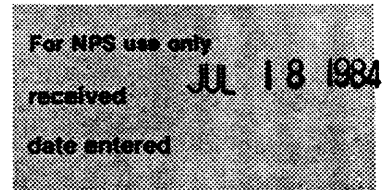


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Beckham County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, ~~Box 67~~, Sayre, Oklahoma 040, Beckham County 009

Owner: Beckham County Commissioners, P.O. Box 67, Sayre, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: good, altered, original site

The Beckham County Courthouse is a three-story structure, 65 feet east-west by 99 feet north-south, built of tan bricks and stone. The brickwork of the first floor is an alternating pattern of six raised bricks and one recessed brick, running in horizontal lines. A stone water table is above the first floor and each of the doorways on the north, east, and west sides have wide stone jambs. There is no entrance on the south side of the building. The east and west sides of the courthouse have two massive Tuscan columns above the entrances rising from the water table to the cornice.

The north and south sides have four stone pilasters flanked by two wider brick pilasters of the same style. A cornice covered in tan-painted copper sheeting surmounts the third floor. The cornice is ornamented with dentils and pearl moulding and supports a brick parapet topped with a stone edge. A clock dome rises from an octagonal base on the flat roof. The dome has flat panels for four clocks facing the four directions, but no clock faces. Twelve Doric columns support the dome roof, which is covered with copper and painted brown. The large dome is surmounted by a miniature dome, also supported by twelve Doric columns. The original wooden-sashed windows have been replaced with modern, metal-framed, fixed windows. This alteration created a visual difference in the building, but it does not change significantly the original architectural design.

Significance: 1911 Builder/architect: Oklahoma Quarries and Construction Company/Layton, Smith, and Hawk

The Beckham County Courthouse is significant because of its unique architecture and its importance to the community. Built in 1911, the structure is in very good condition and is one of the few courthouses in Oklahoma which features a large dome. It is one of the tallest buildings in Sayre and is a notable landmark of the area. The courthouse dome is lighted at night and is an impressive sight.

Acreage: 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:62,500

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated is on Block 4, Courthouse Addition. The property is enclosed in a square 200 feet on a side, from a starting point on the NE corner of the intersection of Third and Walnut Streets go 200 feet North, then 200 feet east, then 200 feet south, and then 200 feet west back to the starting point.

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