

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Elbert County Courthouse *see addendum*
Location: Courthouse Square - Elberton, Ga. 30635 *7/21/80 for additional info*
Cost: \$35,000 Date of Construction: 1893
Renovated in 1964
Architect/builder: R.H. Hunt (of Hunt & Lamm), Contractor: L.L. Stevenson
Chattanooga
Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS
Boundary:
See attached tax map
Map E-1 Parcel 6

DESCRIPTION:

UTM NO. _____

Style: Romanesque

Zone 17 E327620 N3775730

Facade Material: Brick/Granite

acreage: approx. 2 acres

Condition: [] Excellent [X] Good [] Fair

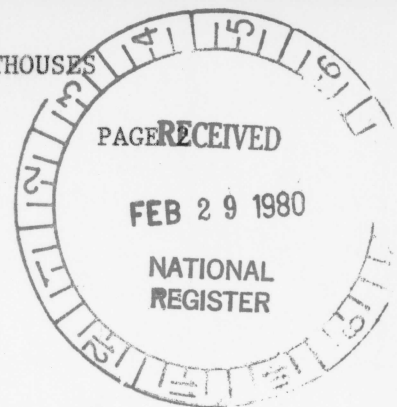
This is a two-story over basement building; it has a heavy, solid look. The facade features end pavilions with hip roof sections and pedimented dormers. In the center, a Richardsonian Romanesque arch marks the entrance. On the second story above this entry are six smaller arches that formed an arcade. A square clock tower rises from the center and supports a lanterned dome.

Today the building has been painted gray, the ballustrade has been removed from around the bell tower (directly under the dome) and the entrance doors have been replaced by glass and steel. The arcade on the second floor is now enclosed for additional office space. The courtroom has a divided coved ceiling with Ionic pilasters and a balcony with extremely steep and narrow steps leading up to it. The litigation area is elevated making it easy for the spectators to see.

Originally, in what is designated as attic, 2 rooms were reserved for jurors, who could not easily "go and come", to stay overnight.

THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM ELBERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

R. H. Hunt, the architect of the courthouse and a native of Elbert County, had moved away from Georgia in 1866. It was a mark of his success that he was commissioned to design the new courthouse.

The courthouse dominates the town of Elberton; as a center of local government it serves as a repository for official records and as headquarters for a sizeable geographical area.

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ELBERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Elbert County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Elberton, Georgia 30635

Property

Georgian 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 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 sheets.

OTHER

Willis Co. discussed w/ Carol Akule, 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 a) continuing historical use b) continued existence of interior first

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.

HAER

and photos received — strengthen eligibility of courthouse complex.

ACCEPT
9/12/80
9/18/80

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

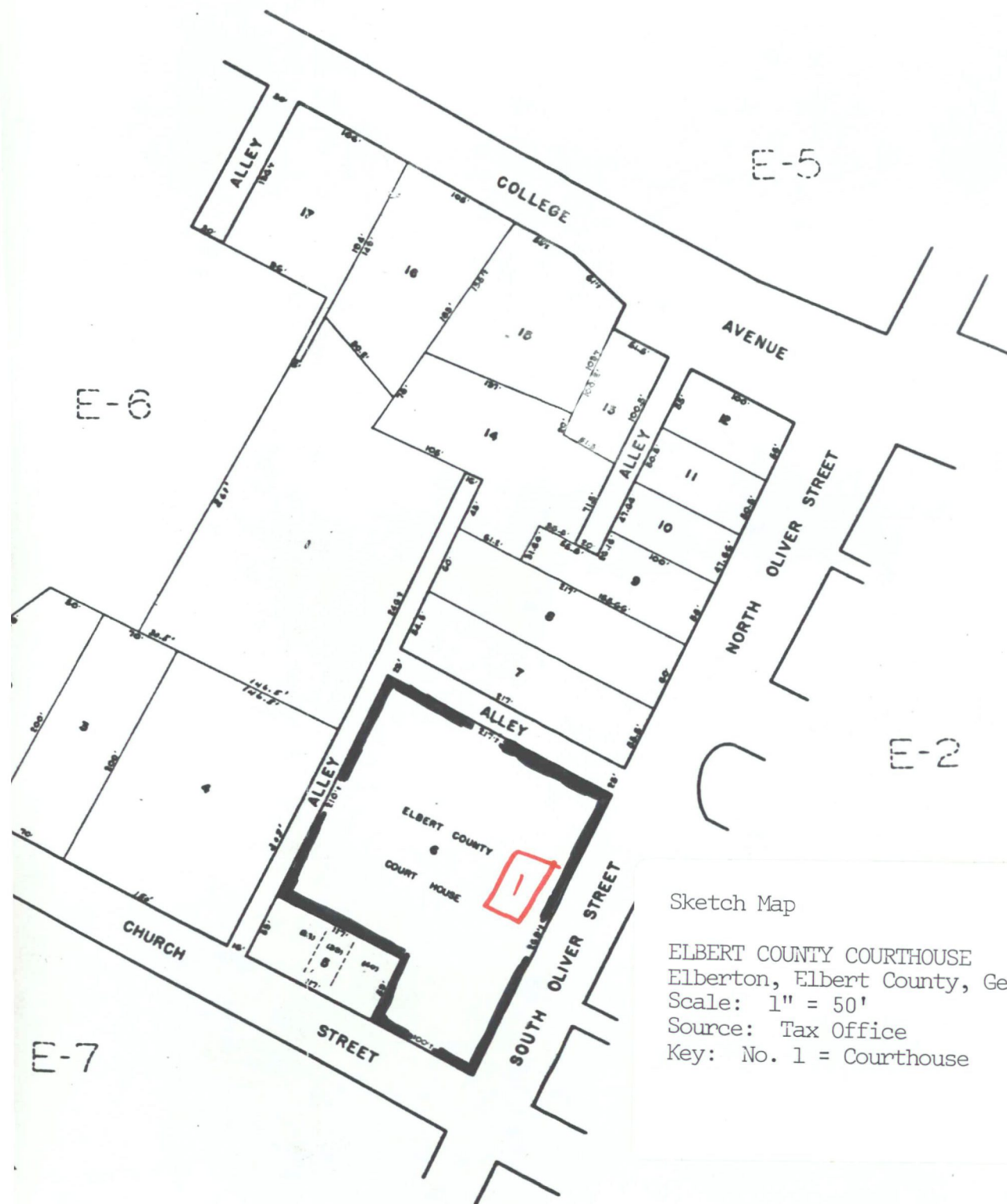
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Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

