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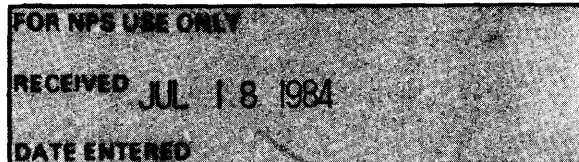
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Pawnee County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Pawnee, Oklahoma 40, Pawnee County 117

Owner: Pawnee County, Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee, Oklahoma

Description: Condition - excellant, unaltered, original site
    The Pawnee County Courthouse is a three-story, buff brick building with simple, vertical lines. The rectangular building has a concrete foundation and a flat roof. Carved stone details provide decoration. Four bas-relief carved panels, two on either side of the front entrance, depict scenes of Indians and pioneers and their appropriate accoutrements. Four more similarly-carved panels ornament the rear facade of the building. The doorways are faced with wide, smooth stone posts and lintels. Above each lintel is an elaborately carved pedimental front-piece depicting a unique combination of a cow's skull, an owl, an eagle, and an open book. The cornice of the building is inscribed with the words, "Pawnee County Courthouse." It is also decorated with carved stone Indian heads wearing feathered warbonnets. The building has its original wooden doors and paired 1/1 sash windows. Grooved stone pilasters enhance the lines of the structure.

Significance: 1932; Builder/Architect: Manhattan Construction Co., Smith and
                Senter
    The Pawnee County Courthouse is significant because of its unique architectural details and because it serves the community as the center of local, county government. One of two Oklahoma courthouses which utilizes aspects of the state's Indian and pioneer heritage in their design (the other is the Adair County Courthouse), the Pawnee County Courthouse exemplifies the commemoration of the area's rich and varied history. The building's decorations symbolize the blending of different cultures which created the state of Oklahoma.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre   **Quadrangle:**   1:24,000/7.5 minute

Verbal Boundry Description: All of Block 12 of the original town of Pawnee

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