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Harper County Courthouse

Location: ~~Between Elm and Maple; and between First and Second~~ ^{St. SE} ~~Southeast,~~
Buffalo, Oklahoma 040, Harper County 059

Owner: Harper County, Harper County Courthouse, Buffalo, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: good, unaltered, original site

The Harper County Courthouse is a three-story Plains Commercial style structure of red brick. Simplified classical features ornament the otherwise plain lines of the building. Seventy-five by fifty feet in size, the structure is divided horizontally by wide concrete banding above the first level and the third story is surmounted by a concrete entablature. Paired, Ionic pilasters bracket the central windows of the second and third floors. The courthouse has a brick, partial attic story and the main entranceway, centered on the ground floor, is slightly recessed. A broken pediment supported by scrolled brackets and ornamented with a carved stone escutcheon adds Neo-Classical styling to the entranceway.

Significance: 1927; Builder/architect: Unknown/Maurice Jayne

The Harper County Courthouse is significant because of its importance to the county. Buffalo was established in 1907 specifically to serve as the county seat for the newly-created Harper County. The brick, three-story building was the first and only courthouse building for Harper County. Prior to 1927, the court facilities were housed in one of the upper levels of a commercial building in Buffalo. The present courthouse is an important landmark in the community and serves as a symbol of the strength and influence of local government.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: All of Block 8, original town of Buffalo

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