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Name of Structure: Evans County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Claxton, Georgia 30417

Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Construction: 1923; New interior later

Architect/builder: J.J. Baldwin Contractor: see addendum 7/21/80 for additional info

Subsequent architects: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

DESCRIPTION:

UTM NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone 17 E414410 N3558520

Style: Neoclassical

Boundary: The entire square or block upon which the courthouse sits.

Facade Material: Brick, with stone and wood details

Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair

Acreage: one acre

The Evans County Courthouse is essentially rectangular in plan, box-like in massing, and two stories high. The plan features a central section projecting slightly forward and rearward flanked by wings. The front central bay features a two-story pedimented portico with Tuscan columns and an oculus window. The entry (now closed) is capped by an entablature-like lintel with cartouche. A continuous cornice runs around the building above the second-floor level; above is a brick parapet wall. A cupola with projecting columns, a clock, and a dome is centrally located on the roof.

The interior of this courthouse has been thoroughly modernized in the last decade.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

As a repository for records of marriages, wills, land transactions, the courthouse chronicles the county and is a focal point in the life of every citizen.

See general statement of significance concerning the architect, J.J. Baldwin

The Evans County Courthouse, built in 1923, is the first and only courthouse for Evans County, created in 1914. It is a good example (on the exterior) of the Neoclassical style popular in Georgia courthouse architecture during the early-twentieth century. It was also designed by J.J. Baldwin, one of the most important courthouse architects in Georgia at the time. The Evans County Courthouse was virtually duplicated by the Liberty County Courthouse three years later, also designed by Baldwin.



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