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Pottawatomie County Courthouse

Location: 300 ~~North~~ Broadway, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125.

Owner: Pottawatomie County, Shawnee, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: excellent, unaltered, original site

The Pottawatomie County Courthouse is built of faced stone blocks and features an elaborate front facade with clerestory windows with ornate metal framing. Three double doors are separated by fluted stone panels on the front facade. Elaborately carved grey granite panels above each doorway complement the intricate metal tracery decorating the doors and windows of the front facade. The plain frieze of the front facade has raised lettering which reads, "POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY COURTHOUSE." The building has a partial attic story which houses the jail. The main doorways are raised above ground level and are approached by a broad flight of granite stairs. Three carved medallions also decorate the large windows of the front facade. These carvings feature the head of an Indian, the scales of justice, and the head of a pioneer. The elegant lines of the structure give it a distinctly Art Deco style.

Significance: 1934; Builder/architect: W. R. Grimshaw Company and Kib Warren, Incorporated/A. C. Davis, Branson A. Davis, and Albon Davis

The Pottawatomie County Courthouse is significant because of its unique architectural styling and because of its importance to the community as a center of local government. Built in 1934 in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, the Courthouse exhibits elegant Art Deco styling, one of the few examples of such architectural design among the state's courthouses. The building has served the county for nearly fifty years as the site of local political events and the center of community services such as the election board and the county extension agency. The firm of A. C. Davis, a prominent architectural firm in Shawnee, designed the courthouse.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: Unplatted; part of Woodland Park in the original town of Shawnee. (This property is not platted, and has no lot or block number). From the N.W. corner of the courthouse's front staircase walk 68.2 feet at a 45° angle to the edge of the curb of N. Broadway to find the N.W. point of beginning at the N.W. corner of the lot; then go due east 145 feet, level with N.E. corner of retaining wall at rear of courthouse; turn 90° and go due south 163 feet to the S.E. corner of retaining wall; turn 90° and go due west 145 feet to street curb of N. Broadway at the S.W. corner of the lot; turn 90° and go due north 163 feet to point of beginning.

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