

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM BULLOCH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Name of Structure: Bulloch County Courthouse *see addendum 7/21/80*
for additional information

Location: Courthouse Square, Statesboro, Georgia 30458

Cost: _____ Date of Construction: 1894

Architect/builder: Bruce & Morgan Contractor: J. H. McKenzie

Subsequent architects: 1914 - Hosford and Co., Arch.

\$13,000 Eastman, Ga.

\$ 2,600 Rogers & Simmons, Contr.

\$ 2,600 McRae, Ga.

\$ 2,600 G. C. Kirkland, Plumbing & Heating

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DESCRIPTION: 1970 Edwin C. Eckles, Arch.

Ernest C. Cannon, Cont.

UTM NO. _____

Zone 17/E426400/N3590310

Boundary: The courthouse square

Acreage: one acre

Style: (1) Queen Anne 1894 (2) Neo-Classical 1914

Facade Material: Brick (painted) with stone and terra cotta trim

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

The clock tower of the early Queen Anne design remains with gables over splayed arches containing the clock faces and a pyramidal cap. Also remaining are terra cotta decorations that include date of construction on the West entrance.

The building was enlarged in 1914 and given Neo-Classical facades. The West entrance porch is Ionic di-style. The colossal in antis columns have a full entablature and pediment; triplet arched windows are behind the second story balcony.

The North and South entrances are Ionic Amphi-prostyle tetrastyle rising to a full entablature and pediment. All pediments have a small fan window. The East entry is plain with a recessed door. The doorways and windows of the North and South entrances have been sealed and painted as have windows on both floors of the East side. The small tower on the Northwest corner has been truncated and a shallow pyramidal roof and spire has been added.

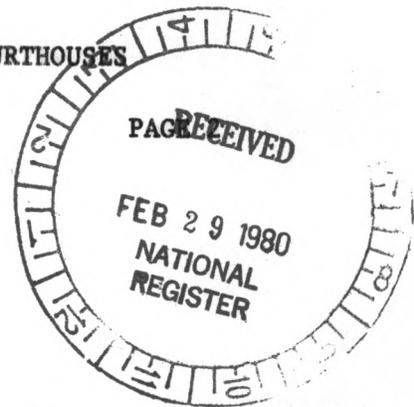
The brick has been sprayed with a liquid cement, so the present color is white.

The interior of the building has been completely modernized with the courtroom balcony enclosed for office space, new paneling and ceiling tile.



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SIGNIFICANCE:

See general statement of significance concerning the architects, Bruce & Morgan.

This courthouse is a strange, jarring juxtaposition of widely divergent styles. Early photographs show a Queen Anne structure very similar to the Talbot County courthouse design. Later additions in 1914 added Neo-Classical elements and in the last ten years many of the windows and doors have been sealed. It is still an imposing structure, is situated on a major artery through Statesboro, and has an economic impact as many businesses surround it. The community has great pride in the building and it would be difficult to imagine Statesboro without it, in spite of the numerous alterations it has had.

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