

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Weakley County Courthouse
Other names/site number N/A
Name of related multiple property listing Historic County Government Facilities in Tennessee, ca. 1770-2025 (formerly Historic County Courthouses in Tennessee, 1865-1945).
(Remove "N/A" if property is part of a multiple property listing and add name)

2. Location

Street & Number: 116 W. Main Street
City or town: Dresden State: TN County: Weakley
Not For Publication: ☐ N/A Vicinity: ☐ N/A Zip: 38225

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

☐ national ☐ statewide ☐ local

Applicable National Register Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of Commenting Official:

Date

Title:

State of Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private ☐
Public – Local ☒
Public – State ☐
Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s) ☒
District ☐
Site ☐
Structure ☐
Object ☐

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
3	11	objects
4	11	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

GOVERNMENT: Courthouse

Recreation/Culture: Monument/Marker

Current Functions

GOVERNMENT: Courthouse

Recreation/Culture: Monument Marker

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Stripped Classical

Materials:

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Limestone, Concrete, Steel, Glass, Metal, Asphalt

Narrative Description

The Weakley County Courthouse, located in the square of downtown Dresden, Tennessee, is an excellent local example of Stripped Classical (or PWA Modern) architecture. It was designed by the Nashville architectural firm of Marr and Holman and constructed by Seth E Giem & Associates of Memphis. The courthouse is a three-story building with a raised basement in a rectangular plan and is capped by a flat asphalt roof. This courthouse was designed to be fireproof, constructed with a reinforced concrete frame with brick exterior walls faced with Alabama limestone. The exterior walls are sixteen inches thick, and the finish of the exterior limestone walls is plain ashlar. Fireproof materials used in the interior plan include plaster, marble, steel, bronze, and terrazzo. The courthouse grounds contain a large number of monuments, memorials, and historical markers. The four objects that date to the period of significance are contributing while the eleven that post-date the period of significance are currently considered non-contributing.

Site and Setting:

Downtown Dresden consists of a mixture of residential, commercial, and public buildings constructed during various periods of the town's development. The courthouse occupies a prominent location within the

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courthouse square and serves as the focal point of the surrounding commercial district. Most of the commercial buildings surrounding the courthouse have remained largely unchanged since the construction of the courthouse in 1949. These buildings, which primarily date to the early twentieth century, form a continuous commercial streetscape around the courthouse square.

The buildings located directly south of the courthouse were destroyed by a tornado in December 2021. Since that time, redevelopment has occurred on those lots, including the construction of a flower shop and a new city hall building completed in 2024 and 2025.

There is currently one property in Dresden listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Cary Lawn residential building, listed in 1992 for its significant Italian Renaissance Revival architecture. The residence is located on Linden Street approximately one-half mile southeast of the Weakley County Courthouse.

Exterior:

The courthouse is a symmetrical, rectangular masonry building with a raised basement and three primary stories. Each elevation contains a centrally located entrance leading to the first floor of the building. The north elevation also contains an additional doorway to the west (right) of the primary entrance that historically served as a separate entrance for African Americans. Basement entrances are located on the east and west elevations and are accessed by staircases positioned on either side of the main-level entry door.

Decorative elements are incorporated into each elevation in a restrained manner consistent with Stripped Classical/PWA Modern architecture. The north and south elevations contain slightly projecting central pavilions composed of nine bays. Flanking the pavilion on each side are wings containing two bays each. The east and west elevations are each composed of five bays. Windows are symmetrically aligned across the north and south elevations, including the basement level. On the east and west elevations, the windows are similarly aligned on the upper floors, though the basement level contains only two windows located on either side of the basement entrance staircase.

Throughout the building, the courthouse retains has steel casement windows. These windows share a consistent configuration consisting of four primary panes with a horizontal fixed pane above and below that runs the full width of the window unit and two vertical panes in the center. The first- and third-floor windows are the same size, while the second-floor windows are larger to emphasize the principal courtroom level. Basement windows are smaller in scale but retain the same general design. The present windows are replacements, installed in the early 2000s, but they were designed to match the look of the earlier windows, albeit in a fixed casement as opposed to operable original windows.

South Elevation (Façade)

The south elevation serves as the façade of the courthouse and faces the courthouse square. Approaching the entrance, a concrete walkway extends from the surrounding lawn to the main doorway. Embedded within the walkway is an engraved representation of the state of Tennessee with Weakley County distinctly highlighted. A star marking the location of Nashville, the state capital, is also included within the engraving. Located beyond this engraving is the Tennessee state flag emblem featuring three stars enclosed within a circular border.

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The south elevation is organized around a slightly projecting central pavilion containing nine vertical bays. Tall, fluted pilasters rise from the second story to the entablature beneath the roofline, creating a colonnade-like effect across the façade. Between these pilasters are recessed window openings arranged in vertical alignment across the building's three primary stories. Decorative metal spandrel panels located between some of the window openings provide subtle ornamentation while maintaining the restrained character typical of PWA Modern design. Second level windows have decorative metal balconettes.

The primary entrance is centrally positioned within the pavilion and consists of a recessed doorway framed by a limestone surround with simplified classical detailing and a decorative panel above the opening. Narrow windows with decorative metal grilles flank the doorway at the first story. Above the entrance, vertically aligned windows continue through the second and third stories.

A molded cornice and simple entablature extend across the top of the elevation beneath the parapet, visually unifying the façade. On the first-floor level of the southwest corner, is a cornerstone that reads: "AD 1949 Marr & Holman Architects."

East Elevation

The east elevation is composed of five evenly spaced bays and continues the symmetrical design and restrained detailing present on the primary façade. Constructed of the same limestone, this elevation is articulated by shallow projecting piers that define the vertical bays and extend upward to the cornice.

A centrally located entrance provides access to the first floor of the building and is approached by a short set of concrete steps. Flanking this entrance are two staircases leading down to the basement level entrance located beneath the main doorway. Windows on the first, second, and third floors are vertically aligned within the bays, while the basement level contains two windows positioned on either side of the basement entrance staircase.

The words "Weakley County Court House" are carved into the stone above the entrance on this elevation. The elevation terminates at the roofline with the same molded cornice and low parapet that appear on the other elevations.

West Elevation

The west elevation mirrors the east elevation in overall design, massing, and arrangement of architectural features. Like the east elevation, it contains five vertical bays defined by shallow projecting piers. A centrally positioned entrance provides access to the first floor and is flanked by stairways descending to the basement entrance beneath the main doorway.

Windows are arranged in vertically aligned rows across the three upper stories, with two smaller basement windows located on either side of the basement staircase. The inscription "Weakley County Court House" is also located above the west entrance. As with the other elevations, the west façade is capped by a molded cornice and simple parapet.

North Elevation

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The north elevation forms the rear façade of the courthouse and closely resembles the south elevation in its overall composition. This elevation also contains a slightly projecting central pavilion composed of nine bays, with two-bay wings on either side. Pilaster-like projections extend from the second story upward to the entablature beneath the roofline, creating vertical emphasis across the elevation.

A centrally located entrance provides access to the first floor and is approached by a concrete walkway extending across the lawn. To the west (right) of the primary entrance is an additional basement-level doorway that historically served as a separate entrance for African Americans during the era of segregation. Windows across the elevation are arranged in symmetrical vertical alignment across all levels of the building, including the basement.

The north elevation is capped by the same continuous entablature, molded cornice, and low parapet that unify the courthouse's exterior design.

Interior:

Circulation Patterns

The interior of the courthouse begins by entering the centered double doors on the first-story of the south elevation. Upon entering, there is a main lobby that faces a central staircase which leads all the way to the third floor. Two double-loaded corridors extend from the lobby to the east and west wing. The first floor contains administrative offices, including the County Mayor's office, and a small courtroom located within the County Commission Room in the east wing. An elevator is located in the west wing which provides access to all floors. Located beside the elevator is an internal staircase which can access all the floors of the courthouse including the roof level.

The basement level has its own staircase located behind the main central staircase, facing the north entrance. The basement contains restrooms positioned beneath the central staircase, several offices, and a boiler room, all arranged along a double-loaded corridor with east-west alignment

The second floor contains additional office space and two courtrooms located at the end of each wing. The third floor includes restrooms directly across from the central staircase, offices and a principal courtroom located in the west wing. The east wing serves as storage for county records.

The roof level is best accessed from the internal staircase on the third floor. The roof level includes an elevator tower which holds the internal gears of the elevator system.

Main Lobby and First Floor

The first floor and entry level begins with a central lobby that faces a stair hall, which serves as the building's main circulation feature. The most distinctive feature of this space is the central double-width staircase with marble steps, painted green metal railings, and a wooden handrail. Style features of the staircase include metal balustrades with a geometric design composed of vertical members and diagonal cross-bracing, accented by decorative scrollwork panels and topped with a wooden handrail. In front of the

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central staircase is a terrazzo floor map of the county which shows each town and major roads in the county. Decorative elements in the main lobby also include ornate ceiling molding and corbels in a Neo-Classical Style.

Corridors extend from the central stair into east and west wings and feature terrazzo flooring, marble wainscoting, plaster walls, acoustical dropped ceiling and gold pendant light fixtures. Original wooden office doors are located throughout each wing and have mostly clear and some glazed panels with operable transoms.

