

THEMATIC NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION - GEORGIA COURTHOUSES

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Stephens County CourthouseLocation: Courthouse Square, Toccoa, Ga. 30577Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1907-08Architect/builder: H. L. Lewman (Louisville, Ky.) Contractor: Falls City Construction Co.
(Louisville, Ky.)

Subsequent architects: _____

TAX MAP/PARCEL NUMBERS

Map T.1 BK.2 Par. 1
Zone 17/E286190/N3828700
UTM NO. _____

DESCRIPTION:

Style: Neo-ClassicalFacade Material: Brick/StoneCondition: [] Excellent [] Good [X] FairBoundary: The entire block
or square upon which the
courthouse sits.

Acreage: 2 acres

Fair structural condition - in need of repairs.

see 7/21/80 for verification of structural soundness

The Ionic tetrastyle portico is pedimented, with an oculus in the center of the pediment, and the name 'Stephens County' is on the entablature. The cross plan of the two story building with basement has corner pavilions that project from a center core. The whole structure has an octagonal ribbed dome with hooded clocks (E. Howard clock) and a lantern. The dome rises from a square base and on the second stage directly under the clocks has arched windows enclosed by coupled pilasters and a pediment. This motif is repeated around the dome and echoes the design of the main facade. Today it still towers over the town and is very near the new downtown shopping mall.

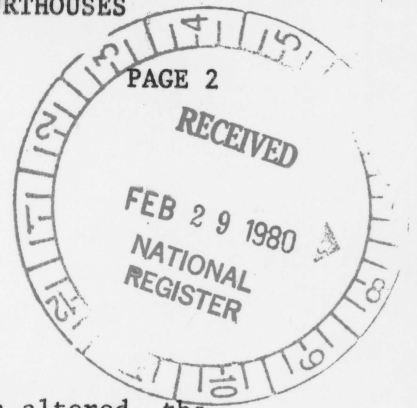
Upstairs, the courtroom's elaborate pressed metal ceiling has been left intact. Designwise, the most impressive feature of this ceiling is a recessed shallow rectangle directly under the exterior dome. Colored glass squares of soft shades of green, yellow, and pink in the transoms of the windows give a muted glow. Modern additions such as comfortable jury chairs, microphones and sound equipment increase the usefulness of the room as a court of law.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Although the design of the immediate downtown area has been altered, the courthouse is still located in the area around which business activity revolves, just as it did in 1907.



SEP 18 1980

STEPHENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS:

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Stephens County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Toccoa, Georgia 30577

Property

State

Working Number

See attached for
reference
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. —

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 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 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. Inventory

HAER

and photos received — strengthen eligibility of courthouse complex.

ACCEPT
9/12/80
9/18/80

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

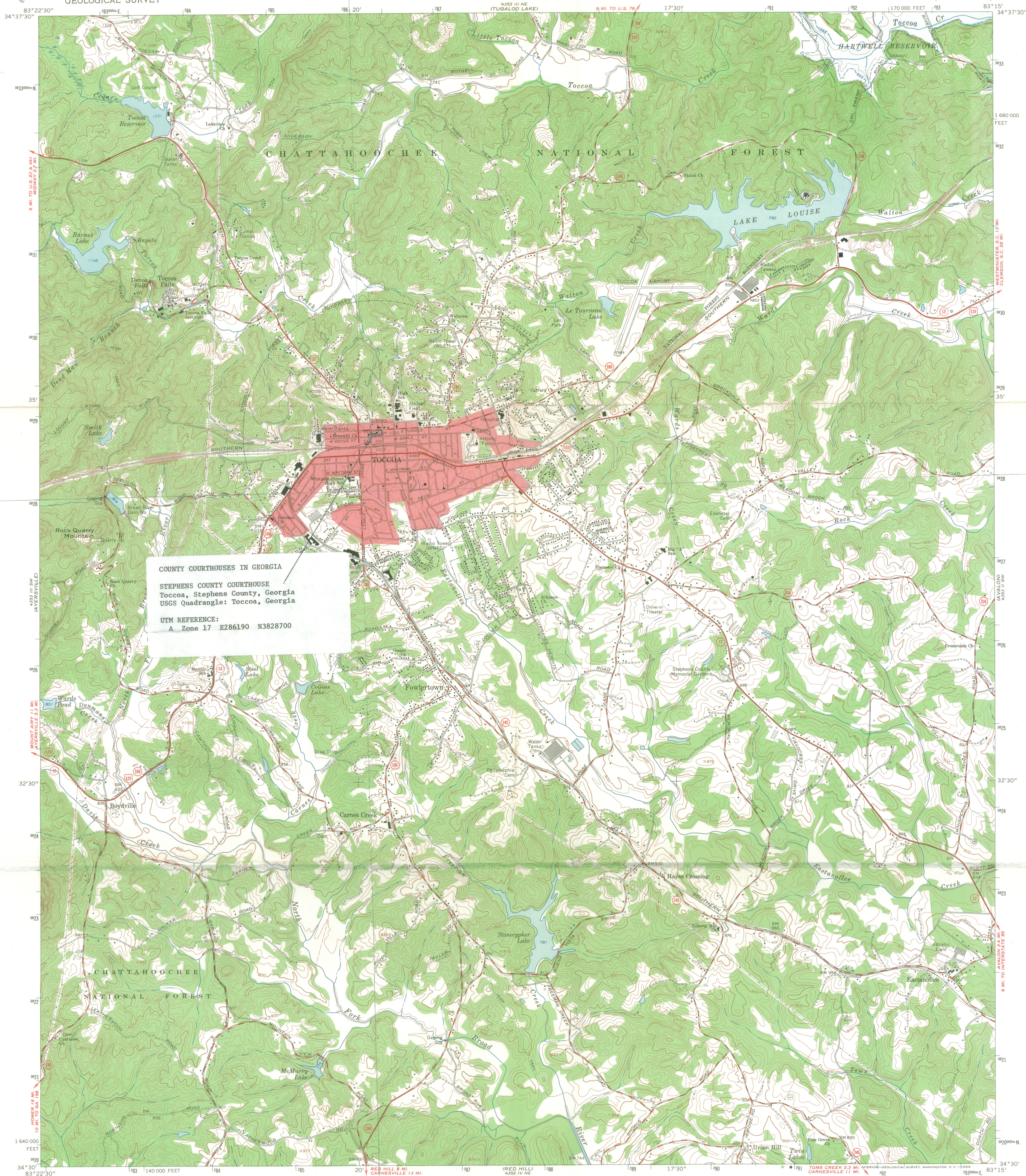
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Federal Register Entry

