

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM

Name of Structure: Jenkins County Courthouse
 Location: Courthouse Square, Millen, Ga. 30442
 Cost: Unknown Date of Construction: 1910
 Architect/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-Classical
 Facade Material: Brick
 Condition: [] 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 dados 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.

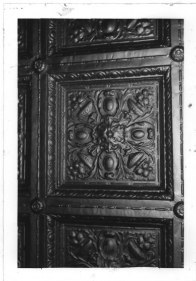
ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FORM JENKINS COUNTY COURTHOUSE



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

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