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Greer County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Mangum, Oklahoma 040, Greer County 055

Owner: Greer County, Courthouse Square, Mangum, Oklahoma

Description: Condition--good, altered, original site

The Greer County Courthouse is a large red brick building with granite and limestone trim. Built in 1906, it is three stories high. It originally had an elaborate copper-covered dome centered on the top, but it was removed in the 1940s because the weight of the dome caused structural damage to the building. It was not possible to determine the specific year of the dome's removal. The third floor needs extensive interior repairs and as a result, has been closed to the public and is not in use. The exterior of the building features a series of arches framing the windows of the first floor. The front entrance is slightly recessed and has three archways faced with polished granite and a short flight of stairs with five shallow granite steps. Four smooth stone columns of the Ionic order rise above the entranceway on each side of the building. Decorative brickwork emphasizes the window bays and a stone cornice with modillions surmounts the third story. The building has a partial attic story visible from the front. The sides have triangular pediments centered above the four columns.

Significance: 1906; Builder/architect: A. D. Campbell and Z. F. Lee/S. A. Layton

The Greer County Courthouse is significant because of its architectural design and its place in the community as the center of county government. The Greer County Courthouse is the only one in Oklahoma which utilizes the elegant series of stone-trimmed arches all around its ground floor. Still an imposing building, despite the loss of its dome, the courthouse is a landmark for the town of Mangum and for Greer County.

Acreage: Approx. 4 acres

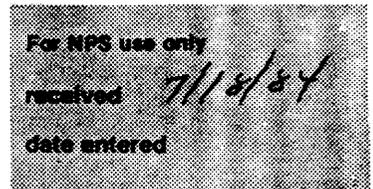
Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 min., Mangum, OK

Verbal Boundary Description: A 400' public square bounded on the north by Jefferson Street; South--Lincoln Street; East--Pennsylvania; West--Oklahoma, SE/4 SE/4 Sec. 27 T5N, R22W, less a lot occupied by the U.S. Post Office, said lot having a gross area of 28,166 sq. ft. and being a subdivision of the 400' public square. The excluded lot is described as follows: from the NE corner of said 400' public square, the point of beginning, go west 175'; turn 90 degrees and go south 126'; turn 90 degrees and go east 36'; turn 90 degrees and go south 44'; turn 90 degrees and go east 139'; turn 90 degrees and go north 175' to point of beginning.

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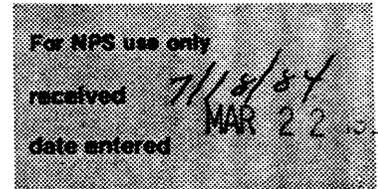
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