The County Commission room on this floor serves as a meeting room and sometimes a courtroom. This room has luxury vinyl tile flooring, a chair rail, and a coffered ceiling. A bench area for a judge remains on the west end of the room.

In offices on this floor, there is a mix of luxury vinyl tile and carpeted flooring. All the offices have plaster walls, wooden chair rails, acoustic dropped ceiling tiles, and fluorescent lighting.

Alterations within the first floor include spotlight lighting in the lobby, fluorescent lighting in offices, as well as updated floor coverings in offices.

Second Floor

The second floor corridors resemble the first floor. This floor contains two courtrooms located at the end of the east and west wings, along with associated offices and meeting rooms. The "Honorable James H. Bradberry Courtroom" is located on the east wing. This courtroom has wooden chairs facing a judge's bench on the north end of the room. This room features checkered vinyl asbestos tile flooring, a wooden chair rail, plaster walls, and four large Streamline Moderne (late art deco) gold pendant lights with glass bowls. These lights suspend from the ceiling with two above the north end and south end of the room.

The circuit courtroom is located in the west-wing and is the largest courtroom in the building. This courtroom has two sections of wooden pews that extend from the center of the room to the north-end. The bar area and judge's bench are located at the south end of the room, facing the pews. Flooring under the bar area is carpeted while the rest of the room has luxury vinyl tile floors designed to mimic the appearance of wood. Wooden wainscoting surrounds the room with plaster walls and a coffered ceiling. The ceiling over the bar area is tiled with spot lighting, while the rest of the room is illuminated by six large Streamline Moderne gold pendant lights.

The offices on this floor resemble the first floor with plaster walls, wooden chair rails, acoustic dropped ceiling tiles, and fluorescent lighting.

The main alterations on this floor include painted offices and courtrooms and fluorescent lighting in offices and meeting rooms. The circuit courtroom received upgrades approximately in the early 2000s with the tiled ceiling and spot lighting over the bar area.

Third Floor

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The third floor includes offices, restrooms, and a principal courtroom located in the west wing, while the east wing serves as records storage. The double-loaded corridors resemble the first and second floors in terms of finishes.

The courtroom on this floor has one section of wooden pews facing the bar and judge's bench on the west-end of the room. This courtroom has luxury vinyl tile floors mimicking the appearance of wood and carpet under the bar area. The room has plaster walls and a wooden chair rail that surrounds the room. The ceiling has acoustic dropped ceiling tiles and fluorescent lighting.

In offices, storage, and meeting rooms on this floor, there are brown and black checkered vinyl asbestos tile flooring, plaster walls, wooden chair rails, acoustic dropped ceiling tiles, and fluorescent lighting.

The restrooms on this floor match the basement restrooms with terrazzo flooring, subway tiled wainscoting, plaster walls, dropped ceilings, and fluorescent lighting.

Alternations on this floor mostly include fluorescent lighting in offices, storage rooms, and the courtroom. The flooring was also updated in the courtroom.

Roof level-Elevator and Mechanical Systems

An elevator located in the west wing of the building provides vertical circulation between all floors and remains in its original location. At the roof level, the elevator penthouse contains the courthouse's original elevator machinery, including an electric traction motor, drive sheave, and associated hoisting cables mounted on a raised concrete platform. This equipment remains largely intact; however, the elevator itself has not been in operation since early 2026 due to safety concerns.

Basement

The basement features include terrazzo flooring, marble wainscoting, plaster walls, and acoustic dropped ceiling tiles with fluorescent lighting. The offices have brown and black checkered vinyl asbestos tile flooring with plaster and paneled walls. The restrooms on this floor have tiled wainscoting, plaster walls, terrazzo flooring, and a dropped ceiling. The main alterations include replacement of entry doors and the installation of fluorescent lighting.

Alterations

In 1973, the courthouse received some repairs which included painting, new ceiling tiles, and the replacement of cracked and chipped baseboards and plaster.¹

Alterations to the interior include spot lighting and fluorescent lighting in corridors and office spaces and updates to select office interiors, including countertops and flooring. Since this courthouse was constructed at a later period, it is believed that the dropped ceiling is original to the building. However, the section of drop ceiling in the circuit courtroom was installed around the early 2000s. Additional changes include the

¹Sun Weakley County Bureau. "Courthouse Repair Need Scrutinized in Weakley." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. April 20, 1973, page 20.

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replacement of entry doors and painting of interior surfaces. In 2025, the second-floor east wing courtroom, formerly used as the juvenile courtroom, was retired and dedicated as the "Honorable James H. Bradberry Courtroom."

On the exterior, much of the courthouse remains original, however the original operable multi-light steel sash windows were replaced in the early 2000s with casement steel windows. The windows appear much like the original windows except the current windows are not operable.

Despite these alterations, the courthouse retains most of its original layout, materials, key architectural features, and continues to convey its historic character.

Civil War Monument, c.1949 (Contributing Object):

Concrete monument with a soldier standing atop an obelisk. The history of the monument has been recorded as follows:

"From the United Daughters of the Confederacy in memory of Weakley County's Confederate soldiers who died in the War between the States, now stands on the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn. It was presented to Weakley County on June 11, 1915, by the Daughters of the Confederacy. It formerly stood in the street intersections on the Northwest corner of the square. When the red brick courthouse burned and the current one was built, the statue was moved to its present location. The inscription on the shaft was written by the poet laureate of Weakley County, B.F. Parrish. The day on which this monument was presented to Weakley County was in the words of those present "a glorious occasion." Many people, whose names were, and still are familiar to residents of Dresden and Weakley County, were present that day. Mrs. Sue F. Mooney, Mrs. Mattie D. Smith, Colonel Luke Lea, Mr. King Webb, Mr. Joe Holbrook (Editor of the Dresden Enterprise) Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Virginia Gardner, Colonel E.E. Tansil, and others whose names we do not have. Among the "small fry" who participated in the Celebration were Miss Mary Kilebrew, Miss Virginia Garrett, and Miss Eleanor McCuan. Mayor Suddath accepted the monument on behalf of the County and Reverend W. D. Pickeus pronounced the Benediction."²

The monument has an inscription on all sides which read:

South side: IN HONOR OF THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF WEAKLEY COUNTY TENNESSEE
1861-1865

East side: WEAKLEY COUNTY FURNISHED THREE COMPANIES OF THE 31ST AND ONE
COMPANY EAST OF THE 8TH, 15TH, 27TH, 33RD, AND 51ST TENN. CON. INFANTRY REGIMENTS
FOUR COMPANIES OF CAVALRY AND NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS TO OTHER COMPANIES IN
THE CONFEDERATE SERVICE.

West side: "WEAKLEY COUNTY CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS PARTICIPATED IN ALL THE
WESTERN BATTLES ALONG WHICH ARE BELMONT, DONELSON, SHILOH, PERRYVILLE,
MURFREESBORO, CHICKAMAUGA, MISSIONARY RIDGE, RESACA, KENNESAW MOUNTAIN,

² Bowden, Nadene & Taylor, Shirley. "Journey Into Yesterday, Dresden, Tennessee Sesquicentennial 1925-1975." Published by: Commemorative Book Committee, March 1982.

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ATLANTA, OKALONA, GUNTOWN, HARRISBURG, FRANKLIN, NASHVILLE, AND BENTONVILLE.”

North side: “FURAL THAT BANNER. TRUE TIS GORY, YET TIS WREATHED AROUND WITH GLORY, AND TWILL LIVE IN SONG AND STORY, THOUGH IT’S FOLDS ARE IN THE DUST.”

Flag Pole, c. 1960s (Contributing Object):

A flag pole is located to the southwest of the courtyard and shares the space with five concrete stones.

Concrete stone-1, c.1975 (Contributing Object):

The first concrete stone out of the five stones is located near the flag pole on the southwest lawn of the courthouse. The stone reads: “THE CITY OF DRESDEN DEDICATES THIS TIME CAPSULE, AUG. 16, 1975, TO COMMEMORATE OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY. TO BE OPENED IN 2025.”

Concrete stone -2, c.1996 (Non-Contributing Object):

The second concrete stone out of the five stones is located near the flag pole on the southwest lawn of the courthouse. The stone reads: “WEAKLEY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY JUNE 9, 1996 TIME CAPSULE.” “WEAKLEY COUNTY TENNESSEE – 1823” – American Eagle in the center of the stone.”

Concrete stone -3, c.1996 (Non-Contributing Object):

The third concrete stone out of the five stones is located near the flag pole on the southwest lawn of the courthouse. The stone reads: “Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration Stone: TENNESSEE 200 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1795-1996” – capitol building above it – 3 stripes and stars on either side of 200.”

Concrete stone – 4, c.1996 (Non-Contributing Object):

The fourth concrete stone out of the five stones is located near the flag pole on the southwest lawn of the courthouse. The stone reads: “WEAKLEY COUNTY, TN – 1823.”

Concrete Stone – 5, c.1999 (Non-Contributing Object):

The fifth and last concrete stone is also located near the flag pole on the southwest lawn of the courthouse. The stone reads: “Weakley County Millennium Celebration as we embark upon a new century, may we always put God, Family, and County first. December 31, 1999-January 1, 2050.”

Civil War Trails Sign, August 13th, 2016 (Non-Contributing Object):

A Civil War Trails Sign is located on the south lawn near the parking area. This sign reads: “TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR TRAILS” on a metal post. The sign is used for wayfinding for the Civil War Trails driving tours.

