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2. Location Railroad Exchange Bldg (Pre-Depression Muskogee Skyscrapers TR)
Second and Court Streets
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

4. Property Owner
State of Oklahoma
State Capital
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

7. Description

The Railway Exchange Building is an eight story commercial structure finished with red brick and masonry. The brick is laid in a running bond course, however, there are soldier courses used between and above windows on floors three through eight. The building is approximately 75' x 115' and has a flat roof. The facade is divided into two 50' wings on floors three through eight.

The two story base is delineated by white terra cotta ornamentation around windows and doors and is topped with an ornate cornice. First floor fenestration on the facade includes bands of paired, transomed windows flanking the main entrance. Second floor facade windows include the Chicago-style composed of a larger fixed pane window flanked by two narrow windows. All window sets are separated by pilaster-like masonry mullions with decorative capitals. Fenestration on the two wings of the facade (floors three through eight) features vertical banding. The center vertical band in each wing has large fixed pane windows flanked by two narrow paned windows accentuated with light colored masonry sills. The center vertical band is flanked by two vertical bands of fixed pane windows accentuated with light-colored masonry sills.

The east and west sides of the building are similar in fenestration on first two floors. There are two sets of paired fixed-pane windows which flank entryways on first floor. The second floor includes five sets of windows with large fixed paned type in center flanked by two narrow fixed-pane types. On floors three through eight of east and west sides, there are three vertical bands of windows in the center with large fixed panes in center flanked by two narrow fixed-pane types. On the north and south ends of the east and west walls, there is a vertical band of single fixed-pane windows. Windows on floors three through eight are straight-topped and deeply recessed.

Window placement in the rear includes nine vertical bands of single, straight-topped, fixed-pane windows. They vary in size and shape and some are louvered. The vertical bands in rear are delineated by light-colored strips of masonry facing.

There are two large doors located in recessed entryway of facade. They are metal-type with large panes and topped with transoms. The two main doors are flanked with transomed sidelights. The side entryways are also recessed and have similar door arrangements. There is one wooden door in first floor of the rear. It has a four-paned light in upper half.

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Major decorative features are Sullivanesque in nature. They include the two-story base with extensive white terra cotta ornamentation, the vertical bands of windows on upper stories which punctuate the facade and sides of the building, and the boldly projecting cornice which adorns eighth floor. The eight floor cornice features bracket-type decoration.

Although a few windows have been replaced, the building retains its original character and fabric.

10. Geographical Data

- a. Less than one acre
- b. Southeast Muskogee, Oklahoma 7.5"
- c. Zone 15 Easting 285740
Northing 3958580
- d. North 16.25' of Lot B and all of Lot A, Block 6, Turner-Porter Subdivision of Muskogee, Oklahoma.