

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Burke County CourthouseLocation: Courthouse Square, Waynesboro, Georgia 30830Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1857Architect/builder: Unknown Contractor: D. B. Plumb (interior painters) ?Subsequent architects: 1899-1900 L. F. Goodrich, architect
A Mr. Blair of Macon, contractor

Acreage: one acre

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

1939-40 -- annex builtMap W5 Parcel 267

DESCRIPTION:

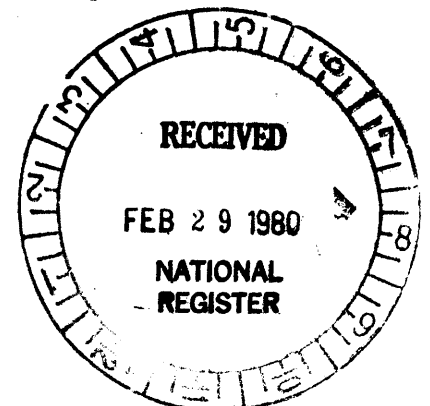
Style: Carpenter Style with Victorian Clock TowerFacade Material: BrickCondition: Excellent Good FairUTM NO. n/a see below:Latitude 33°05'26"NLongitude 82°00'57"W

Boundary: The portion of the block on which the courthouse sits bounded by highway 25 on the W, Ga.56 on the S; a city street on the E; and a small alley on the N. This includes several non-historic blgs.

Built of red brick covered with a red cement-looking mixture (gritty in texture) and scored to look like very perfect brick, this structure exemplifies an evolution of styles. The original courthouse is a carpenter Romanesque style with a round arched entry surmounted by tiny panes of glass in the transom. Above this, on the second floor, are arched triplet windows. A brick stringcourse encircles the building at the second floor level. Stone is used as a water table and as trim around the windows. At the roof line are square brackets. On the northwest corner, the Victorian clock tower rises in five stages culminating in a pyramidal cap and pedimented clocks. A street sign is actually affixed to the tower on the ground floor. A neo-classical annex was constructed at the rear of the building and joined to it by an open bridge on both levels in 1940.

On the first floor the interior of the building is very dark and shows signs of neglect. At the front a stair way leads to the courtroom. This courtroom is also reached from the rear by the second floor bridge. In the courtroom, both doors and windows have kneed molding. Although the ceiling has been lowered, a missing panel of acoustical tile reveals a glimpse of the original beaded boards decorated with pendants. A photograph of a former judge is behind a small inconsequential judge's bench.

annex is two story 6 x 6 bay brick bldg



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SIGNIFICANCE:

This courthouse is one of four built in the 1850's in Georgia that still retains its original use. Several additions were made through the years, but a unified appearance is maintained. Situated in the center of town, visually it is an architectural focal point.

The cement-looking finish that is scored to look like perfect brick is on the 1857 and 1900 portions of the building. This is not found on any other Georgia courthouse, but is on the Hay House in Macon, Georgia (A National Historic Landmark).



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MAILING ADDRESS:

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Burke County Courthouse
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VIEW OF ORIGINAL CEILING

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