

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Burke County CourthouseLocation: Courthouse Square, Waynesboro, Georgia 30830Cost: UnknownDate of Construction: 1857Architect/builder: UnknownContractor: D. B. Plumb (interior
painters) ?Subsequent architects: 1899-1900 L. F. Goodrich, architect
A Mr. Blair of Macon, contractor

Acreage: one acre

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

1939-40 -- annex builtMap W5 Parcel 267

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Carpenter Style with Victorian Clock TowerFacade Material: BrickCondition: [] Excellent [] Good [X] FairUTM NO. n/a see below:Latitude 33°05'26"NLongitude 82°00'57"W

Boundary: The portion of the block on which the courthouse sits bounded by highway 25 on the W, Ga.56 on the S; a city street on the E; and a small alley on the N. This includes several non-historic blgs.

Built of red brick covered with a red cement-looking mixture (gritty in texture) blgs. and scored to look like very perfect brick, this structure exemplifies an evolution of styles. The original courthouse is a carpenter Romanesque style with a round arched entry surmounted by tiny panes of glass in the transom. Above this, on the second floor, are arched triplet windows. A brick stringcourse encircles the building at the second floor level. Stone is used as a water table and as trim around the windows. At the roof line are square brackets. On the northwest corner, the Victorian clock tower rises in five stages culminating in a pyramidal cap and pedimented clocks. A street sign is actually affixed to the tower on the ground floor. A neo-classical annex was constructed at the rear of the building and joined to it by an open bridge on both levels in 1940.

On the first floor the interior of the building is very dark and shows signs of neglect. At the front a stair way leads to the courtroom. This courtroom is also reached from the rear by the second floor bridge. In the courtroom, both doors and windows have kneed molding. Although the ceiling has been lowered, a missing panel of acoustical tile reveals a glimpse of the original beaded boards decorated with pendants. A photograph of a former judge is behind a small inconsequential judge's bench.

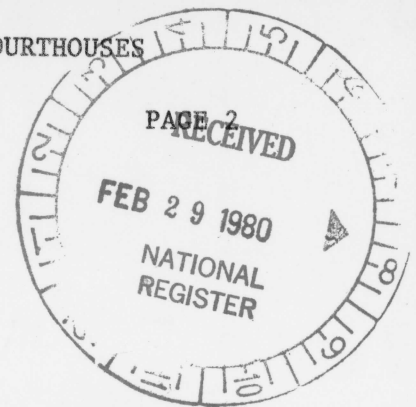
annex is two story 6 x 6 bay brick bldg



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BURKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

This courthouse is one of four built in the 1850's in Georgia that still retains its original use. Several additions were made through the years, but a unified appearance is maintained. Situated in the center of town, visually it is an architectural focal point.

The cement-looking finish that is scored to look like perfect brick is on the 1857 and 1900 portions of the building. This is not found on any other Georgia courthouse, but is on the Hay House in Macon, Georgia (A National Historic Landmark).



BURKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Burke County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Waynesboro, Georgia 30830

SEP 18 1980

FEB 29 1980

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VIEW OF ORIGINAL CEILING

SEP 18 1980



DETAIL - NEWEL POST



DETAIL - FINISH OVER EXTERIOR
BRICK

Property

Georgia County Courthouse Thematic Resources

See attached for
reference

State

Working Number

2.29-80 833

numbers

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos

145

Maps

125

96 nominated courthouses. 44 ready to be listed; 52 other need some info — from minor points to more description of other bldgs, clarification of boundaries, etc. — called Ken Thomas 4/8 to discuss attached sheet + sent him a copy. Hold for info, then list those which can be clarified w/in time period.

DUBIE
4/8/80

State wants listed for preservation week.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Additional info received + reviewed; questions discussed with Ray, Sally + Carol — state asked for info on several properties as a result (see notes). Should not list until after Sept 3, 1980 as per State request.

Grady Co. Courthouse to be returned to state —

HOLD for info ARCHEOLOGIST

ACCEPT
DUBIE
8/22/80

Questions resolved as to size + impact of additions + other bldgs on parcels; new photos received, etc. (see various phone slips); info entered in survey sheet.

OTHER

Wilkes Co. discussed w/Carol Shuck, we will accept; Grady to be returned.

Based on discussion with Ken Thomas + regional planner 9/12/80, Wilkes Co. Courthouse will be listed (assuming photos to be sent verify info obtained) based on continuing historical use + continued existence of interior features.

ACCEPT
DUBIE
9/8/80

floor materials + features like cast spiral stair supporting strength of historic jail built at the time of courthouse + designed by Frank Milburn. Inventory

HAER

jail photos received — strengthens eligibility of courthouse complex.

