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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Georgia
COUNTY:	Haralson
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JUN 7 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Haralson County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Buchanan

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
6th - John J. Flynt, Jr.

STATE Georgia	CODE 13	COUNTY: Haralson	CODE 143
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	leased to Historical Society	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Haralson County

STREET AND NUMBER:
(Haralson County Courthouse; Dallas Highway)

CITY OR TOWN:
Buchanan

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Haralson County Courthouse (New)

STREET AND NUMBER:
Dallas Highway

CITY OR TOWN:
Buchanan

STATE:
Georgia

CODE:
13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

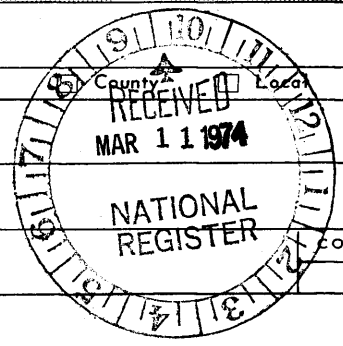
TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
STATE:
CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1891-2, the Haralson County Courthouse in Buchanan was designed by the Atlanta architectural firm of Bruce and Morgan in the Queen Anne style.

This brick structure with its multi-hipped roofs has two towers that spiral upward above the two story main portion: one is a square belltopped turret with a motif of terracotta and brickwork and small colored window panes that are supported by long vertical windows and a stone foundation. The first story of the main portion, denoted by its row of two-over-two windows and arched front entrance, has a central stair hall with three large county government offices on each side. In two of these rooms are safe-vaults; one was made by Hall's Safe Lock Company, Cincinnati and Louisville. The second story, recognizable on the exterior by the round arched multi-colored stained glass windows, consists primarily of a large courtroom and several jury and judge's rooms that adjoin it on the rear. The courtroom, a spacious, light-filled room with access through the turret stairs or through the main hall staircase, is arranged in a slightly semi-circular plan around a recently installed judge's bench. (The only apparent major alterations are that of the shifting of the staircase and the loss of the weathervane atop the square tower which fell soon after the courthouse was built).

A more complete and original description, particularly of the interior, is found in the June 4, 1891, Buchanan newspaper, The Banner Messenger. "The following is a description of the above new courthouse for Haralson County as given by Bruce and Morgan, architects:

The dimensions on the ground are 64 x 92 feet, arranged as follows:

The front central entrance into broad vestibule is tiled with Georgia marble from which we enter a fourteen foot corridor extending through the building. On each side of the corridor are the several offices of the county, large and well lighted. The largest room is given to the Ordinary for business and court purposes. Joining the Ordinary and Clerk's offices are the fire proof record rooms, amply large, well lighted and fitted with iron shutters, vault doors, iron floors and ceilings. From the first entrance vestibule are wide, easy stairs built of oak leading to second floor entering a large lobby from which we enter the Superior Court room: steps 44 x 60 inches in the clear, only 22 feet high. Large space is given to the bar and jury boxes and the balance in seating, on raised floor, from 250 to 300 persons comfortably. The Grand jury room, Solicitor's, jury and Judge's rooms are conveniently located with the bar, fitted with all modern conveniences. The rear stairs are located so as to reach the bar and jury rooms without coming in contact with those in the seats and lobby. The Judge's stand is large and conveniently arranged for the dispatch of court business. Court and jury rooms all wains cotted. Wood ceilings to the first floor rooms.

The exterior, as shown by the above picture makes a very

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7. Description

neat and attractive building with large corner tower about 110 feet high and on other corner a small round turrett, and the several stairway landings are neatly finished up in good taste and proportions. The construction is convenient and substantial in every department."

Presently, the courthouse sits sublimely alone on the town square and faces small clustered blocks of one story simple structures, a few of which are contemporary with the courthouse and some that have gone the way of the neon-lit gas station.

8. Significance

used. Its architects, especially noted for their public buildings, Alexander C. Bruce and Thomas H. Morgan, either singly or as partners designed a number of courthouses including the Newton County Courthouse in Covington, the Fulton County Courthouse in association with A. Ten Eyck Brown and the Hancock County Courthouse (by Parkins and Bruce in 1881).

Presently the courthouse is leased by the Haralson County Historical Society in an attempt to preserve the building which was due for demolition after the courthouse offices were moved to the new building in the spring of 1973. Its potential as a meeting place for crafts fairs and civic meetings has already been fully exhibited especially by the Society Crafts Fair held there in the fall of 1973.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1891-2**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Haralson County Courthouse is the most outstanding building in Haralson County and rates architecturally among the best of Victorian courthouses in the state. Its virtually original state as well as its symbolic position in Haralson County makes it especially noteworthy. No longer used for courthouse purposes, the building is presently leased by the Haralson County Historical Society and used as a meeting place.

This present Queen Anne style Haralson County Courthouse was the second courthouse for Haralson County which was formed out of Carroll and Polk Counties in 1856. This first courthouse, on the same site as the present one, was built of wood and by the late 1880's its railing, blinds, and windows "nocked out during the fire" (mid January 1889) needed replacing. It was thus decided a large courthouse, that would be a safe place to store records, was necessary. By July 1890, the recommendation was placed before the grand jury that a new courthouse be built. The ordinary was to use his judgement in choosing the architect and contractor and the cost was not to exceed \$20,000. The Atlanta firm of Bruce and Morgan was chosen as the architects, and Mr. C. W. Goldin of Cleburne County, Alabama, was given a contract for \$16,989.50 to build the courthouse. The building committee for this project included S. L. Hilton, W. A. Loveless, L. Thomas and A. L. Morgan. By January 7, 1891, work on the courthouse was going on: "the weatherbeaten front of the old wooden building is being relegated to the rear and already the clinking of the stone cutter's chisel is heard while he is placing down the foundation for the handsome two story brick." (June 4, 1891, Banner-Messenger) By mid July the cornerstone of the new courthouse was laid and during this time court was carried on in the Baptist Church.

As a symbol of Haralson County, the courthouse is especially significant. At a time when numerous counties were publishing leaflets and booklets trying to promote interest in their area as being a good place to live, Haralson used the courthouse to reflect its progress. In the June 4, 1891 issue of the Banner Messenger, the courthouse article is prefaced with praises of the county's fertile lands, its record of "good health, good water, salubrious climate," and its upstanding people; it also stresses that "nothing gives a county more dignity and a better name than a clean, substantial administration of her public affairs." The courthouse was thus a summary and, as a result, an advertisement of the county's attributes.

Architecturally, the courthouse is a good example of the Queen Anne style with its irregularities of heights, masses and variety of materials
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Buchanan Banner and Messenger, June 4, 1891, January 9, 1889, July 23, 1841.
Haralson County Court Minutes, 1891-1892.
Macgregor, Elizabeth, Personal inspection, July 26, 1973.
Research: Carole Stevens, Staff Researcher, Department of Natural Resources;
Staff of the ordinary and clerk's office, Haralson County; Douglas Head of Bremen.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	48	06	85	11	27	
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0							
SE	0	0	0	0	0	0							
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0							

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **slightly less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Elizabeth Z. Macgregor, Architectural Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Preservation Section, Dept. Natural Resources** DATE: **January 28, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **270 Washington Street, S.W.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Mary G. Jewett*

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 3/1/74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
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Associate Director, Professional Services

Date JUN 7 1974

ATTEST: ...

Charles A. Surrency
Keeper of The National Register

Date 6-4-74