Weakley County 4A 39 Plaque, 1990 (Non-Contributing Object):

This plaque is from the Tennessee Historical Commission and is located on south lawn near the parking area. The sign is cast aluminum, freestanding on an aluminum pole. This plaque reads: “WEAKLEY COUNTY

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WAS ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 21, 1823, AND NAMED FOR ROBERT WEAKLEY, THEN SPEAKER OF THE STATE SENATE. IN 1825, JOHN TERRELL GAVE 39 ACRES FOR THE COUNTY SEAT. MARTIN LAWLER, RICHARD RIDGEWAY, JOHN R. SHULTZ, PERRY VINCENT, AND MEARS WARNER, COMMISSIONERS, PLANNED THE TOWN OF DRESDEN, NAMED FOR THE GERMAN BIRTHPLACE OF WARNER'S FATHER. WEAKLEY COUNTY WAS ONE OF THE HOMES OF DAVEY CROCKETT. PRESENT COURTHOUSE BUILT IN 1950, IS THE FOURTH BUILDING TO SERVE THAT FUNCTION."

Weakley County Civil War Trails Interpretive Sign, August 13th, 2016 (Non-Contributing Object):

This sign is located on the south elevation, directly to the west of the concrete path that leads to the entrance of the building. The sign is part of the Civil War Trails program and uses the program's standard design with a blue band across the top and light-yellow background for the text with historic images. The sign reads: "DIVIDED BY CONFLICT, Civil War in Weakley County. Weakley County's residents voted to stay with the Union in June 1861 while most of West Tennessee supported the Confederacy. Local farmer and slave owner John Drewry spoke passionately against secession here at the courthouse. On June 8, he declared, 'I have an abiding faith that those among you who may survive the shock of the next six months will eat their next Christmas Dinner under the stars and stripes.' Drewry's side won the vote but most county men- more than 1,000-joined the Confederate army. Enlistments began in May 1861, when The Hickory Blues (Co. G, 9th Tennessee Infantry) were formed at Gardner's Station. Captains Bradford Edwards, A.C. Gardner, and A.M. Boyd commanded the company during the war. On May 6, 1862, Confederate Col. Thomas Claiborne's 1,300-man 6th Tennessee Cavalry attacked three small companies of the 5th Iowa Cavalry bivouacked 12 miles north of Dresden on the Obion River at Lochridge Mill. While defending a bridge so that his men could escape, Union Maj. Carl Schaeffer de Bernstein was mortally wounded in a sword fight with Confederate Capt. John G. Ballentine, who was also wounded. Both men were transported in the same wagon to Dresden, where de Boernstein died that night. Eventually almost 400 local men joined the Federal cause. Capt. John Neeley formed Company B, 7th Tennessee Infantry, in November 1862, enlisting men in Weakley and neighboring Carroll and Gibson Counties. On the day after Christmas, Confederate Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, during his 1st West Tennessee Raid, ransacked the Federal garrison at Dresden and burned a bridge. He and his men then bivouacked there overnight to rest, get supplies, and gather intelligence about approaching Union troops. After the war ended, the United Daughters of the Confederacy erected the nearby monument in memory of Weakley County's Confederate soldiers."

Ned Ray McWherter Statue c.2010 (Non-Contributing Object):

This bronze statue of Ned Ray McWherter was located directly in front of the courthouse's façade entrance doors. The statue was sculpted by Bell Buckle artist Russ Faxon at Selah Studio. In 2010 on McWherter's 80th birthday, the statue was dedicated in front of the Weakley County Courthouse in his hometown of Dresden. McWherter passed away just a few months after the statue was installed in April 2011.

The statue has inscriptions around its base that read:

South side: "NED RAY MCWHERTER, 46th GOVERNOR STATE OF TENNESSEE, 1987-1995, 'ONE OF US.'"

West side: "UNITED STATES POSTAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS 1995-2003, AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION DURING DESIGN APPROVAL FOR WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL, 1999-2001."

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East Side: "TENNESSEE 76TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE 1968-1987, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1973-1987."

North side: "STATUARY COMMITTEE: TERRY J. OLIVER, WAYNE MCCREIGHT, JIMMY WESTBROOK, HOUSTON PATRICK, ANNA D. WINDROW, TOMMY MOORE, WENDELL ALEXANDER, NICK DUNAGAN, MADELYN B. PRITCHETT, JOHN CLARK, SCULPTOR – RUSS FAXON 2010."

Blue Star Memorial Highway Plaque, April, 26th, 1990 (Non-Contributing Object):

A Blue Star Memorial Highway Plaque is located to the south of the courtyard. The plaque is metal, freestanding on an aluminum pole. The plaque reads: "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS - Blue Star Memorial Highway -A tribute to the Armed Forces that have defended the United States of America. Sponsored by The Dresden Garden Club in cooperation with Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and Tennessee Department of Transportation."

Weakley County Courthouse 24 Hour Drop Box, September 2020 (Non-Contributing Object):

A 24-hour drop box was located right outside the façade entrance of the courthouse. This drop box was installed in 2020 during the COVID Pandemic when many offices had limited hours and limited number of citizens who could enter the building at one time.

War Memorial, May 30th, 1993 (Non-Contributing Object):

A war memorial is located on the southeast corner of the courtyard. The memorial includes two benches, a flagpole with the Tennessee and USA flags, a flagpole with a Veteran Flag, and two small men of war statues (figurines).

The memorial is made out of stone and marble and there are two United States of America Eagle symbols at the top of the two stone sections. On the stone sections, there are several names listed of individuals from Weakley County who served in the following wars: WWI, WWII, Korea, & Vietnam. The marble middle section reads: "DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO DIED AND IN HONOR OF ALL WHO SERVED. WEAKLEY COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL. MAY 30, 1998."

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

Property is:

N/A

- ☐ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Government

Period of Significance

1949-1976

Significant Dates

Significant Person

N/a

Cultural Affiliation

N/a

Architect/Builder

Holman and Marr

Seth E Giem & Associates

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Weakley County Courthouse was constructed in 1949 and is located in Dresden, the seat of Weakley County, Tennessee. This courthouse is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Government and Criterion C for its significant local example of the Modern Public Works Administration (PWA) style. Designed by the prominent Tennessee architectural firm Marr and Holman, it was the last courthouse in Tennessee designed in this Modern PWA Style. Important characteristics of its style include its overall massing, symmetry, engaged columns, limestone exterior, and dentiled cornice. Its construction illustrates a broader pattern of mid-twentieth-century courthouse modernization in Tennessee, as counties sought fireproof, efficient, and updated facilities to accommodate expanding governmental functions. The courthouse has been the center of local county governance since its construction. The Weakley County Courthouse retains a high degree of integrity in its location, design, materials, and workmanship, and continues to serve as the center of county government. This courthouse is nominated under the registration requirements for County Courthouses set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation form for Historic County Government Facilities in Tennessee, ca. 1770-2025 (formerly Historic County Courthouses in Tennessee, 1865-1945). The period of significance is 1949-1976, reflecting the year the courthouse was built and the default 50-year cutoff mark since the courthouse' s local historic importance is ongoing.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Context:

Weakley County is located in the northwestern portion of the state and encompasses approximately 576 square miles of gently rolling terrain, with more hilly topography in the central portion of the county. It is bordered by Kentucky to the north; Henry County and Carroll County to the east; Gibson County to the south; and Obion County to the west. The North Fork of the Obion River flows through the county, while the South Fork forms part of its southern boundary. The county includes several incorporated municipalities, including Dresden, Gleason, Sharon, Greenfield, and Martin, as well as the unincorporated communities of Palmersville and Dukedom.

Settlement of the area that became Weakley County occurred primarily from the east, particularly from neighboring Henry County, which initially managed the region prior to its formal organization.³ Weakley County was established on October 21, 1823, by an act of the Tennessee General Assembly from lands formerly ceded by the Chickasaw Nation. The county was named in honor of Robert Weakley, who was serving as Speaker of the Tennessee State Senate at the time of its creation.

The Town of Dresden was selected as the county seat in 1825. The town was laid out by Mears Warner, an early settler and commissioner, who named the community after Dresden, Germany, the birthplace of his father.⁴ Commissioners appointed to locate the seat of government selected land owned by John Terrell, in

³ "Happy Birthday Weakley County, Tennessee – Bicentennial 1823-2023" Weakley County History YouTube Channel, Gutenberg Media, Dresden, Tennessee.

⁴ Dahnke, Ellen – Sun Reporter. "Dresden Fun: Sesquicentennial Spirit Reigns." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. July 31, 1975, page 1.

