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earlier courthouses, including paired stone columns at each angle, an exaggerated entablature, bull's-eye apertures at the cardinal points, and a belvedere finial. The front facade has single columns flanked by brick pilasters with stylized lamp motif medallions near the cornice. The metal frieze includes "Pax" on the left end and "Lux" on the right end, in addition to the usual county courthouse identification. The front entrance surround is of limestone with rosettes and a keystone at the center of the low arch. The upper portion of this opening contains original glass and framing, but the ground floor level has been altered to aluminum sashes and doors. Original ornate metal light standards remain on either side of the front entrance.

The distinguishing feature of the interior is the fine dark red marble wainscoting and pink marble rotunda pilasters. The rotunda skylight remains intact and is illuminated by natural light from above, and the rotunda is especially rich in stencil wall treatments and fine murals. The courtroom has been altered by installation of acoustical tile in the recesses of the coffered ceiling, but otherwise retains its fine woodwork, furnishings, light fixtures, and mural. Two rooms in the basement and first floor have been altered by installation of wooden partition walls.

A jail/sheriff's residence to the southeast of the courthouse is a two-story, hip-roofed structure with hipped dormers on all four roof slopes. Built of the same brown brick as the courthouse over a concrete foundation, the building features brick-columned porches on the south and west sides, decorative corbeling above the second story windows, and dentiled metal cornices on the main roof and the dormer roofs. A monumental polygonal brick chimney rises on the east side of the building.

Foster County Courthouse, Carrington (1909)

Like the Pierce County Courthouse, this building combines single columns, flanking brick pilasters, and a simple arched entry surrounded on the front facade. This building is more modest in detail, with a brown brick basement and a more stately dome rising above an octagonal brick tower. The tower has round windows below pediments in the four cardinal directions and rectangular windows on the intermediate surfaces. Bull's-eye apertures pierce the cardinal points of the dome itself, which is topped with a crown and ball finial. Rectangular windows throughout the building have keystoneed flat arches on the first floor and simple stone lentils between single brick pilasters on the second floor. The front facade retains its original metal surround treatment in the central bay, and also the original stained glass window on the second floor. The interior features a gray-brown marble wainscoting in the front entry and a courtroom with richly decorated coffered ceiling and wall stenciling.

A sheriff's residence/jail building to the north of the courthouse is a two-story brick structure with hipped roof and a hipped roof dormer on the north side. The building features dentiled metal cornices on the main roof line and on porches on the north and east side. A monumental octagonal brick smokestack rises on the west side of the building. A single-story addition on the south side houses jail cells.