THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOU ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM Lamar County Courthouse FEB 2 9 1980 Name of Structure: Thomaston ST., Barnesville, Ga. 30204 Location: NATIONAL REGISTER Cost: Date of Construction: 1931 Architect/builder: Eugene C. Wachendorff of Atlantantractor: Barnesville Plan Subsequent architects: Boundary/ TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS See attached plat for boundaries of nominated portion. **DESCRIPTION:** UTM NO. Zone 16/E765570/N3660500 Style: Neoclassical Acreage: less than one acre Facade Material: Brick veneer over concrete block Condition: [ ] Excellent [X] Good

The Lamar County Courthouse is a two-story-high brick-veneer building of Neoclassical design. It features a central section with raised parapet walls and a projecting, temple-form pedimented portico. The portico is well-detailed with Doric columns, triglyphs and metopes, and cornices. The central section is flanked by lower, recessed wings which are simply detailed. An annex of similar design to the wings is appended to the rear. A jail and outbuilding to the distant rear of the courthouse are not included on the nominated property.

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## ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM



## SIGNIFICANCE:

As a repository for records of marriages, wills, land transactions, the courthouse chronicles the county and is a focal point in the life of every citizen.

The Lamar County Courthouse, built in 1931, is the first and only courthouse for Lamar County, established in 1920. Prior to its construction, county offices were housed in rented quarters. Construction of the courthouse in 1931 gave county government both a home and an image. Like other county courthouses of the early-twentieth century, the Lamar County Courthouse is Neoclassical in design, but with very fine Doric detailing on the front portico. Unlike other courthouses in this nomination (and primarily because of its relatively late date), it represents more modern building technology through its use of brick veneer, concrete block, reinforced concrete, and steel floor framing.

The cornerstone was laid July 11, 1931 with Governor Richard B. Russell in attendance. It was completed and formally opened October 19, 1931



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