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part due to the presence of a natural spring. The town was established on approximately 56½ acres, consisting of a 39-acre donation from John Terrell and an additional 17½ acres purchased from Simpson Orgon and Ewing Wilson for \$50. This land was subdivided into ninety lots, with a central public square reserved for the courthouse.⁵

Dresden was incorporated in 1827, with its corporate limits extended in 1843. The town was reincorporated in 1845 and again in 1869. Its charter was repealed in 1885 in an effort to eliminate saloons. A new municipal government was not established for approximately eleven years.⁶ Prior to the arrival of the railroad, Dresden served as the principal commercial center of the county. This role was further strengthened with the completion of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway in 1861, which enhanced trade and regional connectivity in the town until the mid-20th century.⁷

As was typical in early Tennessee counties, initial court proceedings were held in private residences. For Weakley County, the first court system was known as the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions which originated in 1823 in the home of John Terrell and then later in the home of Benjamin Bondurant. Early court functions were also conducted in a small log cabin located on the current courthouse square prior to the construction of a permanent facility. The small log cabin was unenclosed and after court was adjourned in the evenings, flocks of sheep would take possession and occupy the court building until the sheriff removed them the next day.⁸

Weakley County Courthouse: 1827-1850

The first purpose-built, permanent courthouse in Weakley County was constructed in 1827 by John Scarbrough of Stewart County. This one-story brick, forty-foot square building was located on the public square in the same lot as the log cabin court building.⁹ By the mid-nineteenth century, the building was considered inadequate due to its small size and poor condition and was replaced in 1850.¹⁰

⁵Vaughan, Virginia C. "1823-1998, History & Family Weakley County, Tennessee, 175th Anniversary." Turner Publishing Company. January 1, 1999.

⁶Ibid.

⁷Weakley County, TN History and Culture Facebook Page [DRESDEN, TN \(1940s\) —... - Weakley County History and Culture | Facebook](#), April 29th, 2026.

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¹⁰"Weakley County Courthouse Burns" *The Leaf - Chronicle*, Clarksville, Tennessee. February 19, 1948. page 6.

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Weakley County Courthouse 1850-1948:

A second courthouse was constructed in circa 1850 by Major Cowardin, a contractor from the neighboring town of Martin, Tennessee.¹¹ This two-story brick structure served the county for nearly a century and was expanded in 1913 with the addition of two wings to accommodate growing administrative needs.¹² The building remained the center of county government until it was destroyed by fire on February 19, 1948. The fire, reportedly caused by faulty wiring, was discovered in the early morning hours by local grocer Bedford Insko. Fire departments from nearby communities, including Gleason, Martin, Greenfield, South Fulton, and Paris, responded to assist the Dresden Fire Department; however, the building could not be

saved. The walls were eventually pulled down by use of tractors and thousands of bricks were sold.¹³



Figure 1. Weakley County Courthouse that was constructed in 1850. (rootsweb.com)



Figure 2. Former Weakley County Courthouse with wings added in 1913 (https://courthousehistory.com/gallery/states/tennessee/counties/weakley)

Despite the loss of the structure, most county records were preserved through the efforts of local officials and citizens. Newly elected Register of Deeds Junius White and former register Bob House organized volunteers into a human chain to remove records from the building as the fire progressed. For approximately two years following the fire, county records were stored in various locations throughout

Dresden, including local businesses, while court

¹¹ "In Tennessee." *The Commercial Appeal*, Memphis, Tennessee. February 1948, page 46.

¹² "Weakley County Courthouse Burns." *The Leaf-Chronicle*, Clarksville, Tennessee. February 19, 1948, page 6.

¹³ "New Weakley County Jail May be built Atop Courthouse." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. March 29, 1948, page 1.

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proceedings were held in the Masonic Lodge building.¹⁴

Weakley County Courthouse: 1949-1976

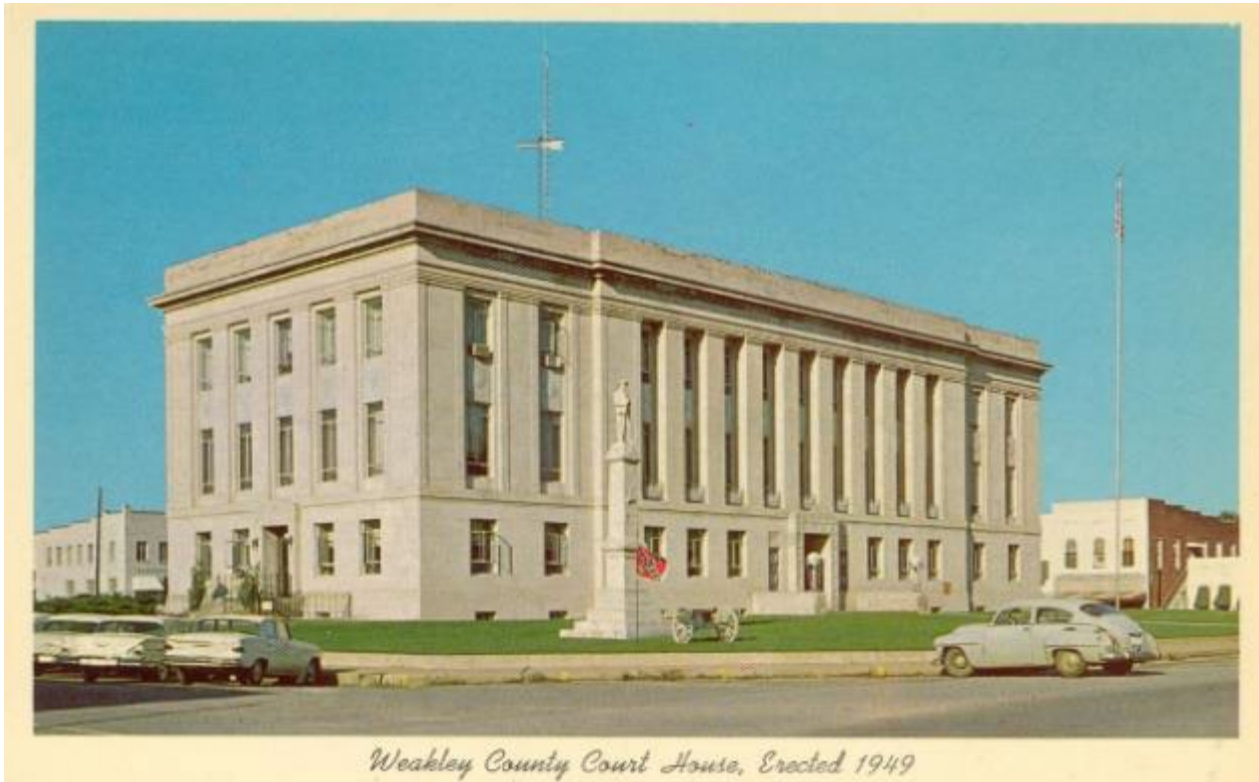


Figure 3. Postcard with the newly constructed Weakley County Courthouse in 1949
(<https://teva.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/tpc/id/1210>)

Following the 1948 fire that destroyed the previous courthouse, Weakley County established a courthouse committee composed of local magistrates to oversee the planning and construction of a new courthouse building.¹⁵ During the planning process, committee members visited the Madison County Courthouse for reference and consultation. The present Weakley County Courthouse, constructed in 1949, was the county's third purpose-built courthouse building.¹⁶ Designed by the Nashville architectural firm Marr and Holman, the three-story limestone building with a basement was designed to be fireproof, reflecting lessons learned from the 1948 fire. The building was constructed using approximately 200 tons of structural steel and 300 cubic yards of concrete and was designed to accommodate expanding governmental functions, including multiple courtrooms and county offices.¹⁷ Some county residents expressed concern regarding the

¹⁴ "Weakly County Courthouse Burns." *The Leaf-Chronicle*, Clarksville, Tennessee. February 19, 1948, page 6.

¹⁵ "New Weakley County Jail May be built Atop Courthouse." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. March 29, 1948, page 1.

¹⁶ Weakley County Courthouse's current cornerstone and interior architectural plaque

¹⁷ "Weakley County's New Courthouse." *The Memphis Press-Scimitar*, Memphis, Tennessee. May 29, 1950, page 22.

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construction cost while others assisted with the construction. While construction was underway, court sessions were temporarily held at the local Masonic Lodge Hall in Dresden.¹⁸

The courthouse was formally dedicated in May 1950 with a public celebration featuring parades, band performances, and speeches by Governor Gordon Browning and Judge Finis J. Garrett.¹⁹ Since its completion, the Weakley County Courthouse has remained in continuous use as the center of county government and continues to house the Circuit and Chancery Courts for the 27th Judicial District, as well as General Sessions and Juvenile Courts. The building stands as a significant example of mid-twentieth-century courthouse architecture in Tennessee.

Weakley County Courthouse: 1976 – present time:

Since 1976, the Weakley County Courthouse has undergone limited alterations while continuing to retain the overall character of its historic design. The most notable exterior change occurred in the early 2000s with the replacement of the original windows; the current fixed picture windows replicate the historic pane configuration but are no longer operable. Interior alterations have primarily been confined to office spaces and include painted walls, updated flooring, and replacement lighting. Additional changes to the courthouse grounds, on the south courtyard, include the installation of a war memorial, a statue of Governor Ned Ray McWherter, a Blue Star Memorial Highway plaque, a drop box, a Tennessee Historical Commission marker, a Civil War Trails sign, and time capsules. These changes reflect the ongoing importance of the courthouse's centrality in the county, whereby the county courthouse lawn is the place that local people automatically install physical monuments and objects to remember and interpret the past. In 2026, the courthouse received funding through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's Historic Development Grant Program for repairs including replacement of a few damaged window panes, new entry doors on the first floor, and the installation of a new ADA-compliant elevator, with work proposed to be completed in 2027-2028. At the present time, the elevator in the building is not operable and the county is having to use the County Commission Courtroom on the first floor more frequently due to not having access for citizens to use the elevator.