ACCEPT 9/12/80
9/18/80

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

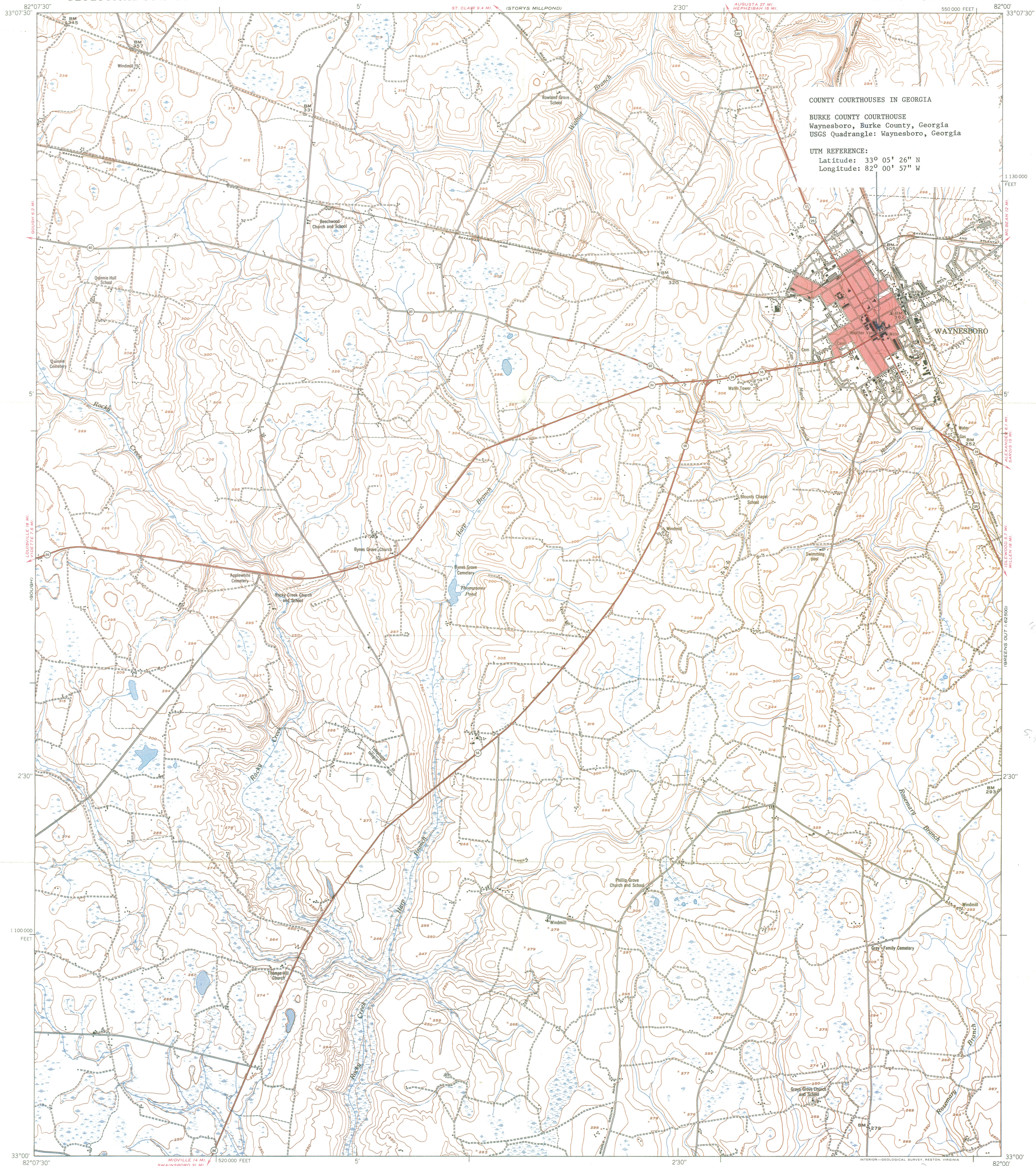
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Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

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COUNTY COURTHOUSES IN GEORGIA

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Waynesboro, Burke County, Georgia
USGS Quadrangle: Waynesboro, Georgia

UTM REFERENCE:

Latitude: 33° 05' 26" N
Longitude: 82° 00' 57" W

Maped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USC&GS, USED, USGS, AMS, and
Georgia Geodetic Survey

Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1947. Field check 1948
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Georgia coordinate system,
east zone

No distinction is made between dwellings, barns,
commercial and industrial buildings

Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown

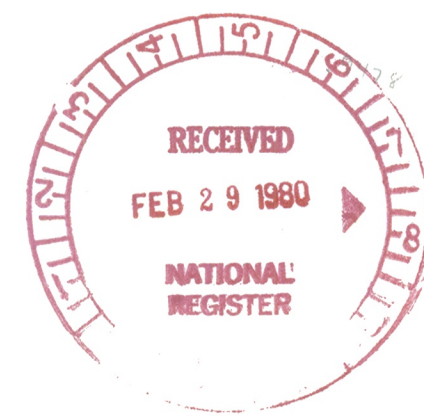
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1948

SCALE 1:24000
1 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 5 0 5 10 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DASHED LINES REPRESENT HALF-INTERVAL CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 1 LANE Improved dirt
Medium-duty 4 LANE 1 LANE Unimproved dirt
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface
U. S. Route State Route

WAYNESBORO, GA.
SE/4 GOUGH 15' QUADRANGLE
N3300-W8200/7.5

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Burke County Chamber of Commerce

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December 11, 1979

Ms. Elizabeth A. Lyon, Ph.D. Chief
Historic Preservation Section
Acting State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Natural Resources
270 Washington Street S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334



Dear Ms. Lyon:

I am enclosing a booklet that features a picture and write-up about the Burke County Courthouse on its cover. All levels of court are still held in the old building.

I hope this information will be beneficial to you in selecting historic courthouses to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Cherrie S. Beall

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Office Manager

RECEIVED
FEB 12 1979

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION