

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>	
COUNTY: <u>Osage</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<u>40</u>	<u>JAN 1 1976</u>

1. NAME

COMMON:
City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Osage Council House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main and Grandview

CITY OR TOWN:
Pawhuska No. 2 Honorable Clem McSpadden

STATE <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>40</u>	COUNTY: <u>Osage</u>	CODE <u>113</u>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Pawhuska

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main and Grandview

CITY OR TOWN:
Pawhuska STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Osage County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Pawhuska STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Special City Hall/Council House Survey

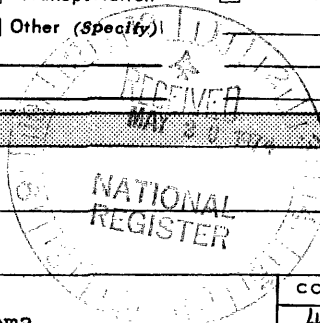
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Osage County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Museum

CITY OR TOWN:
Pawhuska STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One) Basically

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Replacing the original Council House, which burned, this 38 x 52-foot, two-story-with-basement building was erected in 1894 of hand-cut stone. From ground level to the top of its bell tower it is 60 feet tall.

When statehood did away with the Osage Nation, the tribe sold the Council House to Pawhuska for a City Hall, which function in continues to perform today. Although the exterior remains virtually unchanged -- even to the bell tower and bell -- the interior has been renovated and redecorated with paneling and carpets. The Police Department now uses the basement. City offices occupy the first floor. The second floor serves as a comfortable chamber room for the City Council ... and other civic groups. It has a raised area where council members sit behind a half-circle table and there are seats for 100 people.

Outside several old buildings have recently been removed to provide addition automobile parking. Otherwise the Council House/City Hall looks much as it did when completed in 1894.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1894 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For just over a century now the town of Pawhuska and the Osage Indian tribe have enjoyed something of a Damon and Pythias relationship. For just over a century, too, a single site in Pawhuska, at the junction of Main Street and Grandview Avenue, has been intimately associated with the affairs of both - first the tribe, then the town. And for the past 80 years that dual role of service has been played out in the still handsome stone building for which National Register status is being sought with this nomination.

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When the Osages moved from Kansas to present Oklahoma in 1872 an agency building was erected just to the east, at Main and Osage. In 1873-1874 the first building was erected on this site. Of cut sandstone (as were the permanent buildings of the agency and school on Agency Hill to the north), it served first as a commissary and then as the Osage Council House.

This building burned and in 1894 it was replaced with the structure that still stands. The Council House was patterned after that of the Cherokees. In the rebuilding a full basement was added to give the tribe more room. But in 1906, with statehood imminent, steps were initiated to sell the site and building to Pawhuska. The sale was completed in 1907, at a price of \$12,005.00. It has remained the Pawhuska City Hall since that time.

In the early 1900s the basement area was used as a cafe. It now houses the Pawhuska Police Department. The first floor contains offices for the city manager, city clerk, and light and water departments. The second floor contains the City Council chamber, which is also used by various civic and governmental groups.

The old stone building still serves the community well. One perceptive oldtimer puts it this way: "You may hear the hard click of a cowboy boot instead of the soft pad of a mocassin. The bell in the tower is silent; a siren now gives warning of a tornado or fire. And police cars are parked in front rather than horses and wagons. But the city's business is still conducted here. Yes, the old Council House still serves."

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Finney, Frank F., "The Osages and Their Agency During the Term of Isaac T. Gibson, Quaker Agent," The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. XXXVI (1958), pp. 416-428
 Wright, Muriel H., A Guide to the Indian Tribes of Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma Press, 1951, pp. 189-198

-- Miscellaneous Materials on file at the Osage County Historical Society Museum in Pawhuska

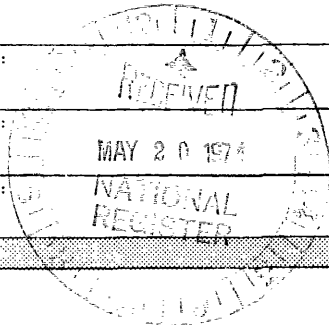
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36° 39' 47"	96° 20' 27"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Kent Ruth

ORGANIZATION: Oklahoma Historical Society DATE: March 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: SLO for Okla

Date: MAY 10 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/1/76

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 12/31/75

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City Hall

Some additional details:

The hand-cut sandstone walls of the building are 24 inches thick. Windows are eight feet high with 12-inch sills. The first floor is eight feet above ground level. At the entrance the original stones are on the sides and form the 12-inch curved rail. Concrete has been put over the steps.

The main entrance has a circular fan light above the doorway, with etched and colored sectional glass. City Hall 1894 is painted in the center. The door inside has the original facing. It is hand-grooved.

The stairwell window (over the main entrance) is 12 feet tall and double-hung. It, too, is rounded at the top to blend with the fan light below. Each window is bordered with 4 x 4 squares of colored glass with the circular top similarly bordered.

The entire building has now been renovated, with the top story only recently completed. In addition to the large city council room, four more rooms have had the ceilings lowered, air conditioning, paneling and carpeting added. These latter rooms are being used by the Urban Renewal authority.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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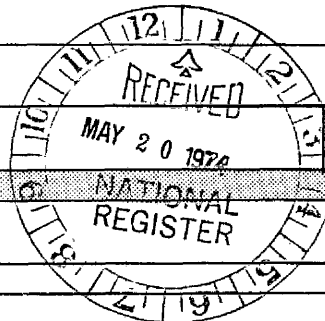
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. -- Pawhuska Quadrangle

SCALE: 7.5 minute scale 1:24,000

DATE: 1960

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.	Long.: 96° 20' 27"
2. North arrow.	Lat. : 36° 39' 47"
3. Latitude and longitude reference.	