

THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE (THIRD)

Name of Structure: Marion County Courthouse (Third)

Location: Courthouse Square, Buena Vista, Georgia 31803

Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1849-50

Architect/builder: Unknown Contractor: Enock Williams

Subsequent architects: 1928 - Remodeled & T. W. & E. A. Smith arch., Columbus
Approx. \$15,000 annex built W. C. Fulford, Columbus, Contractor
1965 - Improvements

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

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Zone 16/E733700/N3578230

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DESCRIPTION:

Style: Carpenter Style with Neo-Classical Facade

Boundary: The block or square upon which the courthouse sits.

Facade Material: Brick/ with stucco cement finish

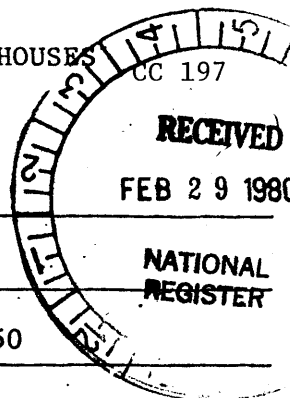
Acreage: 4 acres

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

This hipped roof brick courthouse was originally a plain, almost square cross planned building. In 1928 the Corinthian tetrastyle facade was added as was the rear annex and clock tower. The main double door entrance has a rectangular transom and side lights. Side entrances are one story di-style with entablature and pediment. A plain, heavy cornice surrounds the two story building.

The domed clock tower rises in three stages; pilasters flank the clocks. An eagle weather vane surmounts the tower, echoing the gold-colored eagle in the pediment of the facade.

The interior finish features acoustical tile ceilings, painted plaster walls, and asbestos tile floors throughout.



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SIGNIFICANCE:

Marion County is the only county in Georgia that contains two courthouses over one hundred years old. Tazewell is the site of the other courthouse and is located 5 miles from Buena Vista. This one on a square in the center of town is an architectural and economic focal point.

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