Architect & Contractor:

The Marr and Holman architectural firm was established in 1897 by Nashville native Thomas Marr, who was joined by partner, Joseph Holman in 1910. In 1897 Marr opened his own firm, operating from the city's old Chamber of Commerce building and focusing on residential design. In 1904 the thirteen-year-old Joseph Holman joined the firm as an office boy. He quickly rose through the ranks to become Marr's partner in 1910, and the firm was hence known as Marr & Holman, Architects. Marr was principally responsible for design and drafting, while Holman secured commissions and managed clients. With the formation of the partnership, the firm's focus shifted from residential to commercial and industrial buildings, including public schools, theaters, hotels, and hospitals. During the Great Depression, the firm was able to survive by going

¹⁸“Legal Notice to Bidders.” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. May 18, 1949, page 13.

¹⁹“New Weakley County Courthouse Dedicated.” *The Jackson Son*, Jackson, Tennessee. June 1st, 1950, page 11.

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after the contracts for federally funded relief projects. Marr and Holman began utilizing the Art Deco and Stripped Classicism (also known as PWA Moderne) style.²⁰ Between 1930 and 1950, Marr and Holman designed seven courthouses in Tennessee, all in the Art Deco or Stripped Classicism/PWA Moderne styles. Other notable projects include the United States Postal Office (now the Frist Center, 1934) in Nashville and the Tennessee Supreme Court Building (1937), as well as multiple buildings on the campus of Tennessee State University.²¹

Seth E Giem & Associates was the contracting firm who completed the construction of the present Weakley County Courthouse. Not much is known about this contracting firm, however it is known that the firm was elected multiple times to serve on the board of directors for the Associated General Contractors (AGC) who represented Tennessee.²² Their involvement in the courthouse's construction demonstrates the county's selection of a well-regarded and professionally active Tennessee contractor to carry out Marr and Holman's design.

Significance and Registration Requirements: Historic Government Facilities in Tennessee, 1770-2025

Beginning in 1933, a series of legislative programs was introduced to fulfill President Franklin D. Roosevelt's promise to bring a "New Deal" to Americans. In Tennessee, agencies such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Public Works Administration provided improvements throughout the state. County courthouses and other government buildings were among the most common recipients of PWA funding, resulting in a new generation of civic architectural design.²³ Almost all of Tennessee's New Deal-era courthouses were designed by the Nashville architectural firm Marr and Holman.²⁴ The majority of these courthouses were constructed during the period of 1936–1937 and received PWA funding assistance for construction costs.

The influence of New Deal-era architecture remained popular even after World War II, as demonstrated by the McNairy County Courthouse (1949) and the Weakley County Courthouse (1949), both constructed in variations of the Stripped Classical/PWA Modern style. The Weakley County Courthouse was the last PWA Modern-style courthouse designed by Marr and Holman. Because the Weakley County Courthouse was constructed in 1950, more than a decade after the height of the PWA era, the county did not receive PWA funding assistance.²⁵ The county was also able to fund construction of the new courthouse without a tax

²⁰Historic County Government Facilities in Tennessee, ca. 1770-2025 (formerly Historic County Courthouses in Tennessee, 1865-1945) MPDF 2026

²¹1897-1970, Marr & Holman, Architects. The Cultural Landscape Foundation, TCLF Connecting people to places.
<https://www.tclf.org/pioneer/marr-holman-architects>

²² "Seth Giem Elected to AGC Board." *Memphis Press – Scimitar*, Memphis, Tennessee. February 27, 1957, page 12.

²³Historic County Government Facilities in Tennessee, ca. 1770-2025 (formerly Historic County Courthouses in Tennessee, 1865-1945) MPDF 2026

²⁴Ibid.

²⁵ Van West, Carroll. "Historic Courthouses in Tennessee, 1865-1945, MPDF 1995.

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increase.²⁶ Instead, the Weakley County Courthouse Committee issued a \$600,000 bond for construction costs, which was financed over a twenty-year period.

Although constructed after the height of the PWA building campaign, the courthouse continued many of the stylistic characteristics associated with earlier New Deal-era courthouse construction. The Weakley County Courthouse is an almost exact replica of the Madison County Courthouse (circa 1937) featuring the same or very similar Art Deco detailing surrounding the primary entrance, within the windows flanking the entrance, and in the railings located within recessed window bays. The building's overall massing, limestone exterior cladding, and engaged columns separating window bays are also character-defining features of the style as showcased on the courthouse. Interior finishes also closely resemble Madison County's Courthouse with terrazzo flooring, marble wainscoting, and decorative central staircase. The Weakley County Courthouse represent an example where architects reutilized the previous popular PWA Modern design with only minor variations in decorative detailing, a pattern that was established as architecturally important in the associated Historic County Facilities MPDF²⁷

²⁶ "New Courthouse Voted for Weakley." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. April 8, 1948, page 7.

²⁷Historic County Government Facilities in Tennessee, ca. 1770-2025 (formerly Historic County Courthouses in Tennessee, 1865-1945) MPDF 2026

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☐	recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	☐	University
☐	recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	☐	Other
☐	recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #	Name of repository:	
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10. Geographical Data

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated boundary for the Weakley County Courthouse is located on West Main Street within the Town of Dresden's historic commercial square. The property is defined on the Weakley County property Tax Assessment: Map 101D F 003.00.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated boundary includes all of the current and historic property associated with the Weakley County Courthouse.

