

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Old Bartow County Courthouse

Location: 4. East Church St., Cartersville, Georgia

Cost: unknown Date of Construction: 1869

Architect/builder: unknown Contractor: _____

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Zone 16/E703140/N3782670
UTM NO. _____

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Italianate

Facade Material: Brick

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

Boundary: The building itself and the portion of land owned by the owner immediately underneath it.

Acreage: less than one

The Old Bartow County Courthouse is rectangular in plan, box-like in massing, and two stories high with a low hipped roof. Load-bearing brick walls, laid in English bond, are subdivided into a series of pilaster-like piers and recessed panels. These panels on the first floor are largely filled with segmental-arched windows; those on the second with round-arched windows. (Some of the windows have been infilled.) The cornice features paired wooden brackets. The interior consists of a heavy timber frame, tongue-and-groove planking, and plaster walls. A one-story steel-and-aluminum storefront has been added recently to the front of the building. The building now serves as a commercial warehouse.



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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 Old Bartow County Courthouse is significant as one of a very few courthouses in Georgia to evidence the Italianate style. It also incorporates period building technology borrowed from commercial and industrial structures. The date of construction (1869) also makes this courthouse a very unusual early-Reconstruction-era public work.

This replaced an earlier courthouse destroyed during the Civil War. It ceased to be the courthouse due to noise from the nearby railroad and the new courthouse was built in 1902. It most recently has been a furniture company.



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