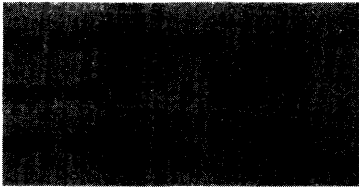


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Holdenville City Hall

and/or common same

**2. Location**

street & number 102 Creek Street not for publication

city, town Holdenville vicinity of congressional district 003

state Oklahoma code 40 county Hughes code 063

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name City of Holdenville

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hughes County Courthouse

street & number 220 Broadway

city, town Holdenville state Oklahoma

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date January, 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Holdenville City Hall is a <sup>Federal</sup> Georgian-inspired structure built in 1910. The two story rectangular red brick building is enhanced with prominent stone quoins, belt course, keystones, second story pediment and first floor entry portico.

The front elevation is three bays wide and the side nine bays. A prominent metal cornice extends around the building.

The interior has been partitioned into smaller offices than the original but all interior components are intact including tin ceilings, cast iron walk in vault (with pediment, lion's head, dentil molding and side pilasters), the original jail cells and second floor court room.

A 1951 rear addition for the fire department is stylistically in keeping with the rest of the building. New aluminum storm windows do not detract from the structure's integrity of design.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1910 **Builder/Architect** Jack Britton - contractor

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Holdenville City Hall is significant because it represents continuity and stability to the political, economic, and social structure of the town. This sturdy structure was built as a center of city government in 1910, has remained so for seventy years and will continue to serve this function for this small community.

In 1910 Contractor Jack Britton built the structure for \$8,700 on a partially leveled hill called "high point" one block from the main downtown intersection. Since then the building has served as center for city governmental functions as well as occasional social gatherings such as high school proms (in the courtroom area).

It is architecturally significant because it represents a departure from the typical Victorian Romanesque and Western Commercial styles prevalent in Oklahoma architecture. The attempt to reproduce a more classic style for a public building is the physical evidence of emerging order of a frontier town.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Friend, Herbert, Interview with, December 16, 1980

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property under one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Holdenville, OK

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A 

1	4	7	3	6	8	8	0	3	8	8	5	2	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 13-14, Block 43, Original town

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Ann Anders

organization Oklahoma Historical Preservation Survey date 1981 - January

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone (405) 624-5678

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*C. Metcalf*

title

date 7-22-81

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*William H. Brennan*

date 9-11-81

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration