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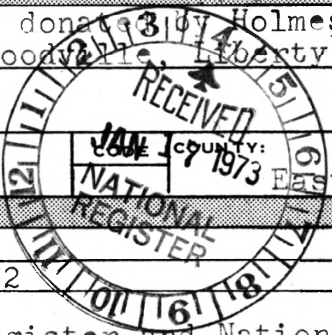
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CITY OR TOWN: Clinton
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Balcony rail. Detail of south balcony rail, this being one of two identical balconies (the other on north side) ordered by the Police Jury 3 June 1839 to lead from the Courtroom and to project three feet with iron railing. Photographed from front of balcony.

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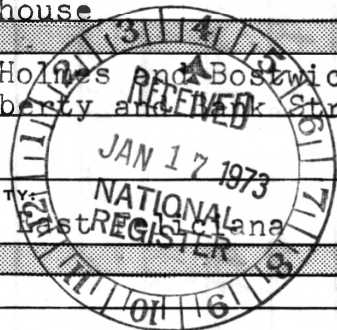
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. East-West Hall. From the west end of this brick-floored hall, showing the arch at the west end, plus interior door and door frames (chandelier is not original).



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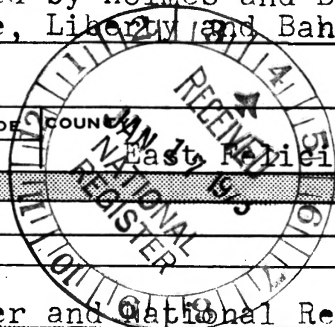
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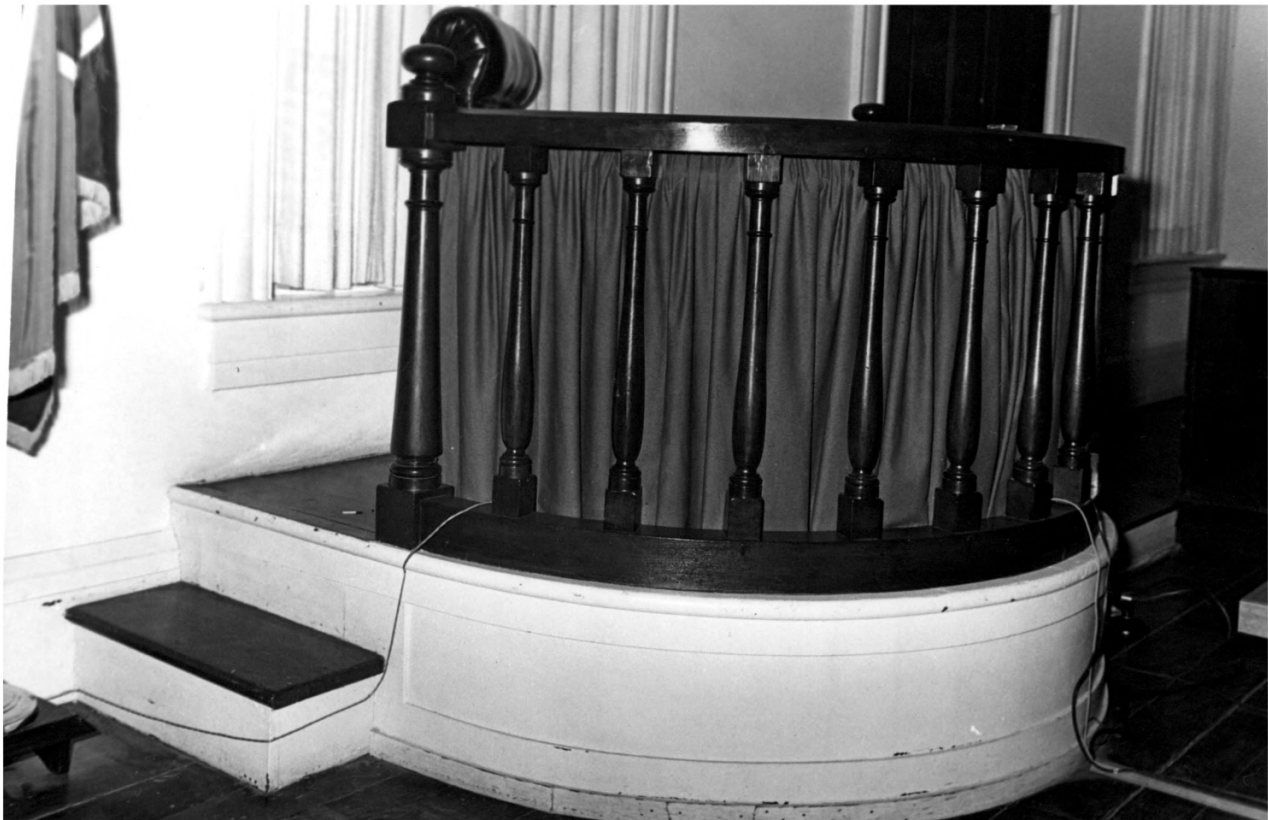


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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Double stairway. From the south side, the double stairway which goes up to the Courtroom out of the great brick-floored west hall which runs the entire width of the west side. Note handcarved rail and pegged construction.



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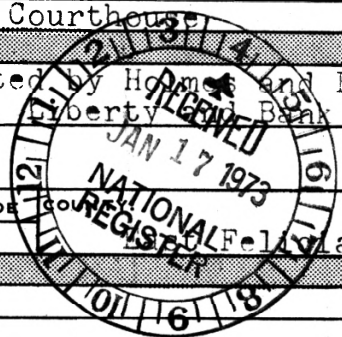
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Judge's Bench. Shortly after 7 September 1840 the Jury decided it did not like the Judge's Bench, so another was built. It is at the south side of the Courtroom near the big folding doors, is railed with the same type turned banisters as the bailiff's bench. It is mortised, tenoned and pegged together and is semicircular. Photo is from left side.



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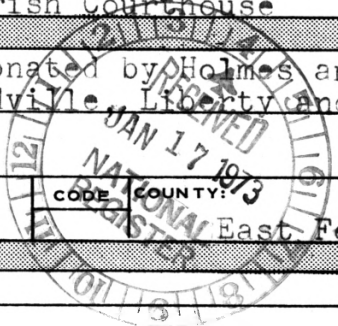
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Bailiff's Bench. Very similar to the Judge's Bench, except it is square instead of circular. It is on the east wall of the Courtroom near the rail that divides this section from the rest of the Courtroom. When Court is about to begin, the Sheriff cries from this bench, "Hear ye, hear ye, the Honorable Court is now in session. All rise."

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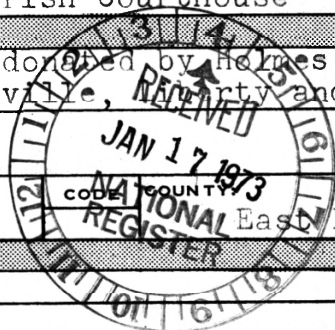
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. This shows the turning of the banisters and of the finials, but especially the pegs which serve to hold the piece together. Bailiff's Bench detail.



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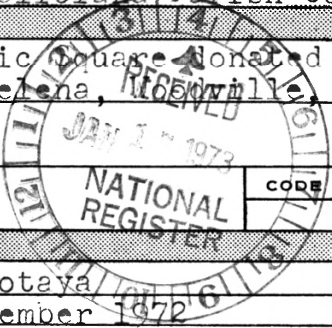
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Folding doors. One pair of the ten identical pairs of folding doors of which there are three at the north and south (this is north), one east and west and one north and south from the Courtroom. Plain pilasters and square head-lights were required for all folding doors. Panels are carved.

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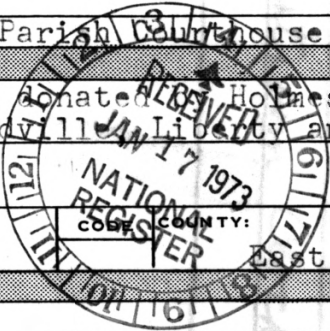
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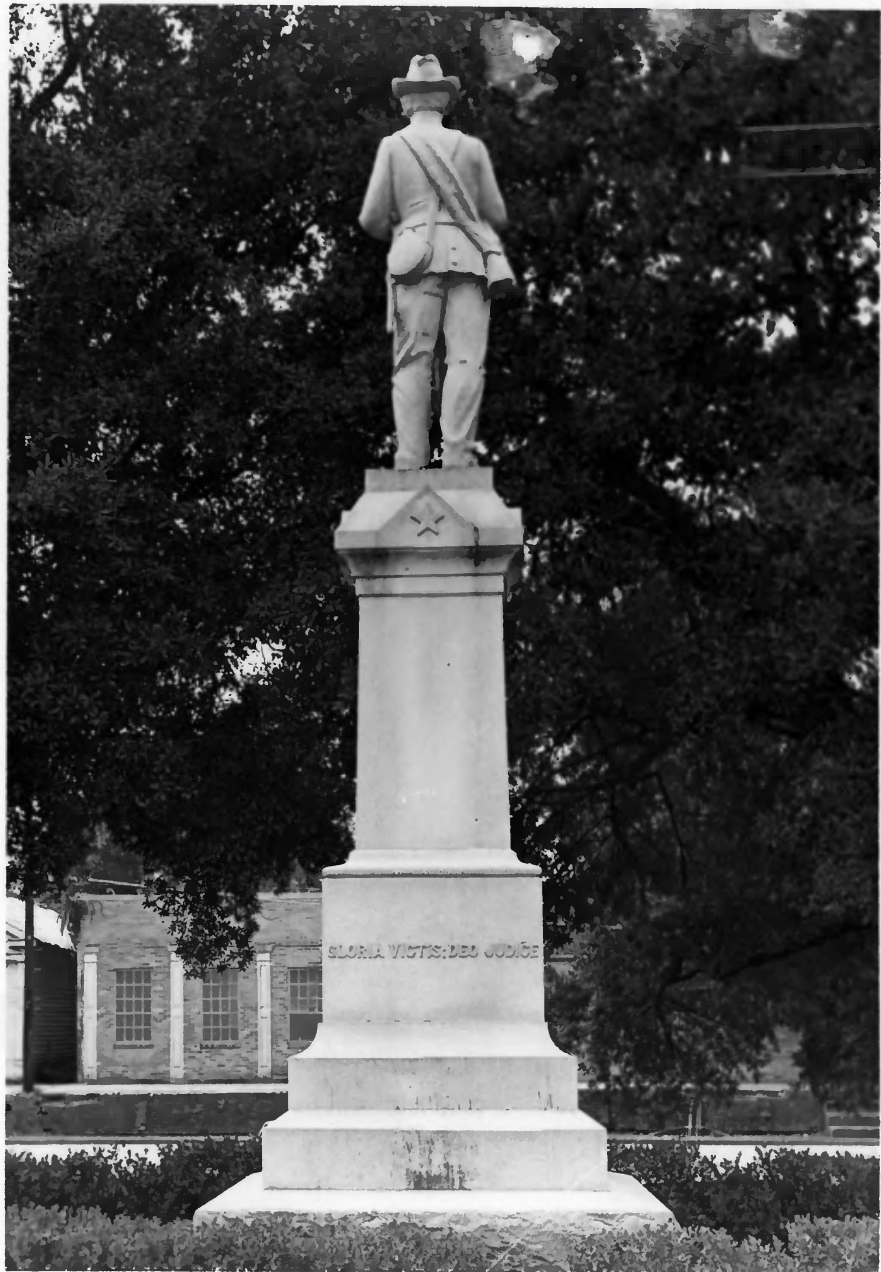


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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Courtroom clock. This clock has hung in the Courtroom for many years, no one knows how many, nor is the name of the maker known. It is known that it is an American made clock. It hangs over the only fireplace in the building which is still open. The pendulum is brass and wood.



