

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Decatur County Courthouse

Location: Corner of West and Water Sts., Bainbridge, Ga. 31717

Cost: \$34,500 Date of Construction: 1902 Renovation 1978-79.

Architect/builder: Alexander Blair Contractor: Nicholas Ittner

Subsequent architects: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map B-25 Par. 41

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Classical Facade: with Campanile

Facade Material: Brick with stone.

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

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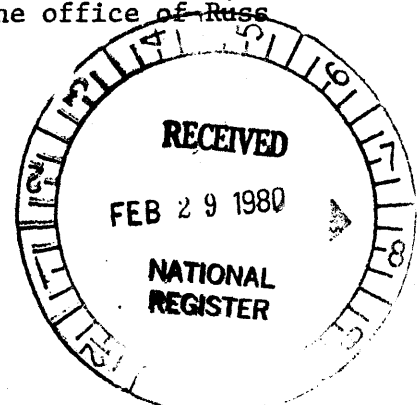
Boundary: All that land on the same block with the courthouse surrounded on all four sides by roads.

Acreage: 1 acres

The facade has a center projecting corinthian prostyle tetrastyle pedimented entrance portico. In the pediment is a cartouche. The hipped roof is capped by a balustrade with corner urn finials. Square and round arched windows are used in the main body of the building. On the corner rectangular clock tower are balconies, pedimented windows and a balustrade. The tower has an octagonal domed cupola topped with a bell lantern. The clock was purchased from the E. Howard Clock Company and is a #16 illuminated dial, half hour strike clock with 1200 pound bell (\$1375.00, original cost).

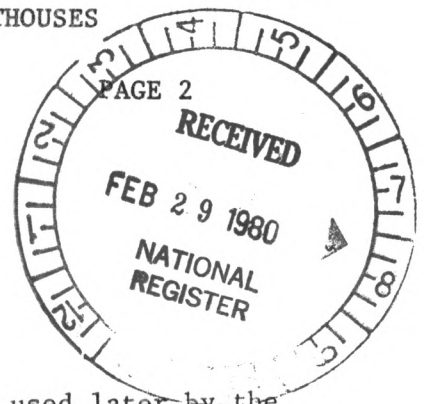
In the courtroom four mantels remain as well as the original louvered blinds. The old pressed metal ceiling has been lowered, and accoustical tile added but the room remains spacious with its large bow shaped litigation section, beaded board wainscoting and old wooden bench.

Original specifications for the building are available in the office of Russ Barnes, Decatur County Purchasing Agent.



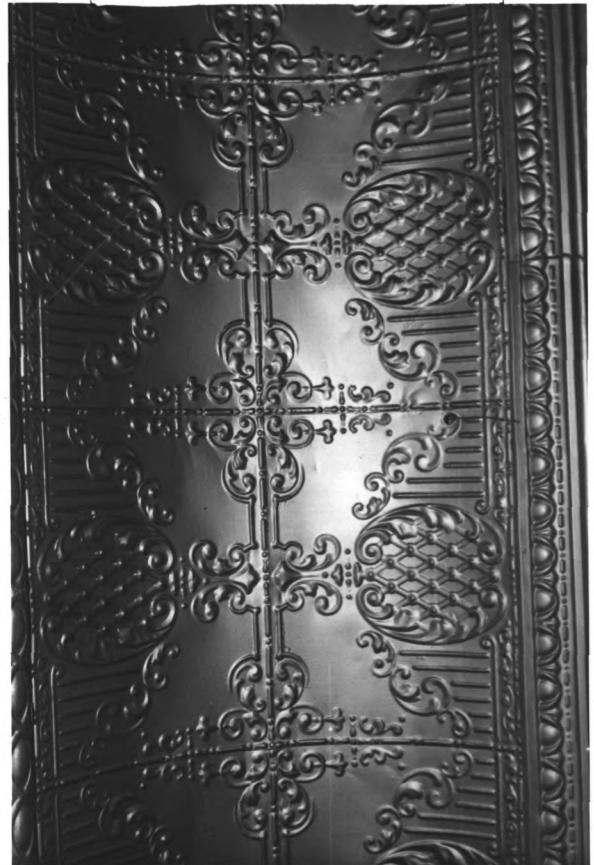
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SIGNIFICANCE:

This design, utilizing a Classical facade with campanile, is used later by the architect, Alexander Blair of Macon, when he designed the Turner County Courthouse in 1907. This and the Turner example are the only two such adaptations seen in existing Georgia Courthouses. Both courthouses also contain E. Howard tower clocks. (See general statement of significance on clocks.)



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DECATUR COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Decatur County Courthouse  
Corner of West and Water Sts.  
Bainbridge, Georgia 31717