

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Crawford County Courthouse

Location: (Old Federal Wire Road - now U.S. 80) Knoxville, Ga. 31050

Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1831-32

Architect/builder: Henry Crews (probable) Contractor: _____

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

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UTM NO. _____

Zone 17/E219005/N3624520

Boundary: The block on which the courthouse rests surrounded on all sides by streets. (see attached map)

Acreage: less than one

DESCRIPTION:

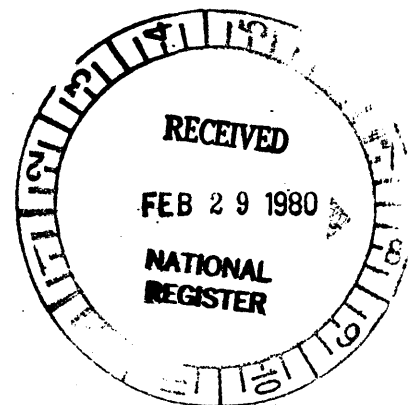
Style: Carpenter Style with Classic details

Facade Material: Brick

Condition: Excellent Good Fair

The exterior of the two story building is rectangular with a hipped roof. The massive 2 foot thick plain brick masonry walls of the first story are broken only by six over six windows. On the facade a double cast iron staircase rises to the second story courtroom entrance. Unfortunately an awning has been placed over this entry. On the second story six over six windows alternate with Tuscan-like pilasters; four windows are in the front and six are on each side. There is a stringcourse between the two floors.

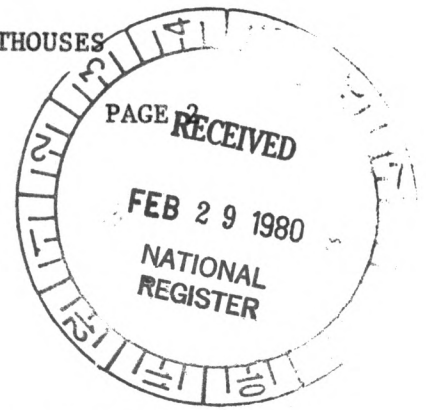
An addition to the original building was added on the west side eleven years ago. At that time the interior was extensively renovated and wide hand hewn boards were covered with modern paneling and acoustical tile.



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CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

This courthouse replaced in the same location an earlier building that was destroyed by fire in 1829. The previous building was located on the Old Federal Wire Road. Running parallel to this road was the first telegraph line in the state of Georgia, giving the road its name. In 1810, by an act of Congress, a stage coach road was built from Washington D. C. to New Orleans, Louisiana. Entering Georgia at Augusta it wound its way through Warrenton, Sparta, Milledgeville, Macon, Knoxville on to Coweta Town (Columbus). When the Crawford County courthouse was built, this road was already a main thoroughfare and exists today as U. S. Highway 80. Knoxville is an extremely small, rural community, probably the smallest county seat in Georgia.

The architectural significance of this building lies in the well proportioned exterior.



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CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Columbia County Courthouse
Appling, Georgia 30802

CO. RD.
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U.S. HIGHWAY 80

(PARKING)

(PARKING)

COURT-HOUSE

(PARKING)

(PARKING)

STATE HIGHWAY 42



CO. RD
45

CRAWFORD COUNTY FEB 29 1980
COURTHOUSE (SITE PLAN)
KNOXVILLE, CRAWFORD Co., GA.
Scale: NOT TO SCALE
Source: John L. Hopkins
Date: JAN. 1980