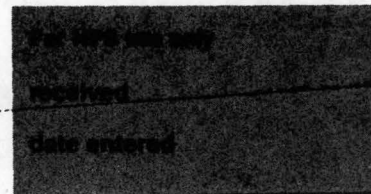


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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: WO-089

Congressional District: First

✓ Name: Woodruff County Courthouse (Thompson, TR)

Current Owner: Woodruff County

✓ Address: 500 North 3rd Street

Judge John Davis, County Judge

✓ Augusta, Arkansas

Address: 500 North 3rd Street

✓ County: Woodruff

Augusta, Arkansas 72006

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Charles L. Thompson

Date of Construction: 1901

Stylistic Influence: Richardsonian Romanesque

Original Use: Courthouse

Present Use: Courthouse

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 648730/3905940

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Courthouse Addition
All Block 1

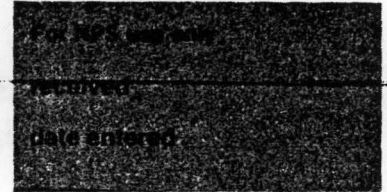
Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☐ Unaltered
☒ Altered

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Physical Description

Although designed in 1900, the inspiration for this impressive courthouse clearly derives from the Victorian architectural aesthetic and, more specifically, from the late work of the influential nineteenth-century American architect Henry Hobson Richardson. Harking back to the nineteenth century are the verticality, the asymmetrical massing, and the rich colors (white stone trim against dark red brick) and textures of the building. Like Richardson's work, there is a clarity and powerful simplicity to the whole -- both in the massing and in the simplified decorative details.

Although richly asymmetrical, the building's massing of blocky component parts presents a clear geometry. From a high hipped roof, enriched with iron cresting, an entrance wing projects slightly on the front elevation and is framed by a corner two-story hexagonal tower capped by a tent roof and on the south corner by a tall square tower with pyramidal roof. Again, characteristic of Richardson's work, a round arch springing from simple stone impostes forms the entrance for the recessed doorway. The round arch motif is echoed in the brick window heads of the hexagonal tower and in the arched openings crowning the clock tower. The handsome clock tower rises

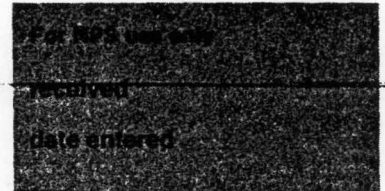
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Statement of Significance

This courthouse in Augusta is one of the most monumental and significant structures in Woodruff County, a somewhat remote and rural farming area. The structure is enhanced by its spacious, tree-lined setting of broad lawns on a slightly elevated plot. The design is a distinctive and excellent one in the firm's repertoire of courthouses and one of the earliest as well. In the firm's later courthouses there is often a somewhat questionable eclectic blend of stylistic elements. Here, however, the architect's inspiration appears to be derived from more nearly a single source, i.e., the late work of the architect Henry Hobson Richardson. Like the best examples of Richardson's mature work, the structure depends upon pleasing proportions, a clear geometry of simple components and consistent scale in massing for its dignified effect, rather than upon fussy decorative detail. There is a richness apparent in the fine brickwork, detailing and in the polychromy provided by light stone trim against the dark red brick. However, like Richardson's late public buildings, the overall effect is one of dignity appropriate for its civic function provided by robust, massing of strong component elements and sensitive use of material, scale and detail.

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Physical Description

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in five stages. Providing a rustication to the base are the bricks laid in quoin-like effect. Two levels of long, narrow windows provide a second stage crowned by the clock. The topmost portion of the tower features triple recessed arches with louvers crowned by brick corbeling surmounted by a projecting cornice.

The decorative details are rather simple; the richness of the overall effect derives more from the contrast in color and texture of the light color of the stone lintel and sills contrasted with the dark brick, the brickwork patterns and from the vigorous massing of the components rather than from elaborate decorations. Over the arched entrance is inset a decorative curved terra-cotta panel in a foliate motif.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 12/22/82

82. Lightle House

Substantive Review

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accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

83. Woodruff County Courthouse

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84. Mount Holly Mausoleum

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Woodruff County Courthouse (Thompson, Charles L.,
Design Collection TR)
Woodruff County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82
Action: ACCEPT 12/24/82
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National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

