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Nowata County Courthouse

Location: 229 N. Maple, Nowata, Oklahoma 40, Nowata County 105

Owner: Nowata County

Description: Condition - fair, unaltered, original site

The Nowata County Courthouse is a three-story, stone and red brick building with a hipped, red-tiled roof. The main entranceway is raised above the ground floor and is approached by a flight of concrete stairs with stepped, rough-cut, stone piers. The ground floor has a rusticated, stone facade. The central portion of the front elevation of the building projects approximately five feet from the straight line of the wall. The front entranceway is recessed and is framed by two monumental columns which also support a third-floor balcony. A broad stone frieze is inscribed "NOWATA COUNTY," and is surmounted by a tin projecting cornice. A low parapet tops the building and the entry portico is surmounted by a pediment with a carved, stone tympanum. The design of the tympanum consists of an ornate wreath and eagle design. A small, octagonal cupola caps the unusual red-tiled roof. The building shows marked signs of deterioration and is badly in need of exterior repairs.

Significance: 1910; Builder/Architect: Unknown

The Nowata County Courthouse is significant because it serves the county as the center of local government and also because it is truly one-of-a-kind among the varied architectural styles of Oklahoma's county courthouses. Only one other courthouse in the state, Grant County Courthouse, has a red-tiled, hipped roof. The combination of classical detailing with certain Mediterranean touches is quite singular and is worthy of preservation.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000/715 min., Nowata West, OK

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 3,4, 5 and the North 15 feet of Lot 6 in Block 24 of original city of Nowata

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