

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Brooks County Courthouse *see address 7/21/80 for additional info*Location: Courthouse Square, Quitman, Ga. 31643Cost: \$14,985Date of Construction: 1859Architect/builder: John WindContractor: Charles H. RemingtonSubsequent architects: 1892 - Bruce & Morgan (Contractor - James Smith)
Entrance/back annex added. Cost: \$12,800.1967-68 - Judge George R. Lilly, supervised.1974 - Arthur Smith (Contractor - Howard Ray Construction Co.)
Addition to 1892 annex.

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Romanesque Entrance, Renaissance Revival Detailing.

Acreage: 2 acres

Facade Material: Brick & stone

Boundary: The block on which courthouse sits.

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

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map Q20 Parcel 71UTM No.
Zone 17/E255000/N3408450

Situated in a two acre square, this 2-1/2 story building has arched entrance portals in a projecting pavilion. Above the twin arches are two pedimented windows. A foliate design graces each pediment. The whole entrance bay has quoins and is capped by a pediment with a lunette. Beneath this pediment is a delicate garland design in plaster. The bracketed cornice with colossal pilasters^s on the end of each wing of the front facade. The entrance encloses a staircase leading to the courtroom on the second story. The clock tower rises from a square base at the center of the building. The round arch on the second stage echoes the entrance arches.

In the courtroom the ceiling has been lowered, the eared moldings of the window have been cut. Some tiny, solid colored panes of glass remain.



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BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of several courthouses built in the 1850's that is still in use as a courthouse. The first architect, John Wind, was an Englishman who worked in Georgia and who also designed the Thomas County Courthouse.

The core of this early courthouse has been retained. Although there have been additions, it is still a unified whole.

See general statement concerning the architects Bruce and Morgan. The facade by Bruce and Morgan is extraordinary, for the first Italian Renaissance work of McKim, Mead, White was the Villard Houses in 1882 in New York, and in only 10 years the influence had arrived in Georgia.

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