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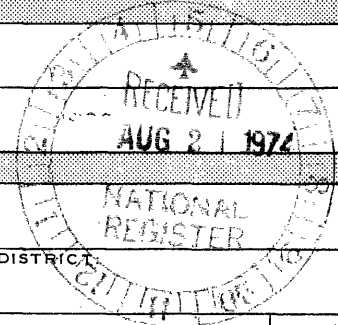
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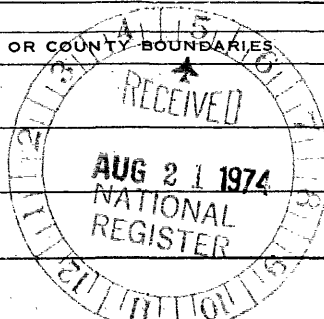
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Name: Eldred W. Melton

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 8-6-74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AK Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/27/74

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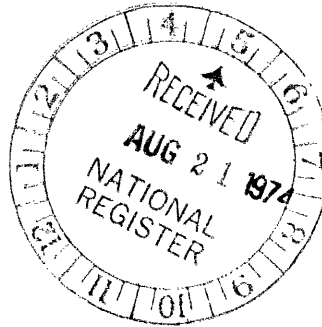
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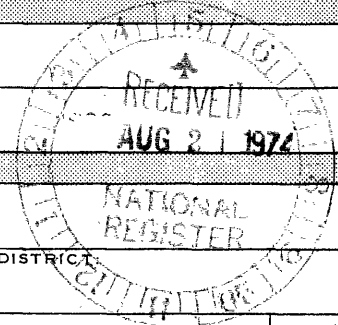
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Adair County Courthouse was built on the site of the former courthouse, by order of the Adair County Fiscal Court on May 5, 1884. The courthouse was designed by McDonald Brothers, a noted Louisville, Kentucky firm at the turn of the century they also contributed important buildings to a large number of southern cities. The builder was William Henry Hudson, who was so proud of his work that he had his portrait carved in a capital on the porch.

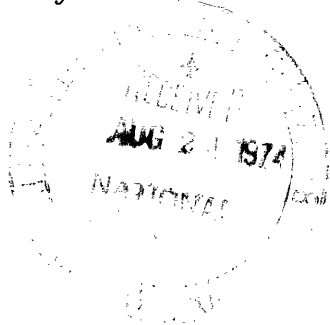
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The design is difficult to describe stylistically. There are both medieval or High Victorian Gothic elements (the Romanesquoid columns of the main entrance), and Neogrec or New Grecian (the treatment of the brick walls, the angular detail of openings, and the overscaled incised Greek detail of the tower). Perhaps there are even suggestions of a belated Second Empire (steep four-sided roof that narrows to an octagon just below the crested pinnacle of the tower). The central entrance pavilions pierce the walls and roof of their sides, reaching a low brick gable with recessed segmental arch enclosing a Palladian motif below. The wall surfaces (and even chimneys) are divided vertically by plain panels flanking the tall narrow windows. Horizontally there are a stone foundation and belt course between stories and multiple dentilled cornices edging the hipped roof. There is much corbelling of brick courses throughout.

The four-sided clock in the tower is a town landmark. The two main entrances are on opposite ends of the building; their broad arched openings are linked by a central corridor. The sides of the structure are plainer and reveal the high round-arched windows that so often mark the second-story location of the courtroom in 19th-century courthouses. The interiors have been little altered, the woodwork and balustrades of the wide staircases being particularly interesting.

The Adair County Courthouse, the work of a private Kentucky firm, best known for their public buildings, is a mixture of architectural styles and elements and the ensemble has a striking urbanistic effect. In spite of the addition of low unobtrusive brick wings on either side, the building remains one of the best-preserved of major late 19th-century Kentucky courthouses.

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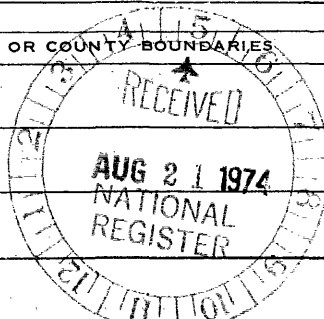
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