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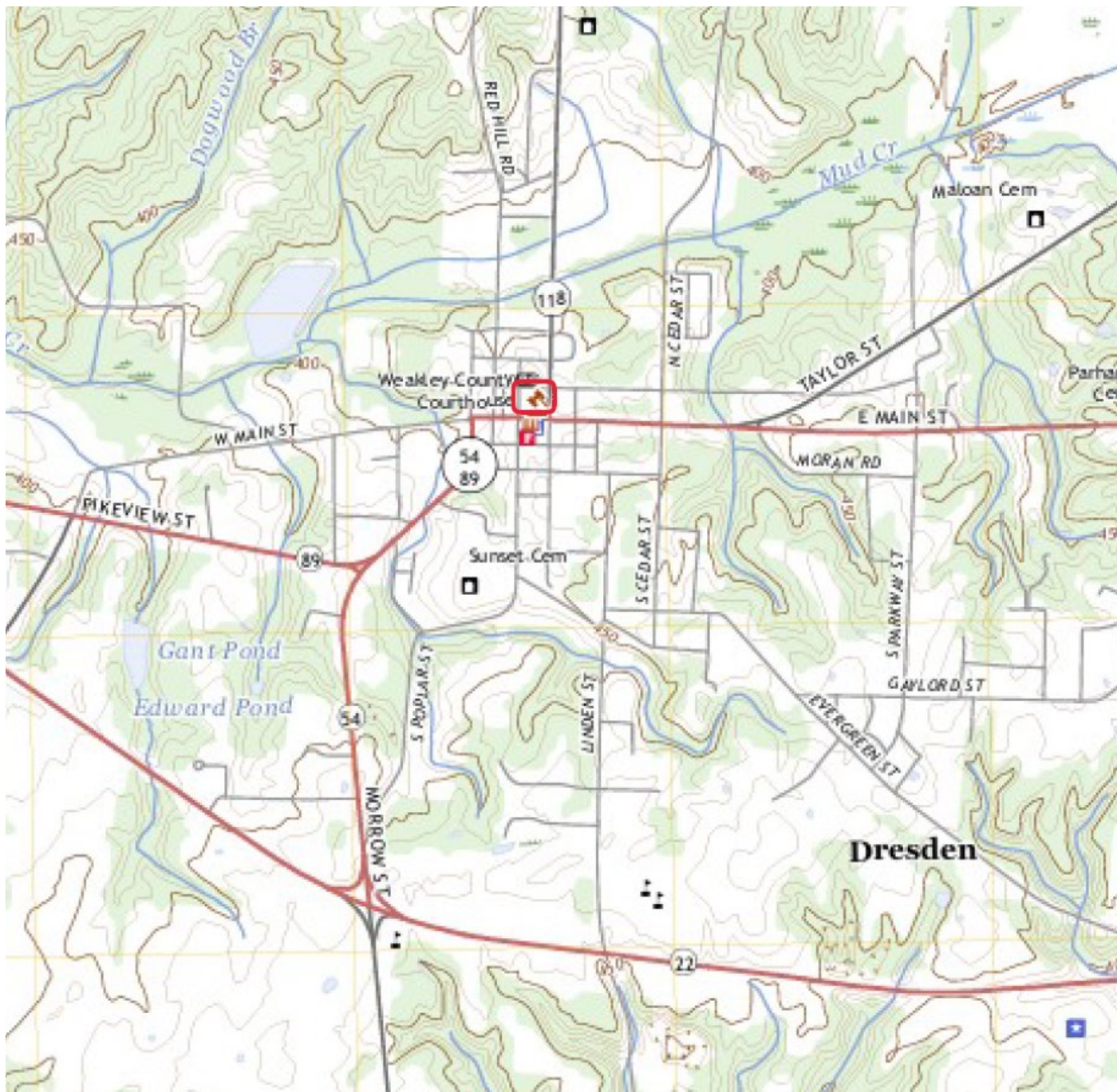
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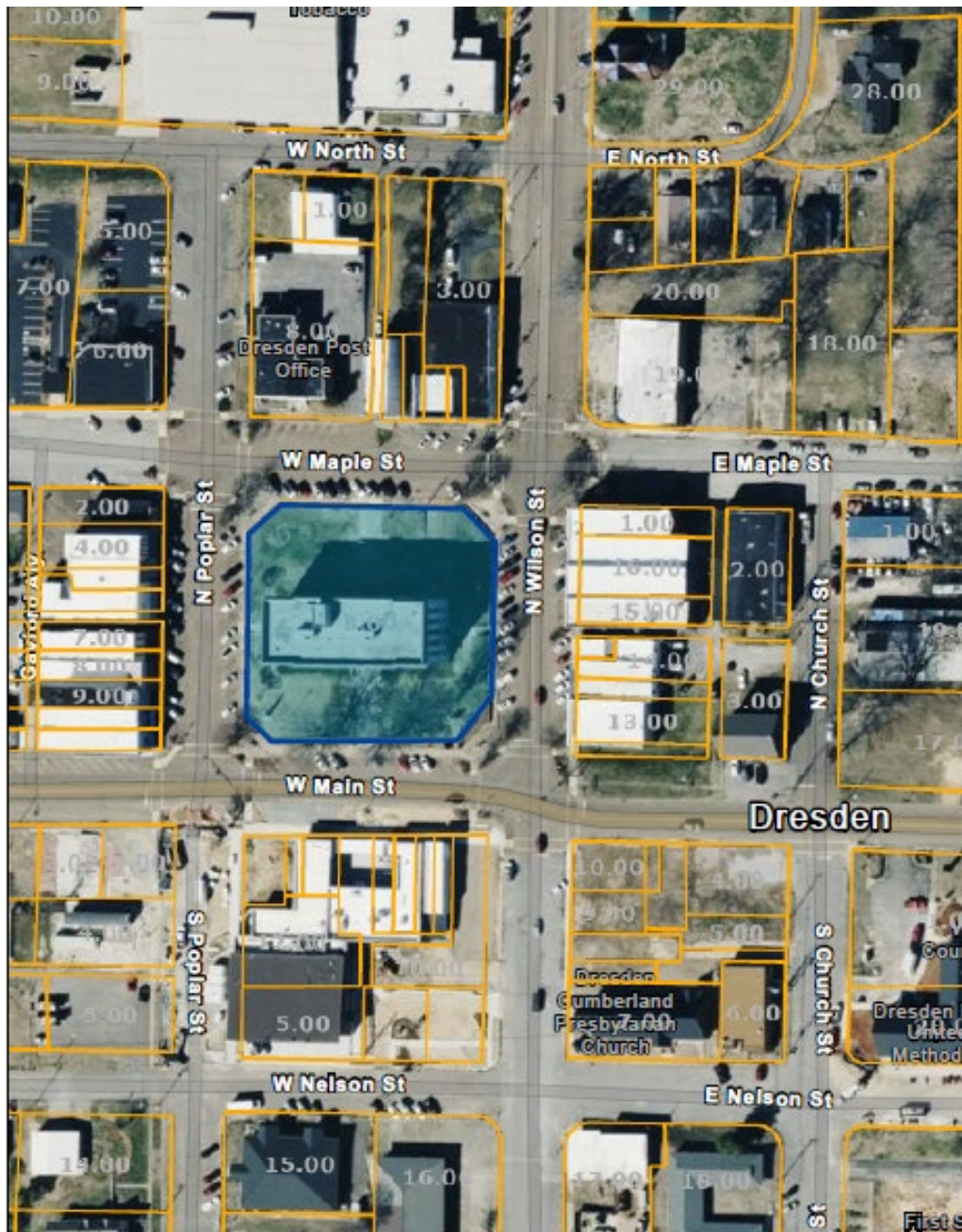
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County: Weakley County

