

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Lowndes County Courthouse *see addendum 7/21/80 for additional info + 8/5/80 phone slip to state*

Location: Courthouse Square, Corner Central/Ashley Streets, Valdosta, Ga. 31601

Cost: \$60,000 Date of Construction: 1904-05

Architect/builder: Frank P. Milburn Contractor: Algernon Blair

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map VA 70A Par. 13

Zone 17/E282000/N3413070
UTM NO. _____

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

Acreage: slightly over one

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Neo-Classical

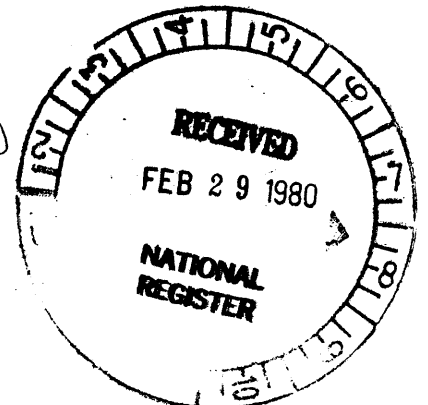
Facade Material: Brick/Stone

Condition: Excellent Good Fair

This structure uses a classical vocabulary but it is most complex in its massing and details. The three story building over a basement is made of cream colored brick with deep red mortar. The Corinthian tetrastyle columns at the Central Street entrance, made of granite, are 25' high. A flight of steps leads to this main entrance. Corner pavilions emphasized by colossal Corinthian pilasters project from the core. Each corner pavilion is domed. A balustrade encircles the building and a tower rises from the center of the roof in two stages culminating in a lanterned dome. The tower features niches, urns, ballustrades, Ionic columns. Its massing and lines are Baroque. Plain rectangular windows are used throughout.

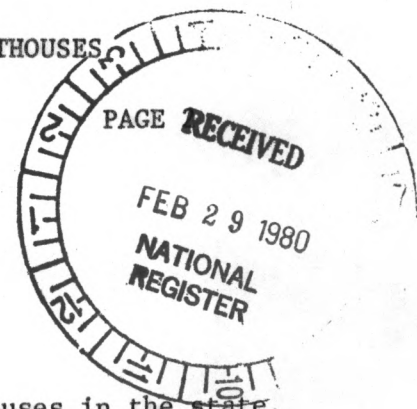
Inside some changes have occurred. Besides a rear addition, wood paneling, carpeting and asbestos tile have been added. The courtroom has an acoustical tile ceiling. Some pressed metal ceilings remain in the stairwells. The marble and iron staircases are elaborate as are the marble floors and marble wainscoting.

annex - 4 bays wide, 50' deep, 2 stories - minimal impact



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SIGNIFICANCE:

This building by Frank P. Milburn, who designed four courthouses in the state, is one of the most complex exteriors in all of Georgia. It features multi-domes, balustrades, and grand entrances. This building echoes the character of the townspeople of 1904, depicts the flavor of local politics and reveals community cultural traditions.



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MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Lowndes County Courthouse
Corner Central/Ashley Sts.
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INTERIOR DETAIL - STAIRWAY