

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Murray County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Chatsworth, Ga. 30705

Cost: Unknown

Date of Construction: 1916

Architect/builder: Alexander Blair

Contractor: H. Carr

Subsequent architects: _____

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Palladian Adaptation

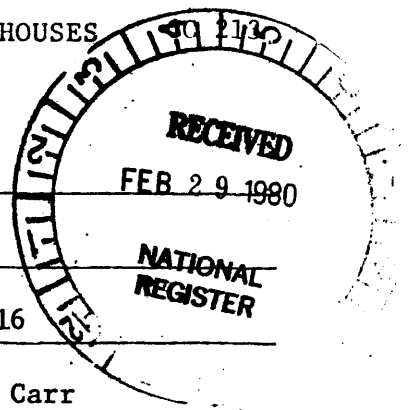
Facade Material: Brick/stone foundation

Condition: [] Excellent [x] Good [] Fair

This three-story courthouse is on a square that is elevated from the streets surrounding it. A squat, compact building built on a cross plan, the front facade features columns and is Doric tetrastyle with an entablature topped by a ballustrade. The windows on the facade are double in the center core of the building and single in each side pavilion. Square and round arches are used with emphasized keystones. The dentils of the cornice add a delicacy and lightness to otherwise bold details. A Jeffersonian, tin covered dome crowns the center of the building. A side elevation reveals projecting pavilions from a compact core. Side windows are double and are rectangular.

Inside the courtroom walls and ceiling are of plaster. The massive ceilings are 20' high. Recessed rectangular panels with dentils repeat the classic theme. A dark wood paneled judge's bench remains.

see addendum 7/2/80 for additional information -



TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

20-64-1

Zone 16/E704050/N3849260
 UTM NO. _____

Boundary: The entire block or square upon which the courthouse sits. The small building on the square (and the USGSG map) is an historic jail.

Acreage: 4 acres

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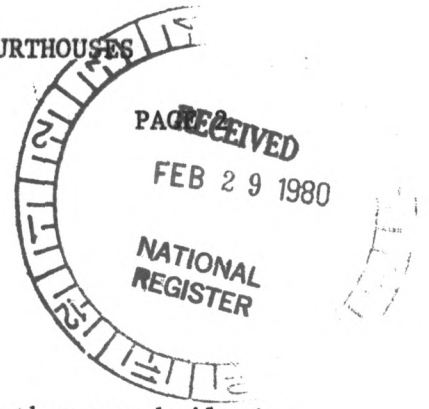


SIDE ELEVATION

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SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of two Palladian adaptations in Georgia. The other was built in 1908 in Effingham County. This courthouse is on an elevated site and can be viewed from a distance as one enters the town. It is the most important architectural structure in Chatsworth.

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