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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Calhoun County Courthouse in Hampton, Arkansas, is a two-story brick structure located on the courthouse square in the center of the county seat. Constructed in 1909, the building was designed by Frank W. Gibb of Little Rock and contracted by E. L. Koonce.

The building is constructed of brick with cut-stone trim and rests upon a foundation of rusticated brick. A cut-stone water table encircles the structure. The building is composed of a rectangular-shaped central wing flanked on all sides by a variety of projections. All wings and projections are topped by hipped roofs of pressed tin.

The facade is divided into three sections. The center of the facade is marked by double entry doors. These doors are surrounded by a cut stone archway and a semicircular transom. Flanking either side of the entry on the first floor are arched double-hung windows, accentuated by cut-stone keystones and gauged brick. Three second-story windows span the width of this center section of the facade. These windows are paired, rectangular in shape, and double-hung with transoms. A denticulated cornice runs around this center projection. A gable dormer extends from the center of the roof of the central wing. On the west corner of the facade stands a two-and-one-half story tower topped by a low-pitched hipped roof. This tower features an arched window with cut-stone keystone at the first floor levels on both the north and west elevation, paired slender double-hung windows on the second-story level and small double-hung windows on the two-and-one-half story level. Paired decorative brackets mark the cornice of the tower.

The most distinctive feature of the Calhoun County Courthouse is the clock tower, located on the northeast corner of the building. As the other first floor windows on the facade, the windows at this level of the tower are arched with cut-stone keystones. Paired decorative brackets mark the cornice of the clock tower. A pyramidal roofed cupola with paired arched openings contains the round four-faced clock.

The west elevation entry is marked by a two-story gabled bay with denticulated cornice. Above the double entry doors at the second story level is a pair of double-hung windows with an arched transom. Other windows on this elevation are rectangular, double-hung, and simple in design. The entry on the east elevation is identical to that on the west.

The south elevation features paired double-hung windows with small transoms over those on the second story. A gabled dormer with denticulated cornice extends from the roof of this elevation and contains a pair of small multi-lite windows. On the south elevation is the only addition to the Calhoun County Courthouse. A one-story brick wing, constructed in 1969, houses the county jail.

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In excellent condition, the Calhoun County Courthouse commands the center of the town of Hampton. As the most architecturally significant structure in the county, the Calhoun County Courthouse is a local landmark.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1909

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Frank W. Gibb

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The largest number of architecturally significant public buildings in Arkansas are the courthouses scattered over the state's 75 counties. A structural symbol of American government, the courthouse serves as the center of local political activity. Often the largest and most costly building in the county, the courthouse is almost always a source of pride to the citizens who financed and make use of its facilities.

Calhoun County was created December 6, 1850 and named for John C. Calhoun, a South Carolina statesman. The county is situated in the south central part of Arkansas. Triangular in shape, it encompasses 629 square miles. The county is primarily rural, with one of the smallest populations among Arkansas counties.

Hampton, the county seat of Calhoun County, was incorporated on January 27, 1853. After its incorporation, Hampton grew into an important trading post. During the Civil War business suffered severely, leaving the town practically deserted. Several destructive fires beginning in 1864 almost destroyed the town. In 1871 Hampton was re-incorporated and development began to take place.

Around the turn of the century it was decided that Calhoun County needed a new courthouse. Frank Gibb, an architect from Little Rock, was hired to design the building. An architect of excellent reputation, Gibb designed the Arkansas Building at the St. Louis Exposition and drew up the first act for construction of the Arkansas State Capitol. E. L. Koonce was employed as contractor of the construction.

Of brick construction the Calhoun County Courthouse is a two-story structure with a large corner clock tower. The building is basically devoid of ornamentation. Facade first floor windows feature arched windows with keystones. An arched opening of cut stone surrounds double entry doors. The hipped roofs of the central pavilion and adjacent wings are sheathed with pressed time. The courthouse features a foundation of brick bands with a cut-stone water table encircling the structure. Found at the northeast corner of the courthouse is a three-and-one-half story square clock tower, capped by a pyramidal roofed cupola with a four-faced clock.

