

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Pierce County Courthouse

Location: (Main Street) U.S. Highway 82, Blackshear, Georgia 31516

Cost: \$19,974

Date of Construction: 1902

Architect/builder: J. W. Golucke & Co.

Contractor: George A. Clayton

Subsequent architects: 1975: Osteen & Suttles, Douglas Ga.

Acreage: 4 acres

George H. Louis, Contractor

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

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Zone 17/E381700/N3464030

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DESCRIPTION:

Style: Neo-Classical

Facade Material: Brick/Stone and metal trim

Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair

Boundary: The entire block upon which the courthouse sits. The other two buildings as shown on the U.S.G.S. Map include an historic jail done in 1926 by Pauly Jail Building Co. and a health building. *see 7/21/80 addendum for description*

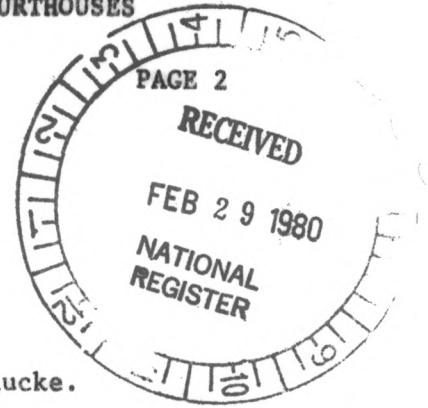
This courthouse sits astride one end of Blackshear's Main Street, U.S. Highway 82. The building is two story and of red brick. The brick is in several shades of red with pink and white mortar. The Corinthian di-style portico juts forward. The fluted columns are of metal; in the entablature is the name of the county painted in a gold color and there is a gold laurel wreath in the pediment. Colossal pilasters with stone trim alternate with square and round arched stone trimmed windows. A stone water table encircles the building. There is a rear brick addition.

The interior features a small rotunda, whose character has been saved in spite of closing a rear entrance. The courtroom has been tastefully redone. The original metal ceiling was replaced with acoustical tile, but the judge's bench with its pediment and flanking Ionic gold trimmed pilasters remain. A soft blue-grey color has been used for walls, draperies and carpet. The original balusters between the litigation and spectator sections remain; the design is repeated in the balusters of the staircase leading to the courtroom.

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PIERCE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

See general statement of significance concerning J. W. Golucke.

The dignified design of the building, its location at one end of the main street of town, and the fact that it is one of the oldest remaining structures in the county make it significant.



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PIERCE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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