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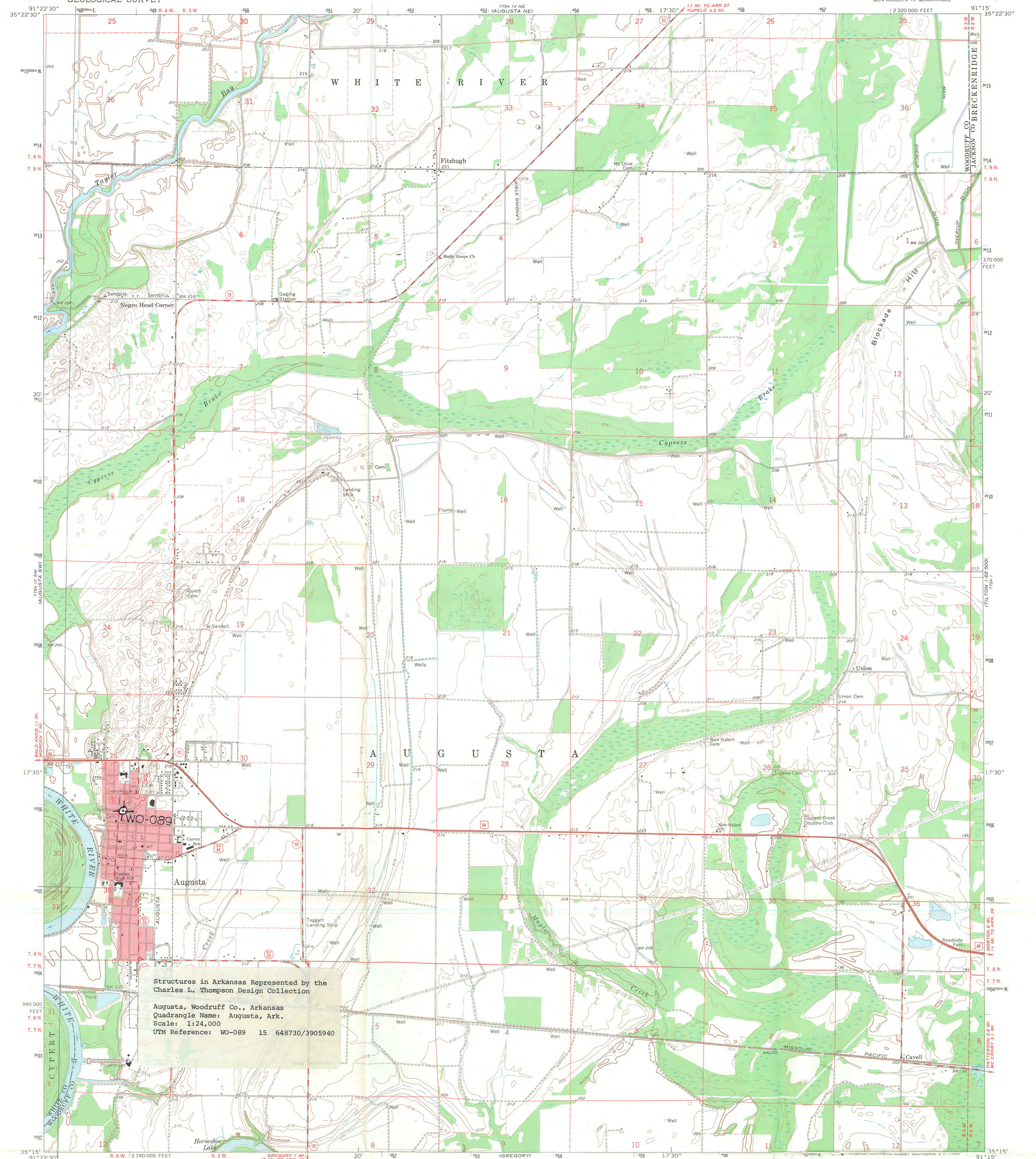
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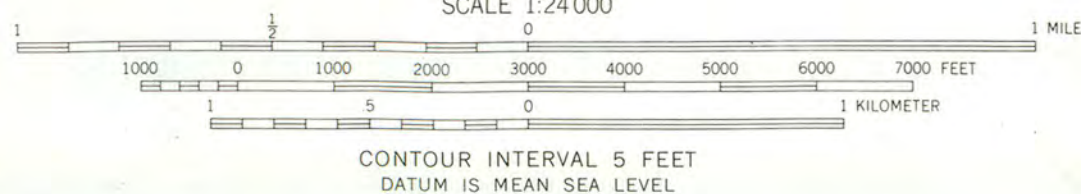
AUGUSTA QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 AUGUSTA 15' QUADRANGLE



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