Architecturally as well as historically the Calhoun County Courthouse is the one of the most significant structures in the county. The

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West Elevation, viewed from the southwest

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4. CATHOUN COUNTY COURTHOUSE 12.12.76
CATHOUN COUNTY, ArKANSAS
South Elevation, VIEWED from the south

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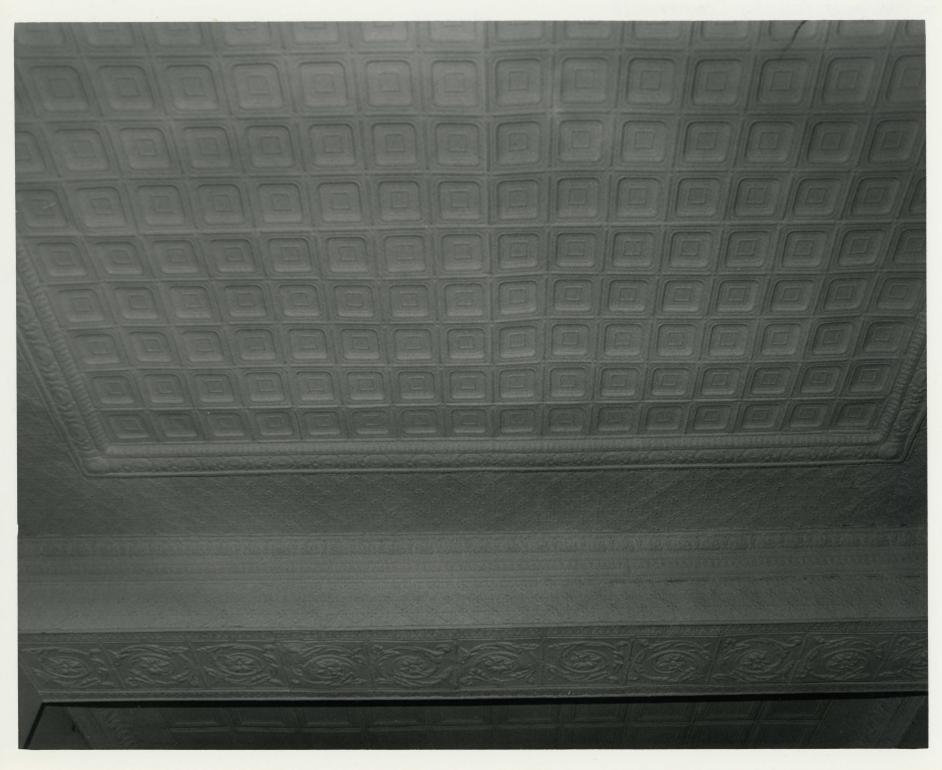
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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- 1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- 2. NORTH ARROW
- 3. UTM REFERENCES

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Location

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Office

Warren

Bradley County

Hotchkiss House

Monticello Drew County

MacMillan-Dilley House

Pine Bluff

Jefferson County

Roth-Rosenzweig House

Pine Bluff

Jefferson County

Calhoun County Courthouse

Hampton

Calhoun County

Dean House

Texarkana

Miller County

Combs, Nathan, House

Boone County Jail

Washington County

Harrison

Boone County

Johnson House and Mill

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Washington County

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Little Rock, Arkansas

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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER:

Calhoun County Courthouse

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Courthouse Square

CITY. TOWN Hampton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE Arkansas

COUNTY Calhoun . code 013

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle)

PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC

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SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

FEATURES:

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Yes-restricted

EXTERIOR Substantially intact-2 wiknown .-5

ENVIRONS

Substantially intact-3

OTHER

_ not applicable - 8

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN

unknown -6 _ Not applicable-9

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

-Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

Yes-unrestricted No access

CONDITION -

ACCESS -

EXCELLENT _G00D

_RUINS

_UNALTERED ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

__FAIR

- not applicable - 7

_UNEXPOSED

_Reconstructed

WEST

_MOVED _Unknown

_Unexcavated

_Excavated

historic district?

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? IF YES, NAME:

NO

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

Saved?

YES

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

SIGNIFICANCE:

_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

_CONSERVATION ECONOMICS __EDUCATION

__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION _LAW/Gov't/politics _science

_entertainment

_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC AGRICULTURE ARCHITECTURE -

_ENGINEERING

_LITERATURE _MILITARY

_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

_recreation _settlement

__COMMERCE __COMMUNICATIONS _INDUSTRY

INVENTION

_MUSIC PHILOSOPHY

_TRANSPORTATION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT 3 / _OTHER (SPECIFY)

_socio/cultural _urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES

"oldest" YES

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder: FRANK W. GIBB

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor: E.L. Koonce

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1909

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1060 BRICK WINE

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

LOCAL GOV"T

MUNICIPAL

COLINTY

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre)

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

BRICK, RECTANGULAR, 2 STORY HIPPED ROOF, 5 STORY CORNER CLOCK TOWER, Tower HAL OPEN ARRADE, BALDETRADE blind dormer, center en hance with fainlights,

Hanking 3-stry truen, and Hanking 5-stry CAT ROOPED TAIL WING (1969)

clock tower with open belfry; 1-story

jail wing, 1969. Utalianate

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

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