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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**



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Grant County Courthouse

Location: W. Guthrie Street between N. Main and Highway 81, Medford, OK 40 Grant County 5

Owner: Grant County, Grant County Courthouse, Medford, Oklahoma

Description: Condition - excellent, unaltered, original site

The Grant County Courthouse is a unique example of the combination of various Revivalist styles. A large, three-story rectangular building, it is constructed of red brick and faced limestone blocks. The foundation is of limestone. The courthouse has a pitched roof covered with red tiles. The front facade features a slightly projecting central portion, dominated by a monumental pedimented portico with paired, Corinthian columns and a balustraded balcony on the second floor. The front doorway on the ground floor is framed by a wide arch of faced limestone. The area within the opening of the arch is slightly recessed and is faced with irregularly-cut, buff stone blocks. A projecting limestone cornice with modillions surmounts the third floor. The brickwork of the first floor is laid in a pattern of four raised bricks separated by one recessed brick, running horizontally. Brick pilasters rise from just above the first floor to the cornice. Windows have stone sills and lintel bands. The rear entrance has a smaller limestone pediment and rectangular insets of the same buff stone as the front entrance. The building is in excellent condition. The doors are modern metalframed glass, but the windows are original, with wooden sashes.

Significance: 1909; Builder/Architect: Rowles and Bailey/Albert A. Traver

The Grant County Courthouse is significant because it is a unique architectural landmark in Oklahoma. Also politically and historically significant because of its important to the county's government, the building is particularly notable for its architecture. Combining elements of neo-classicism and Second Renaissance Revival, the building is one of the most impressive structures in Grant County. The red tile roof lends the courthouse an Italianate flair. The courthouse is in outstanding condition and serves as a source of civic pride to the citizens of the community. It is the only courthouse in the state of Oklahoma which exhibits this particular mix of architectural styles.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 min., Medford, OK

Verbal Boundary Description: Entire Block 10 of the original town of Medford

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