

Since the act of assembly of which the board was reminded by Wallace provided that \$3,000 could be levied with the approval of the county commissioners for furniture and landscaping, we may assume that by this time the building was nearing completion.¹⁸ At the meeting of May 16, it was "Ordered that the keeper of the Court House now to be established have the sum of one hundred dollars" This action would indicate that at this time, or shortly thereafter, the courthouse was finished. In any case, by March 19, 1855, repairs were needed to the roof of the building and a gully had to be filled in.

Addition of 1931

The courthouse of 1852-1854 proved adequate to the needs of the county and remained pretty much as it had been built originally until 1931. In that year, the General Assembly authorized a bond issue for various construction needs of the county government amounting to \$175,000 of which \$75,000 was earmarked for repairs, renovation and enlargement of the courthouse¹⁹. Fortunately, the building commission (Chairman John R. Pattison and Secretary Edwin S. Lake) preserved the handsome Italian facade. Such enlargements as were made were confined for the most part to the rear area. The Architect was William A. Stone, Jr. and the builders were Charles E. Brohawn & Brothers.

¹⁸ Ch. 117, Acts of 1854.

¹⁹ Ch. 493.