

This building served its purpose until the new courthouse, now in use, was completed. Considerable trouble was experienced, however, in the construction of this building.

W. J. Ryan, John Blair and Mr. Poole were the last county commissioners under the old territorial government. Money derived by the government from the sale of the town lots in Hobart was to be used for the construction of a courthouse, a county jail, and one school building.

J. W. Stokes was given the contract for the work and started construction on the present site. The work all had to be done according to government specifications or the money would not be available for the work. Stokes completed the basement and had started in on the walls when new county commissioners took office.

They at once inspected the work and declared that it was not up to government standards. A court injunction was obtained to stop the work while further investigations were made, and eventually the injunction was made permanent.

Work of tearing up all the work that had at first been done was then necessary. Every brick and stone was removed, and the work started again from the beginning. This time the material and workmanship were of the proper quality and the work eventually was completed. The county jail and Emerson school building, both of which are in use at the present time, were the next built according to the plans furnished by the government and financed by the lot sale at the opening.



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