

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Dawson County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Dawsonville, Ga. 30534

Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1858
1958: Addition

Architect/builder: Wesley McGuire, Henderson Contractor: _____
Wilson and John Hackenhull

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map D.1 Parcel 22

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Carpenter Style

Facade Material: Brick

Condition: Excellent Good Fair (Space limited)

UTM NO. _____
 Zone 16 E764780 N3812440

Boundary: all that land around the courthouse and within the roads that surround it.
 Acreage: less than one acre

Needs some work - the red brick was being painted a cream color in 1977.

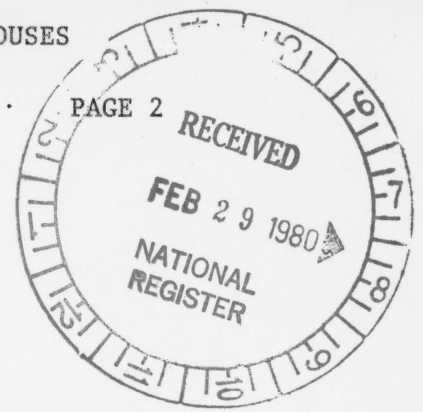
As stated by the contract, the building was to be "50' long and 36' wide, to be of the same form and height and good brick and other materials as the courthouse in Gainesville". It was to be completed in 12 months.

Very plain, it has a gabled roof, and cross plan (the 1958 addition has closed up one arm of the cross plan). The windows are nine over nine, the double doorway is transomed. There are four interior chimneys remaining. The interior has crowded halls. Acoustical tile has been added in the courtroom so the exterior and site are important architectural features.



THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM DAWSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

This courthouse resembles others of the Carpenter Style in north Georgia, especially the old White County courthouse. It sits on a tiny square in the center of Dawsonville and is one of a half dozen courthouses remaining that was constructed in the 1850's.

SEP 18 1980



DAWSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Dawson County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Dawsonville, Georgia 30534

Property

Georgia County Courthouse Thematic Resources

See attached for reference numbers

State

Working Number

2-29-80 833

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 work. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Additional info received + reviewed; questions discussed with Ray Sully + 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.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Grady Co. Courthouse to be returned to state -

HOLD for info
ACCEPT
DUBIE
8/24/80

ARCHEOLOGIST

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

Willis Co. discussed w/Carol Shule, 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 first floor materials + features like cast spiral stair supporting strength of historic jail built at the time of courthouse + designed by Frank Milburn. Inventory _____

ACCEPT
DUBIE
9/8/80

Inventory _____

Final photos received - strengthens eligibility of courthouse complex. Review _____

ACCEPT 9/12/80
9/18/80

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered SEP 18 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____

HERBERT HARBEN

COMMISSIONER OF ROADS AND REVENUES
DAWSON COUNTY
DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534

BOARD DAY
2ND MONDAY

MAUDE B. HARBEN
CLERK

January 2, 1980

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

RE: County Courthouse in Georgia
Dawson County Courthouse

Dear Dr. Lyon:

Dawson County is the current owner of the above named property which is under consideration by your office for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

As governing authority, I approve of this property being proposed for the National Register.

Comments: This building was constructed in 1857. It is Williamsberg design. This old structure is truly Dawson County's most famous landmark and holds great historical and sentimental value.



January 2, 1980
Date

Herbert H. Harben
Signature

County Commissioner
Title

Herbert H. Harben
Type or Print Name