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Dewey County Courthouse

Location: Broadway and Ruble St., Taloga, Oklahoma 40, Dewey County 043

Owner: Dewey County, Taloga, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: good, unaltered, original site

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Significance: 1925; Architect/builder: unknown

The Dewey County Courthouse is significant because of its importance to the residents of the county as a center of government and because it serves as the repository of the political and legal records of Dewey County. As such, the courthouse is the focus of local government. Although the building is a simple, modest example of public architecture, the courthouse serves as well-known, local landmark of the town of Taloga. It is the only county courthouse building in Oklahoma that exhibits stucco construction.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

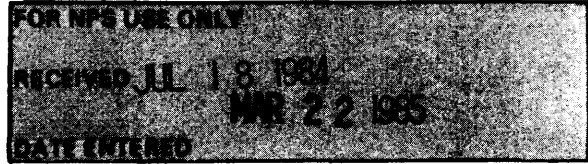
Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: All of Block 83, original town of Taloga, Oklahoma

UTM: 14 503230 3988010

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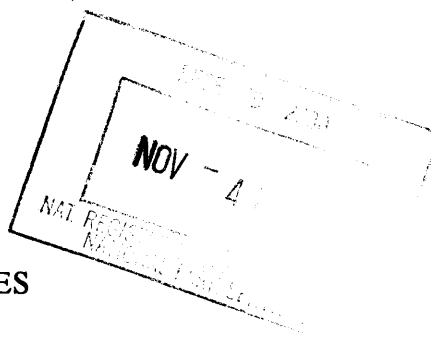
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Dewey County Courthouse (85000680)

Section 5:

Number of Resources within property

	Contributing	Noncontributing
Buildings	<u>1</u> ✓	<u>1</u> ✓
Sites	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Structures	<u>1</u> ✓	<u> </u>
Objects	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1

Name of related multiple property listing
County Courthouses of Oklahoma Thematic Resources ✓

Section 6:

Historic Functions

Cat: GOVERNMENT sub: Government Office
GOVERNMENT Correctional facility ✓

Current Functions

Cat: GOVERNMENT sub: Government Office
GOVERNMENT Correctional facility ✓
REC/CULTURE Museum ✓

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Section 7

Architectural Classification

LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival
MODERN MOVEMENT

Description:

The original nomination of the Dewey County Courthouse (listed on March 22, 1985) described the boundaries of the property as "All of Block 83, original town of Taloga." The description failed to note other resources located within the block. In the intervening years, another building has also been constructed on Block 83.

The current count of resources will add two contributing resources and one noncontributing resource to the already-listed courthouse.

Setting:

The courthouse square is located on the south edge of the commercial district of Taloga. US Highway 183 forms the eastern boundary of the block. To the west and south of the block are residences, to the north and east are scattered businesses. A smattering of elm trees dots the courthouse lawn.

The courthouse itself, a 2 ½ story brick building that around 1940 was covered in white stucco, is centered on the block. The main entry is on the east façade. To the north of the courthouse is a new jail and sheriff's office, constructed in 1980. Southwest of the courthouse is the old jail, constructed prior to 1907. Directly west of the courthouse, near the southwest corner, is a free-standing concrete vault. This was constructed between 1907 and 1916.

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Contributing Resources:

1. Courthouse. 1926. Architect: Maurice Jayne.
Previously listed
2. Old Jail. C. 1900.
Single story, rectangular in plan. The jail building is identified as being of wooden construction in the 1907, 1916, and amended 1916 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for Taloga. It currently features a textured stucco exterior, most likely applied around 1940 when the same material was added to the courthouse. The jail has a flat roof and stepped parapet on the front. The front of the building faces east and also features a shed porch roof supported by four battered, stuccoed columns of unknown sub-material.
The entry is centered on the main façade and is flanked by two barred windows. The north and south elevations are unadorned and have four barred windows each.
3. Vault. C. 1910
A free-standing, concrete vault was constructed as an addition to the original courthouse around 1910. The original courthouse burned and when the new courthouse was constructed, it was located about ten feet further east.
The vault is square and has a large iron door on the east side. The roof is concrete with a low arch and flared eaves.

Noncontributing Resources:

4. New Jail/Sheriff's Office. 1980
Rectangular on plan, this flat roof building features simple "tilt-up" panel walls with exposed aggregate surface. At the rear, or west end, of the building is an exercise yard surrounded by razor wire. Noncontributing due to age.

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Section 8:

Architect/Builder
Jayne, Maurice, architect
Kriepke-Shafer Construction Co., builder

Significance:

The original nomination described the Dewey County courthouse as being the “only courthouse in Oklahoma that exhibits stucco construction.” While this is true, the stucco is not original to the building. When completed in 1925, the courthouse featured red brick walls with a stone base, entry, and quoins. A ca. 1940 remodeling added the stucco covering.

As architecture is not the area of significance for the nomination, the historic alteration to the building do not affect its ability to convey its significance under Criterion A, as the seat of local government for Dewey County.

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