State: Tennessee

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- 3 of 25. West elevation, photographer facing east.
- 4 of 25. East and north exterior elevation, photographer facing southwest.
- 5 of 25. Historically black entrance on north elevation, photographer facing south.
- 6 of 25. Entrance lobby – 1st floor, photographer facing southeast.
- 7 of 25. Central Staircase on 1st floor, photographer facing northwest.
- 8 of 25. First floor hall, photographer facing west.
- 9 of 25. County Commission Room – 1st floor, photographer facing northeast.
- 10 of 25. Elevator – 1st floor, photographer facing northeast.
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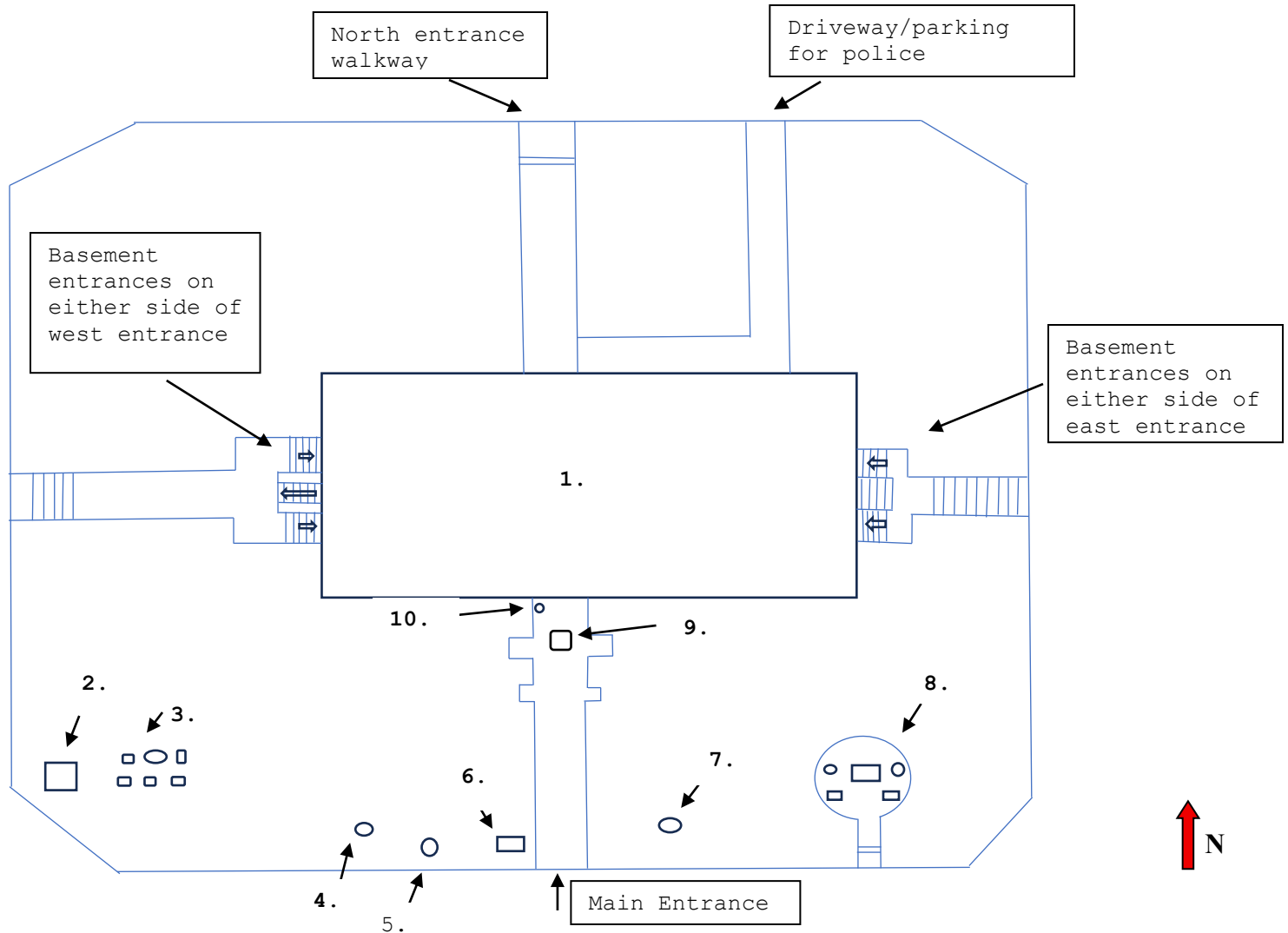
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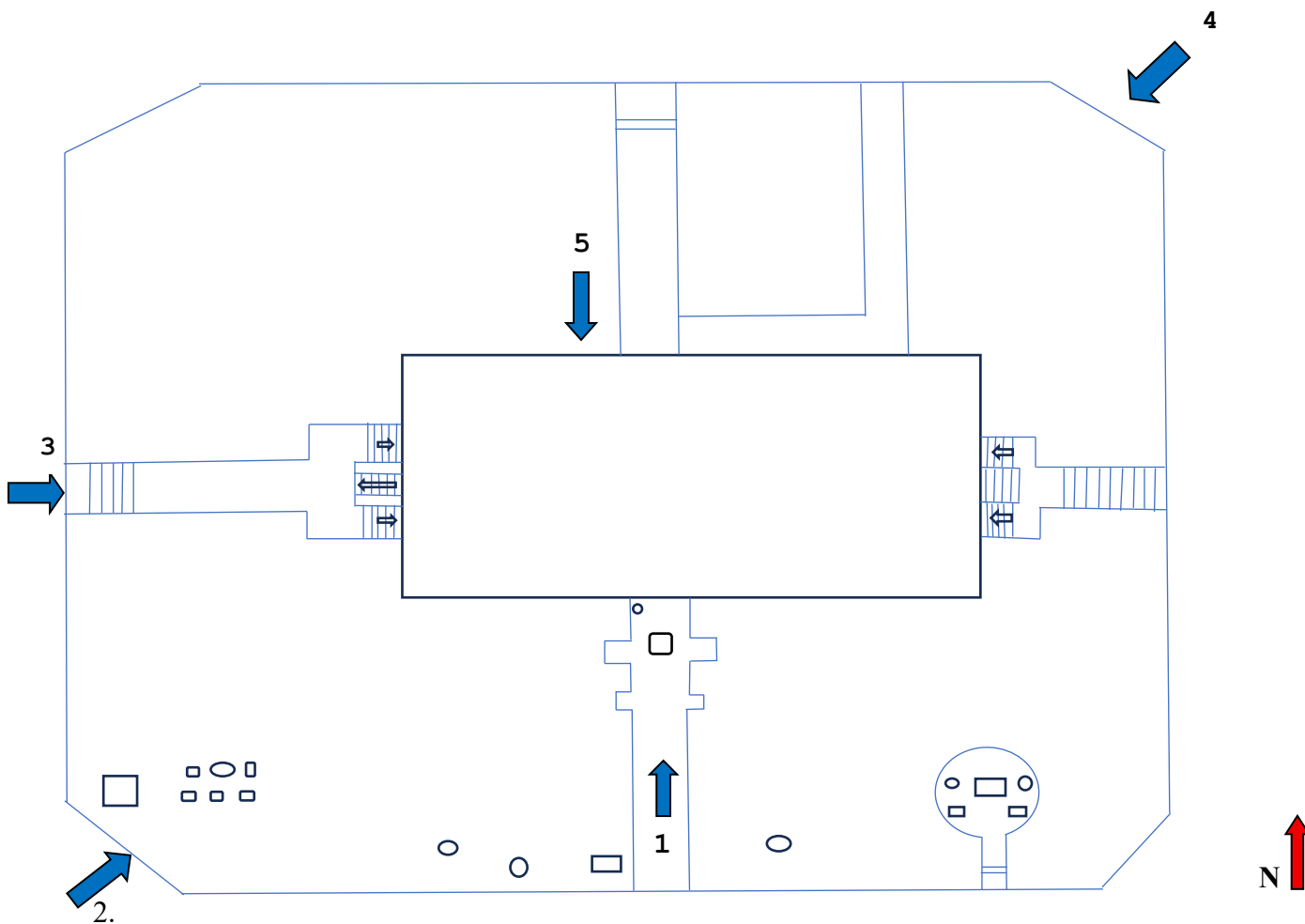
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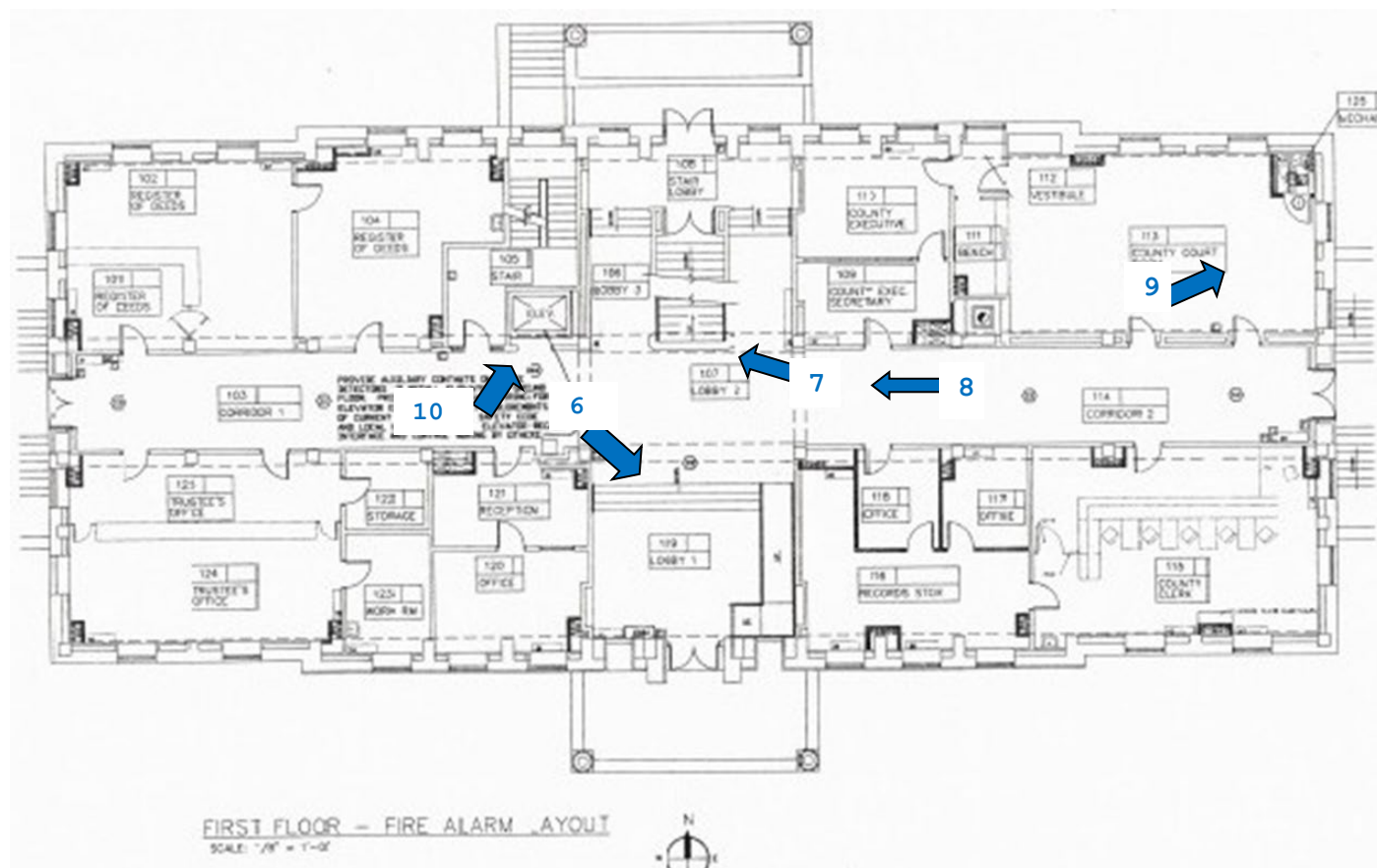


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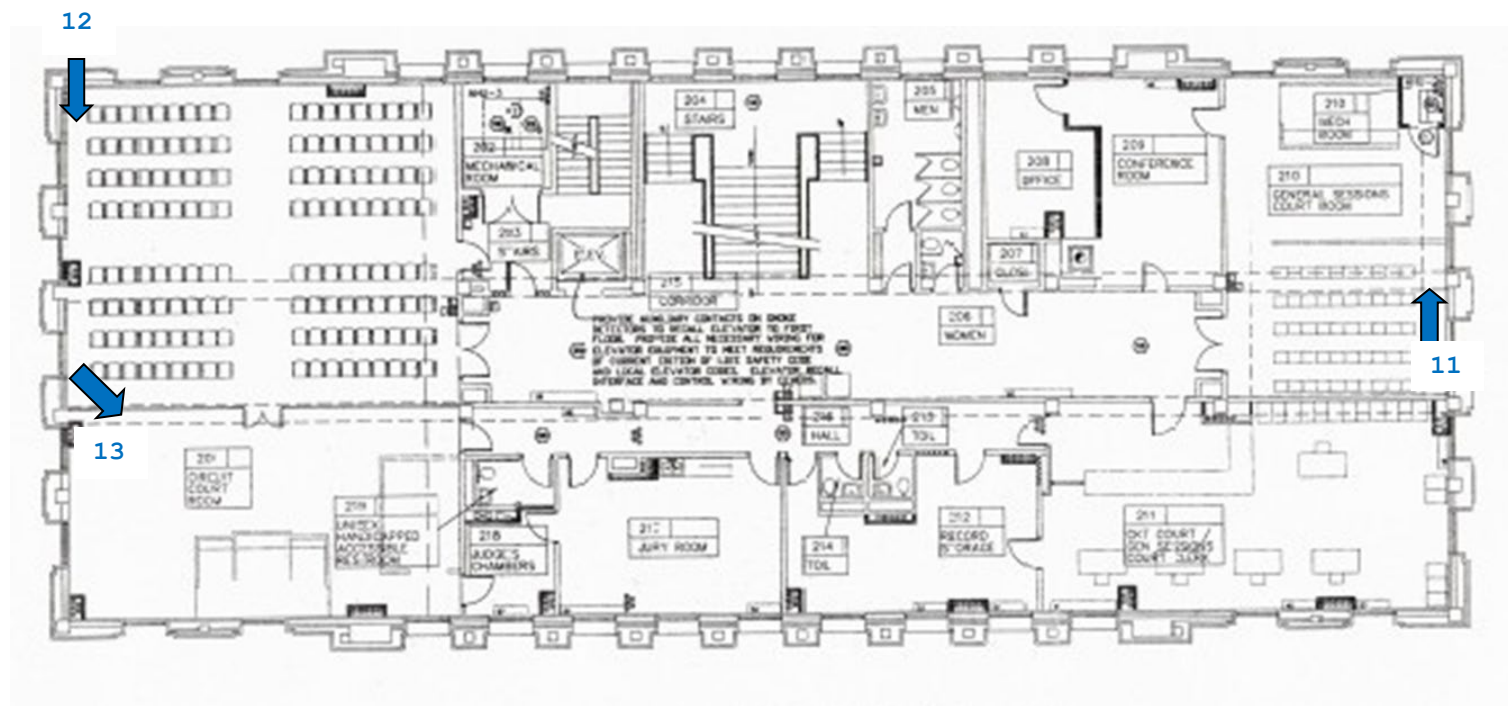


