

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Newton County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Covington, Ga. 30209

Cost: Unknown

Date of Construction: 1884

Architect/builder: Bruce and Morgan

Contractor: James Smith of Sparta, Ga.

Subsequent architects: _____

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Second Empire

Facade Material: Brick/stone

Condition: Excellent Good Fair

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Covington 26 Parcel 1-4
 Zone 17/E234580/N3720950
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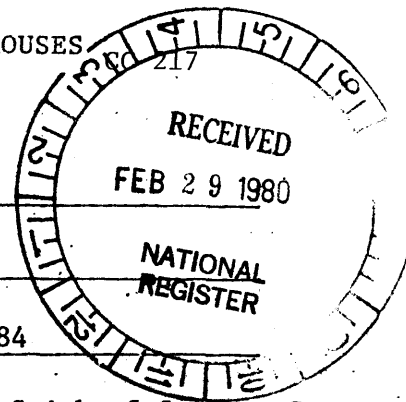
Boundary: The small block upon which the courthouse sits.

Acreage: less than one

This handsome brick courthouse sits on the corner facing the town square. Its facade features asymmetric massing. The southeast corner clock tower rises in four stages from foundation level past the main roofline to pedimented clocks and a dome. A pavilion on the southwest side of the facade is considerable shorter than the clock tower but balances the tower with its decorative dormered mansard roof. Between these two portions of the facade is a recessed porch framed with paired Romanesque arches that emphasize the main entrance.

Segmentally and round arched windows are stone trimmed. A bracketed cornice surrounds the building.

The interior has been renovated by the addition of acoustical tile, wood paneling, carpet.



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SIGNIFICANCE:

See general statement of significance about the architects, Bruce & Morgan.

This is one of half a dozen courthouses in the state built in the Second Empire Style or with Second Empire details, and one of the few built in the early 1880's that is still in use. Its site overlooking the town square makes it an architectural focal point for the city of Covington.



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