



ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Walton County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Monroe, Ga. 30655

Cost: \$23,865

Date of Construction: 1883-84

Architect/builder: Bruce & Morgan

Contractor: James Smith

Subsequent architects: 1933: Repair/remodeling and the addition of a heating system from the Federal Emergency Admin. of Public Works. Cost: \$28,100.
1976: Additional remodeling

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS
M-32 Par. 88

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Second Empire

Facade Material: Brick/wood/stone

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

Zone 17/E248860/N3742480
UTM NO. _____

Acreage: 2 acres

Boundary: The entire block on which the courthouse sits. The only other buildings on this are a small polic station on the NW corner (not shown on U.S.G.S) and a non-historic health building on the east side *

The building features a mansard roof with Italianate bracketed cornice and segmentally and round arched windows with banded stone lintels. A center pavilion five bays wide juts forward and a broad porch on the first story runs the length of the pavilion. The porch has wooden columns - three on each side of the entrance.

An ornate domed clock tower rose from the center of the building. It was blown down in a storm and was not replaced until 1910 when the present clock tower was constructed. This tower is simpler and features pedimented clocks. The old clock weights were removed in 1962 when it was converted to electricity.

The interior has been altered. In the courtroom the ceiling has been lowered, the balcony enclosed. Beaded board wainscoting encircles the room. The bench and railing separating the litigation and spectator sections has been painted black. One outstanding feature is the pedestal jurors' chairs of woven cane (see photograph).

* see 7/21/80 addendum describing jail + health bldg.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

See general statement of significance about the architects, Bruce and Morgan.

Bruce had helped William Parkins design the Hancock County Courthouse in 1883. The plan of the Walton structure which was not completed until May of 1884 is strikingly similar. The contractor, James Smith of Sparta, worked on both structures.



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WALTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
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Walton County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Monroe, Georgia 30655



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INTERIOR DETAIL - LIGHT FIXTURE

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