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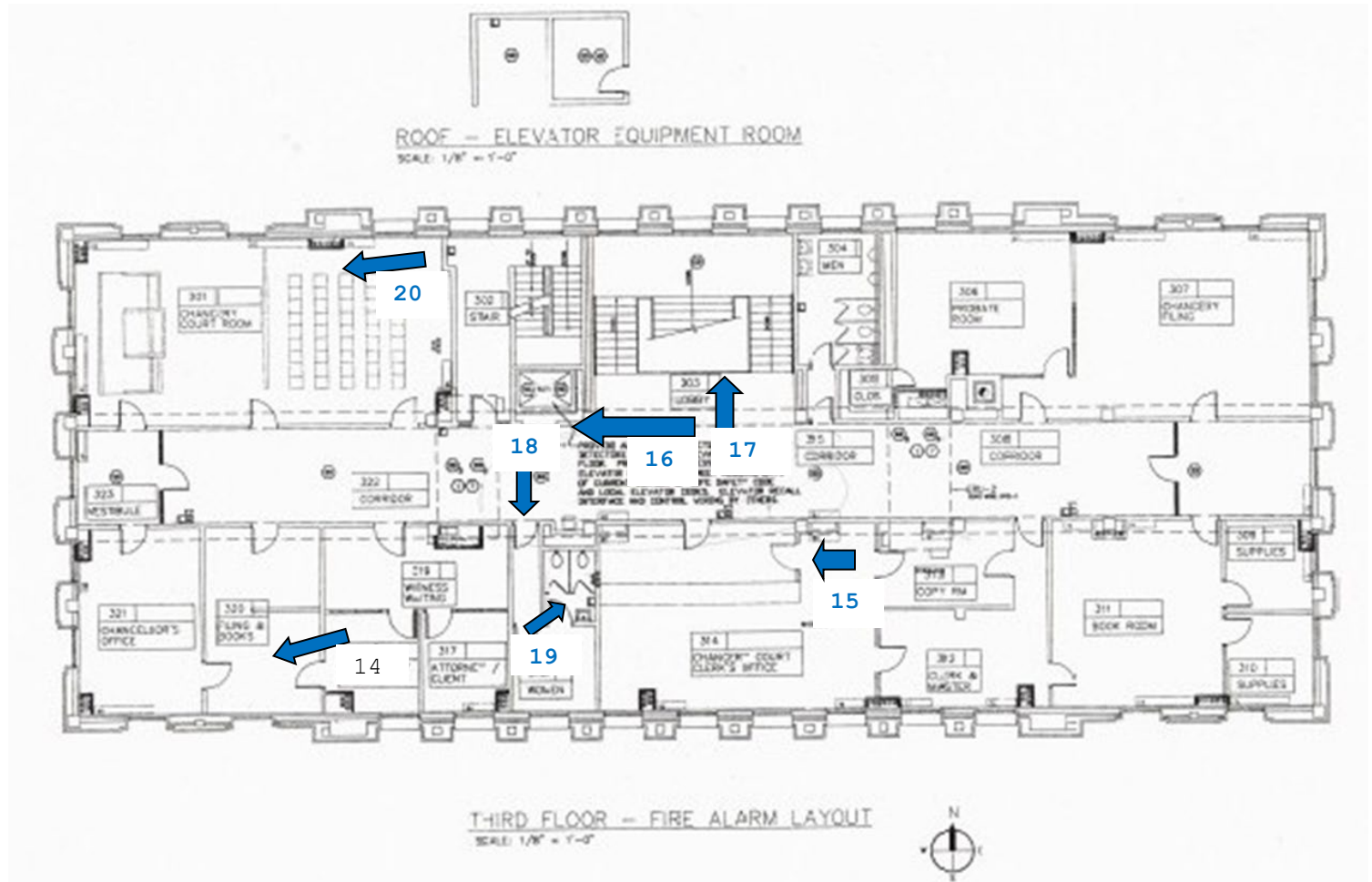


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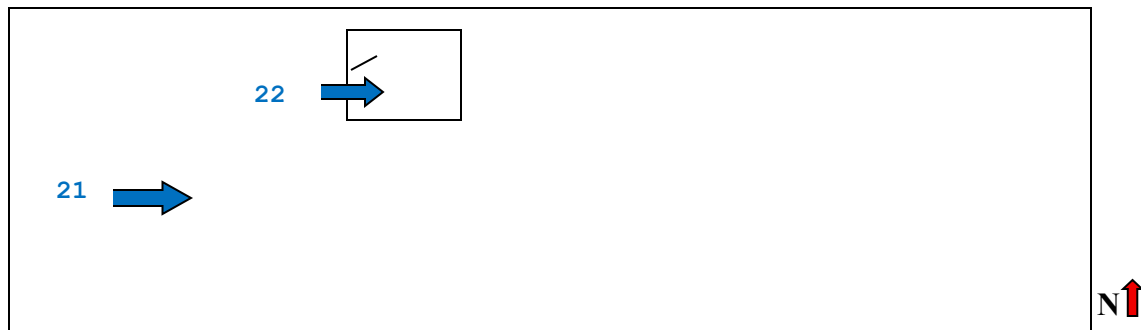
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The diagram is a detailed floor plan of the ground floor, showing various rooms and their fire alarm zones. The rooms are labeled as follows:

- Zone 23:** B02 OFFICE, B03 AUDITABLE OFFICE, B04 V.A. BUDG. ADJ. ETC. DEPT., B05 STAIR, B06 STORAGE, B07 SANITARY RESTROOM, B08 STORAGE, B09 MEN, B10 AVENUE SERVICES, B11 CORRIDOR, B12 FILE STORAGE.
- Zone 24:** B01 OFFICE, B23 PROPERTY ASSESSOR, B22 OFFICE, B21 WOMEN, B18 MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT, B16 ARCHIVES, B15 AG. EXTEN. SERVICES, B14 AG. EXTEN. SERVICES, B13 AG. EXTEN. SERVICES.
- Zone 25:** B07 SANITARY RESTROOM, B08 STORAGE, B09 MEN, B10 AVENUE SERVICES, B11 CORRIDOR, B12 FILE STORAGE.

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At the bottom of the diagram, the text "GROUND FLOOR - FIRE ALARM LAYOUT" is written, followed by a north arrow pointing upwards.

Property Owner(s):

(This information will not be submitted to the National Park Service, but will remain on file at the Tennessee Historical Commission)

Name	Weakley County/Weakley County Mayor		
Street & Number	116 W. Main Street, Room 106	Telephone	731-364-5413
City or Town	Dresden	State/Zip	TN/38237

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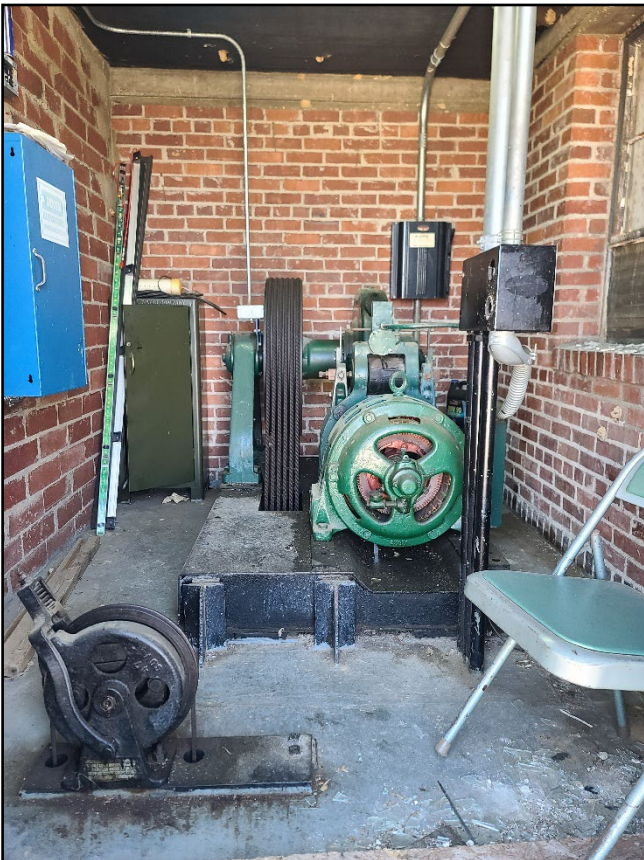


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