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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Horry County Court House and Old Jail were erected to replace their deteriorating predecessors; contracts to build were granted by the true 25 same Commissioners of Public Buildings for Horry District; work on both was being done in 1825. For these reasons they are being presented together as Horry's most significant government buildings.

The Old Court House, unaltered with these exceptions: ground story arches enclosed to accomodate new offices; several windows bricked over and painted, leaving original brick work displayed.

Two story brick building of common bond. Extended pediment supported by Doric columns sheltering second story portico which does not extend full width of facade. First story extension beneath portico holds three high arches; through center arch is recessed street level entrance. Divided stairways to each side of first story extension with second rise turning inward diagonally to meet portico floor. Plain iron railings up stairs and along portico. Segmented arches over windows and arched main entrance which has sidelights and fanlight. Interior: vaulted ceilings, arches over doorways, plain mantels.

From a nineteenth century painting and a c.1910 photo, the jail was a stark brick structure of two stories. Three small rectangular windows in second story of facade with large arched windows to either side of arched doorway on first floor. End chimney to each side of building. Interior had two rooms to each floor, each having an unornamented fireplace. Presently, the exterior walls remain. Plans are in progress to restore the old jail for use as a museum.

Presented as a unit because they are situated on the same block, separated by only one building.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significant as a center of county and city government for almost 150 years, the Old Court House now serves as the Conway City Hall. It is reputedly designed by Robert Mills who was still on the South Carolina Board of Public Works at that time.

Commissioners of Public Buildings for Horry District contracted with Major Russell Warren in March of 1824 to erect the district court house; completed by May 15, 1825, according to contract.

Commissioners of Public Buildings, finding that repairs on the old jail would be "injudicious ... for all the wooden parts are decayed", appointed Henry Durant July 9, 1825, to build a new jail which was to be finished by March 1, 1827.

In 1914 the Grace Hotel was built over the jail. Then in 1968, the hotel was torn down, leaving the original walls of the jail. Present plans are to restore the old jail for use as the Horry County Museum.



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