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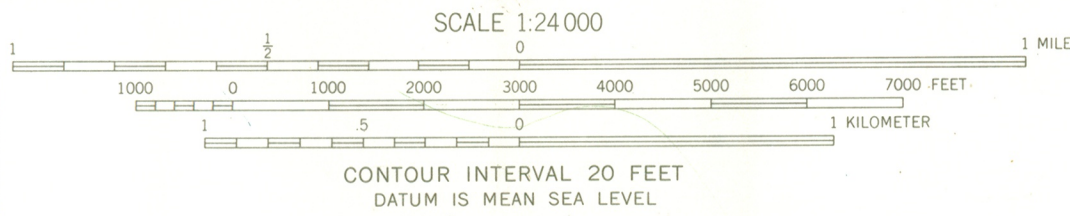
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COUNTY COURTHOUSES IN GEORGIA
STEPHENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Toccoa, Stephens County, Georgia
USGS Quadrangle: Toccoa, Georgia
UTM REFERENCE:
A Zone 17 E286190 N3828700

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and Georgia Geodetic Survey
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1956. Field checked 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Georgia coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Hartwell Reservoir reservation boundary from maps
by U. S. Corps of Engineers
Area covered by dashed light-blue pattern is subject
to controlled inundation by Hartwell Reservoir

UTM GRID AND 1964 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Light-duty
Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route
State Route

TOCCOA, GA.
N3430—W8315/7.5

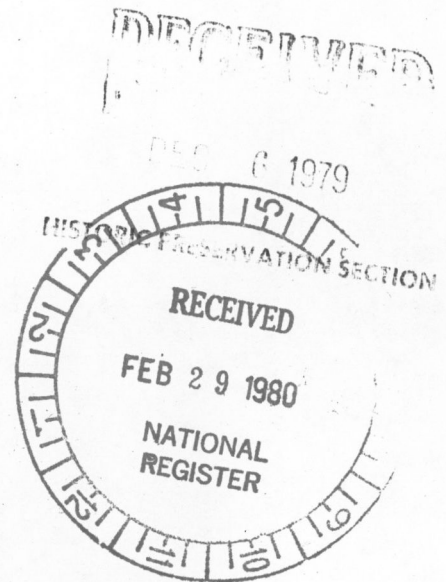
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Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon, Chief
Historic Preservation Section
Acting State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Natural Resources
270 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: County Courthouses in Georgia
Stephens 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.~~
As Present Board of County Commissioners, we are currently the overseers of the Stephens County Courthouse Property, and we have the authority to sign approval of property being proposed for the National Register.

Yes
X

No

Comments:

12-4-79
Date

Bethel Crunkleton
Signature Bethel Crunkleton

Chairman
Title

Stephens County Board of Commissioners
Type or Print Name

Stephens County Board of Commissioners

NP
GA
Duke

Court House Annex
Post Office Box 386

TOCCOA, GEORGIA 30577

BETHEL CRUNKLETON, Chairman
JEANETTE M. JAMIESON, Vice-Chairman
JAMES M. ADAMS, Commissioner

CECIL L. CLIFTON JR., Attorney
OUIDA T. HARPER, Clerk

April 25, 1980

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
National Register of Historic Places
United States Department of the Interior
Pension Building
440 G. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Thank you for your March 20, 1980 letter advising us that the Stephens County Courthouse has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

After careful consideration and discussion, we believe that it is not in our best interest to pursue the enlistment of this property in the National Register at this time.

Please be assured that your interest is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Bethel Crunkleton

Bethel Crunkleton- Chairman

BC:oth

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D MAY 1 1987

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED) _____

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT _____

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED) _____

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS 1/9/87



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STATE OF MARYLAND
 DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
 HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

UNIVERSITY PARK
 HISTORIC DISTRICT

RECEIVED
 MAY 1 1987