Re-submit

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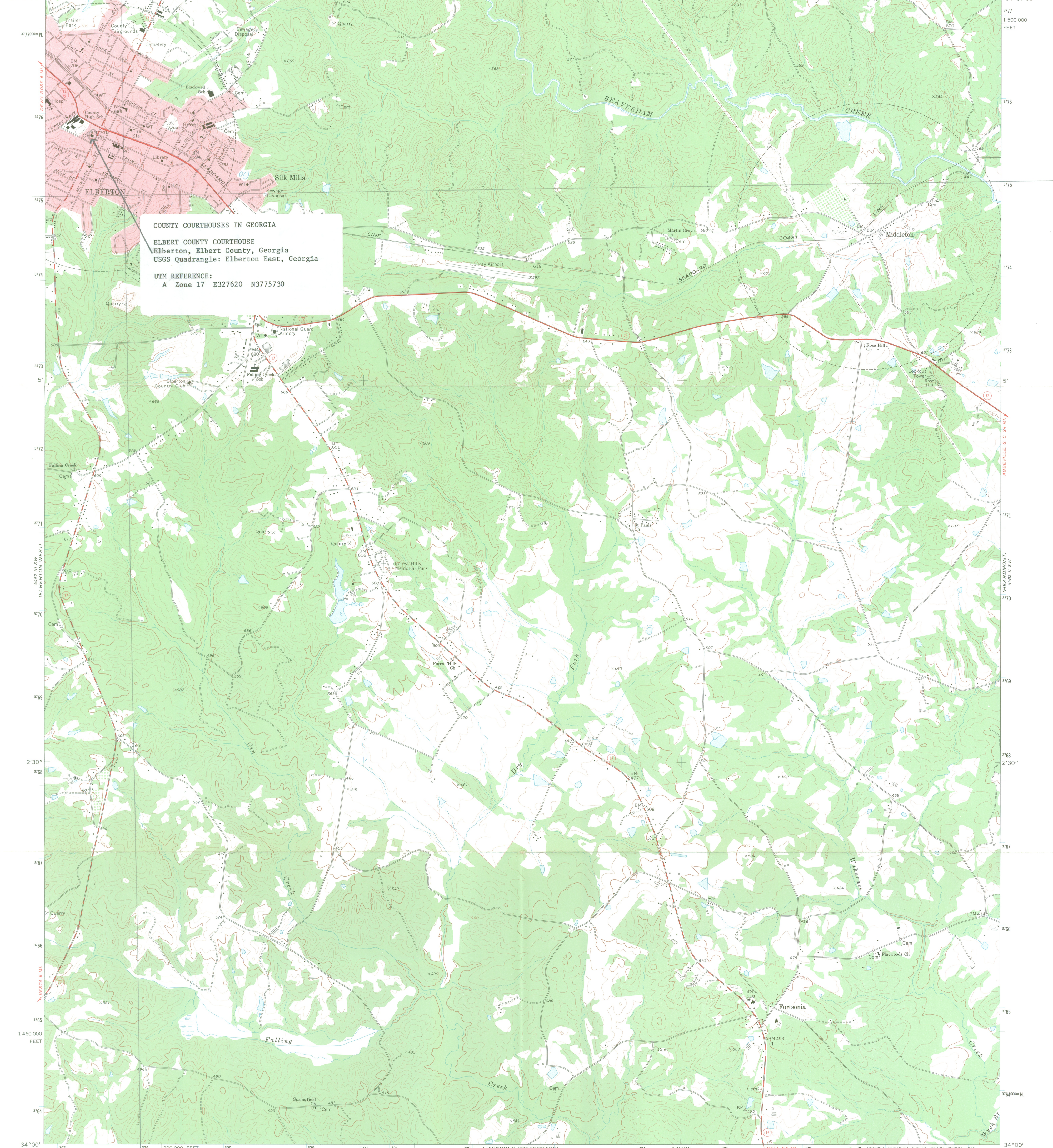


Sketch Map

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ELBERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Elberton, Elbert County, Georgia
Scale: 1" = 50'
Source: Tax Office
Key: No. 1 = Courthouse

ELBERT COUNTY, GEORGIA	
SHEET NO.	
E-1	
DATE: 1-1-80	SCALE: 1" = 50'



COUNTY COURTHOUSES IN GEORGIA
ELBERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Elberton, Elbert County, Georgia
USGS Quadrangle: Elberton East, Georgia
UTM REFERENCE:
A Zone 17 E327620 N3775730