

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Candler County CourthouseLocation: Courthouse Square, Metter, Ga., 30439Cost: \$125,000Date of Construction: 1921Architect/builder: J. J. BaldwinContractor: King Lumber Co.Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map 33/parcel 134

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Neo-ClassicalFacade Material: Cream Colored BrickCondition: Excellent Good Fair

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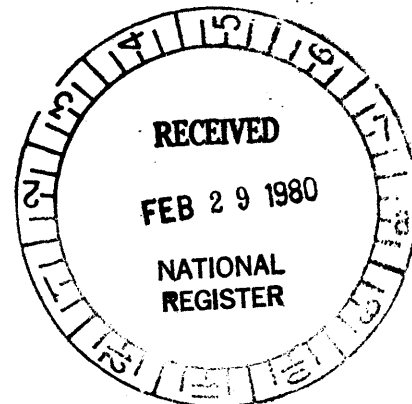
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Boundary: Twenty feet on all sides of the building.

Acreage: less than one acre

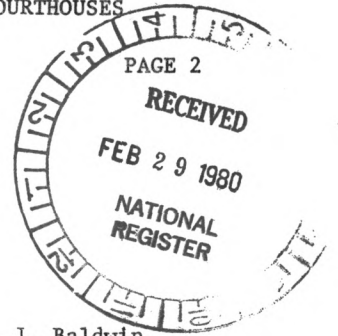
Sitting on the town square, this two story rectangular courthouse has a projecting doric tetrastyle portico. An oculus is in the pediment. All four entires remain open and have new steel and glass doors. Above each is a bracketed, broken pediment with a center cartouche. A small domed rectangular clock tower rises from the center of the hipped roof.

Inside there is a cross plan with small rotunda. Two staircases lead to the second floor. Double, frosted glass and wooden doors open into the courtroom from each side. The room has been recently repainted in three shades of green. Pilasters are on three sides of the room; the original bench is flanked by pilasters and a heavy pediment. The ceiling has three deeply recessed areas; one originally was open so that light from the dome shone into the courtroom. Vertical beaded board wainscoting surrounds the room.



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SIGNIFICANCE:

See general statement of significance about architect, J. J. Baldwin.

Courthouse buildings were increasing in price. The new counties all needed buildings and desired fine Neo-Classical designs. The counties that spent more money got the most elegant courtrooms as Candler excellently exemplifies. The courthouse in Metter cost \$125,000 and can be compared with a more modest interior in Soperton (Treutlen, County - \$75,000). The county was organized for 15 years before it could afford this building and the people still exhibit pride in it.

The interior of the courtroom in Candler County is in excellent condition and has retained its fine architectural features.



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