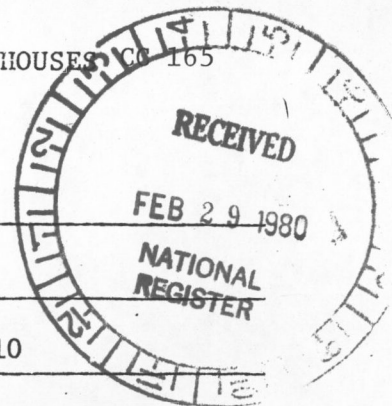




ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Jenkins County CourthouseLocation: Courthouse Square, Millen, Ga. 30442Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1910Architect/builder: L. F. Goodrich Contractor: A. J. Franklin

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map 9 Par. 70

Zone 17/E412060/N3629780
UTM NO. _____

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Neo-ClassicalFacade Material: BrickCondition: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair

Boundary: The entire block upon which the courthouse sits.

Acreage: approx. 2 1/2 acres

Poor - some remodeling was being considered when viewed in 1978.

see 7/21/80 addendum verifying structural soundness -

Sitting in Millen's large public square facing west, this three story classically detailed courthouse has a tetrastyle entrance. The order is of undetermined origin: the columns are hollow, very plain, fluted and are on high bases; the unadorned entablature is capped by a pediment with a lunette; side entrance porticoes feature one story porches with Ionic columns. A bracketed cornice encircles the building. All is topped by a copper colored domed clock tower with pedimented clocks and a sculpture of blind justice on the lantern. The scales from the sculpture are missing but it is still impressive. Few courthouses in Georgia feature sculpture.

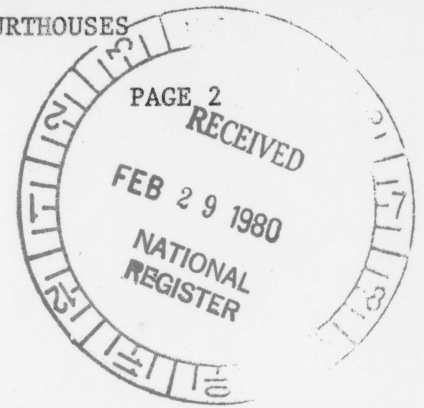
One enters through double doors with a fanlight transom. Marble is used throughout the interior in the dadoes and staircases. Particularly noteworthy is one mammoth grey veined marble newel post on the main staircase leading to the courtroom.

The courtroom has a 20' high ceiling of pressed metal, foliate in design (see accompanying photograph). There are six long rectangular windows on each side of the courtroom and four behind the bench. Each has pilasters on each side and an entablature about 1 foot from the ceiling. One art nouveau feature is a chandelier which hangs in front of the bench. The individual bulbs are designed to look like flowers with the "stems" curving as though growing from the center of the fixture. It reflects the design in the metal ceiling.

In the rear is an interior staircase leading to the convex shaped balcony. The railing between the litigation and spectator sections repeats the convex shape of the balcony.

THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM JENKINS COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SIGNIFICANCE:

This is an excellent example of a 1910 Neo-Classical structure. It sits on a huge square, is a dramatic building topped by a sculpture of blind justice. Few courthouses in Georgia feature sculpture.

The Augusta based architect who designed this courthouse also designed the Taliaferro county courthouse and the clock towers on the Wilkinson and Burke County courthouses.



JENKINS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Jenkins County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Millen, Georgia 30442

SEP 18 1980

Property

Georgia County Courthouse Thematic Resources

See attached for
reference

State

Working Number

2.29-80 833

mundeir

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos

145

Maps

125

96 nominated courthouses. 44 ready to be listed; 52 other HISTORIAN
need some info — from minor points to more description of other bldgs, char-
acter 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,
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 —

ARCHEOLOGIST

HOLD for info
ACCEPT
DUBIE
8/12/80

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

Wilkes 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) 9/8/80
based on continuing historical use + continued existence of interior first

floor materials + features like cast spiral stair supporting strength of historic HAER
jail built at the time of courthouse + designed by Frank Milburn. Inventory _____
and photos received — strengthens eligibility of courthouse DUBIE
complex. ACCEPT 9/12/80 Review _____
9/18/80

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back

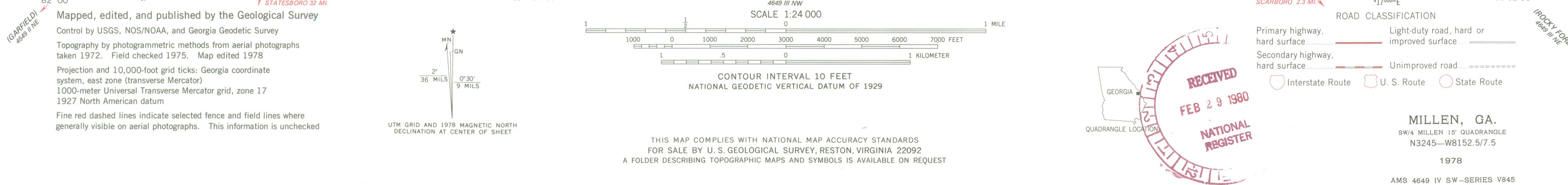
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Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

Re-submit





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 Courthouses in Georgia
Jenkins County Courthouse

Dear Dr. Lyon:

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

I approve of my property being proposed for the National Register.

Yes
X

No

Comments: We have complied with all requirements of the National Historical Society to be nominated. We hope after two and one-half years that it is acceptable.

11-19-79
Date

James M. Smith, Jr.
Signature
Chairman—Jenkins County Commissioners
Title

James M. Smith, Jr.
Type or Print Name