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Okfuskee County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, ^{3rd}~~Third~~ ^{and}~~Street~~ at West Atlanta, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

Owner: Okfuskee County

Description: Condition: good, unaltered, original site

The Okfuskee County Courthouse is a large, ornate, approximately square building of faced stone blocks. The stair-stepped design of its several stories is reminiscent of a wedding cake. The window bays of the first and second floors are separated by fluted pilasters with Doric capitals. A projecting cornice decorated with dentils and modillions tops the second floor, separating it from the upper stories of the building. The building is constructed in three distinct layered portions. These arched, clerestory windows highlight the east and west facades. Decorative garlands and carved roping add to the fanciful appearance of the building. The attic story is surmounted by a balustraded parapet and is crowned by a trio of ornamental stone urns at each corner of the building. The entranceways, centered on the ground floor of each side of the building, are recessed and are framed by pilasters and a frieze decorated with carved wreaths. The highly unusual design of this courthouse is a whimsical mixture of architectural styles.

Significance: 1926; Builder/architect: Unknown

The Okfuskee County Courthouse is significant because of its unique architectural design and because of its importance to the community as a center of county government. The fanciful styling of this 1926 building makes it a well-known and much-admired landmark of the surrounding area. The structure is a vivid change from the usual, rather somber design of the majority of Oklahoma's county courthouses.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 7.5 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 11 of the original town of Okemah.

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