

## ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Washington County CourthouseLocation: Courthouse Square, Sandersville, Ga, 31082Cost: \$22,000Date of Construction: 1886Architect/builder: UnknownContractor: Grant, Brantley &  
J. W. RenfroeSubsequent architects: 1899: Lewis F. Goodrich, Arch.Cost: \$20,000J. H. McKenzie & Sons, Cont.

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

1970-73 renovation at a cost  
of \$153,000Map S11 Par. 92Zone 17/E330700/N3650710  
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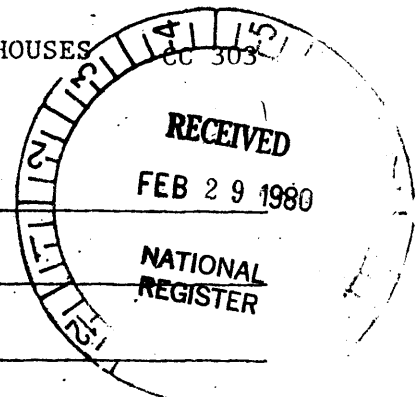
## DESCRIPTION:

Style: High Victorian with a Second Empire Clock Tower upon which the courthouse sits.Facade Material: BrickAcreage: 2 acresCondition: [ ] Excellent [X] Good [ ] Fair

This courthouse sits in the midst of Sandersville's town square. It is a massive building; its clock tower is its most outstanding feature. This rises from the south corner of the building in five stages. The tower is capped and features four pedimented clocks topped by a sculptured gold-colored eagle. This tower was built in 1899. The clock bell which has a wheel attached was drawn by a rope which dropped several stories below and was also used as a fire bell. The bell bears the following inscription: 'Buck Eye Bell Foundry 1899.' It lists the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, the Architect and Contractor.

The building has an obvious stringcourse between the first and second story, hipped roof sections, interior chimneys which remain on the roof. Windows are rectangular and round arched. Nearby is an old bandstand that has been adapted into Chamber of Commerce offices. *see 7/21/80 addendum re: bandstand*

The interior has been altered with wood paneling, acoustical tile, and ceilings in courtroom and offices have been lowered.



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## SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a good example of the evolution of a building during the late 19th and 20th centuries. It makes a unified architectural statement in spite of being "added on" several times. The presence of the bandstand indicates that this square has been a gathering place not only for court activities but for other cultural events as well.

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