Captain Bradley with the first county court being held there on April 5, 1841. In 1842, the town of Warren, named for Captain Bradley's slave, was laid out on a donated tract of land about forty acres in size. 1843, a courthouse was constructed on the same spot which is now used as the courthouse square. This building was of log construction, featuring a fireplace on either end.

By 1858 a new courthouse was needed to house the Bradley County government. Contractors Sweeney, Copeland and Pennington were hired to construct a new courthouse. Completed in 1861 at a cost of \$7,498, the new building was a two-story brick structure covered in stucco.

The present Bradley County Courthouse, the third to be located on the site was constructed in 1903. Architect Frank W. Gibb of Little Rock designed the building with E. L. Koonce as contractor.

The Bradley County Courthouse is an impressive two-story brick structure with towers. Distinctive features of the building include brick quoins,

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Located directly east of the courthouse is a one-story brick building with a high-hipped roof. Constructed in 1890 this structure functioned as a County Clerk's Office. The building is now used as a library.

Constructed in 1903, the Bradley County Courthouse stands in the center of Warren's business district. As the largest and most significant structure in the county, the courthouse is an architectural and historic landmark in Bradley County.

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CITY. TOWN Warren

_VICINITY OF

Bradley COUNTY

DATE OF PHOTO July, 1976

Arkansas STATE

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET County clerk's building, viewed from the south PHOTO NO. 6

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY MAP FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bradley County Courthouse and County Clerk's Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Warren

__VICINITY OF

COUNTY Bradley

STATE Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE

1:24,000

DATE 1973

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE

ARKANSAS

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Name

Location

Bradley County Courthouse and Clerk's

Office

Warren

Bradley County

Hotchkiss House

Monticello

Drew County

MacMillan-Dilley House

Pine Bluff

Jefferson County

Roth-Rosenzweig House

Pine Bluff

Jefferson County

Calhoun County Courthouse

Hampton

Calhoun County

Dean House

Texarkana

Combs, Nathan, House

Miller County

Boone County Jail

Washington County

Harrison Boone County

Johnson House and Mill

Johnson

Washington County

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Hon. Ray Thornton Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt

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FIRST STATE CAPITOL . 300 WEST MARKHAM . LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

October 7, 1976

Dr. William Murtagh Keeper of the National Register Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are the National Register nominations for the following properties:

Borden House Hotchkiss House Old Camden Post Office Johnson House and Mill Calhoun County Courthouse Halliburton Townhouses Boone County Jail Nathan Combs House Andrew Hunter House Trinity Lutheran Church Major William Black House Cleveland County Courthouse Bay Mounds Old Monroe County Jail Bradley County Courthouse and County Clerk's Office

Saline County Courthouse
The Cabins (Deane Summer House)
Robinson-Williams-Harper House
Dean-Daniel House
Bruner-Hammond House
Evening Shade Historic District
Roth-Rosenzweig-Lambert House
MacMillan-Wilkins-Dilley-Irwin
House

These nominations have been approved by a majority vote of the Arkansas State Review Committee. A public notice appeared in the two statewide newspapers 30 days prior to the meeting and each property owner was notified of the intent to nominate his property.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Anne Bartley

State Historic Preservation Officer

AB:cm

Enclosures

NR Data Sheet



DOE DEC 1 2 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Bradley County Courthouse and Clerk's Office OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

Courthouse Square

CITY. TOWN Warren

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

COUNTY

code

Arkansas

VICINITY OF

Bradley

011

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle)

PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) :

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC

MID ATLANTIC

SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

_ Substantially intact-1

_ unknown - 4

_ not applicable - 7

Substantially intact-2

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN

_unknown.-5

Substantially intact-3

__not applicable - 8

_unknown -6 _ Not applicable-9

CONDITION - LEXCELLENT

_DETERIORATED

__UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

_G000

_RUINS

LALTERED

_MOVED

_FAIR

UNEXPOSED _Unexcavated _Reconstructed _Excavated

YES

_Unknown

ACCESS -Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted No access

Unknown

historic district?

-Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?

IF YES, NAME:

IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?

ADAPTIVE USE:

(YES

Saved?

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- courthouse; affine

now- courthouse; library

SIGNIFICANCE:

_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE ARCHITECTURE -_ART

__COMMERCE

_COMMUNICATIONS

_CONSERVATION _ECONOMICS

_EDUCATION __ENGINEERING _EXPLORATION _INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION LAW/Gov't/politics _science

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

_TRANSPORTATION

_OTHER (SPECIFY)

_entertainment

_health

_recreation _settlement

_socio/cultural

_urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES

"oldest" YES

_LITERATURE

PHILOSOPHY

__MILITARY

_MUSIC

"only" YES

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: architect/m.builder: Frank W. 6,66 engineer: landscape/garden designer: artist/artisan: interior decorator: builder contractor: E. L. Koonce ETHNIC GROUP: NAMES: personal (label role appropriate date) events 1903, Frank W. Gibb, architect, and E.L. Koonice, builder; 1890 (clerk's institutional DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1903; 1890 (clark's effic) DATES: DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE (S): 1903 - present SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV"T MUNICIPAL COUNTY FEDERAL 'AGENCY: ACREAGE (to nearest tenth of an acre) .1-.9 COMMENTS: (include architectural information here) 2. stones. hepped roof with front ballistraded parapet, rusticated grand floor BRICKED, RECTANGULAR, 2 STORY 5 STORY TOWER WITH CORONA, BAMBED BRICK FIRST FLOOR FLAT AND BOOKS A TENED WINDOWS, I story produce I story both ballustrated was duck and large around arched apparation. Harkung 21/2 story town with open belong, and 4-stry clock town with octagonal cupala; Sund Remaissance ISTORY R. SQUARE, HIPPED, BRICK, PILASTERS CLERK OFFICE (FEWESTRATION MODIFIED). 1-stry square brick clarks aprice. Second Renaissance Revival elements. SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences) the largest & most significant building in the county, the stadley County Courthouse in the 3rd courthouse to occupy courthouse aguar since yh first courthouse; was built in 1843, and the steen the senter of country

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Brick, 2 stories, rectangular, hipped roof with front balustraded parapet, rusticated ground floor and corners; central block with round-arched entrance, 1-story portico with balustraded roof deck, flanking 3/2-story tower with open belfry, and 4-story clocktower with octagonal cupola; 1-story quare brick clerk's offixe. \$ Second Renaissance Revival elements. County's largest and most significant building; third courthouse to occupy courthouse square since the first courthouse (1843); center of county government since its construction.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder: Frank W. 6:66

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder contractor: E. L. Koonce

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

appropriate date)

events

institutional

1903, Frank W. Gibb, architect, and E.L. Koonice, builder; 1890 (clerk 1)

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ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)

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COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

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