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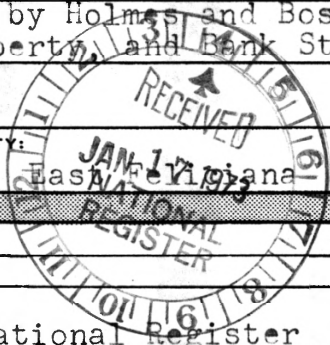
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Confederate Memorial Statue. Because of the trees, a rear view of the fine memorial statue of a Confederate Soldier, erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy in the middle of the brick walk in the center of the south lawn, surrounded by a brick walk and a boxwood hedge.



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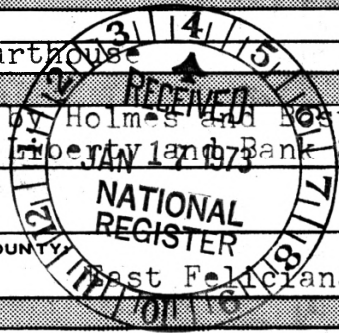
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. East side of Courthouse. From straight ahead, not possible from the other sides because of trees. Here may be seen the four lower windows with batten shutters and strap hinges, and the folding doors balanced by four windows and one blind window above. Here may be seen the slate roof, chimney stacks, the square surround of the cupola with its shutters.



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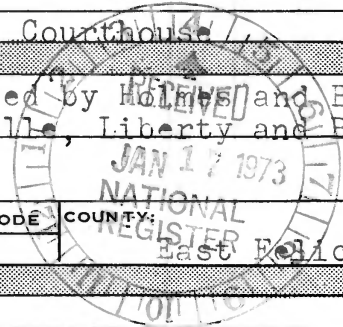
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South side of Courthouse. From the southeast of center. This is the front of the building. Note eight pillars to the side, three folding doors (pairs) and two windows balanced by four windows and folding doors to balcony. Also note cupola topped by weathervane.

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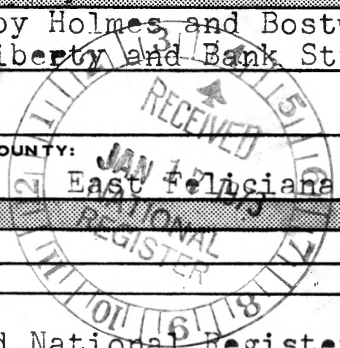
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Detail of the cornice from the southeast corner. The cornice is very elegant and perfectly suited to the building. It was ordered to be either of heart of pine or cypress entirely free of sap or other defects, though it is not known which of these woods was used.



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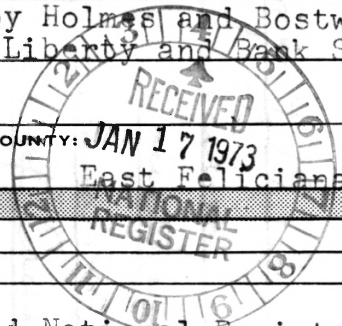
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. North side of Courthouse. From the north-west corner. Note the perfection of the columns and the way the doors and windows are balanced above and below as in the south side. There are two chimneys on this side and two on the south. Brick building in foreground is Police Jury Building.



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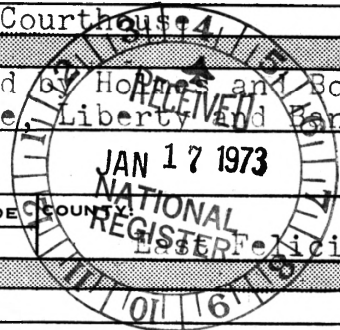
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