

## Red River County Courthouse Restoration



The unique design of this 1884 courthouse by William H. Wilson combines Renaissance Revival and Second Empire stylistic influences making it one of the most flamboyant and bold courthouses in the state. The project involved the complete interior and exterior restoration of the building. The exterior restoration was funded by a STEP/ISTEA grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, requiring Section 106 review in addition to the Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP) reviews. The exterior work included masonry restoration, wood window restoration, cleaning and repointing of the sandstone, repair and replacement of the metal cornice and downspouts, new entry doors and steps, and the restoration of the clock tower. The historic color scheme was investigated and restored, despite some surprise about the original choice of colors.

### Location

Clarksville, Texas

### Project Duration

1998 - 2004

### Cost of Construction

\$4.4 million

### Square Footage

20,000 square feet

### Scope of Services

Master Planning

Architectural

Historic Paint Analysis and Conservation

Assistance with Fundraising

Site Restoration

Use of STEP Grant Funding

THCPP Funding

Phased Construction

### Awards and Publications

Historic Restoration Award, Preservation Texas