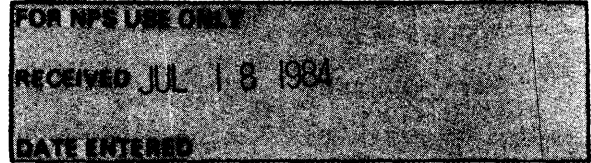


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Major County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Fairview, Oklahoma 40, Major County 093

Owner: Major County

Description: Condition: good, unaltered, original site

The Major County Courthouse is a four-story, approximately square building constructed of faced stone blocks. The first floor has a rusticated facade. The east, or front, side of the courthouse has seven window bays featuring paired, wooden-sashed one-over-one windows. The windows of the second and third floors also have top lights. The main entranceway is centered and recessed in a Roman arch. It has double wooden doors with glass upper panels and a fan light above the doors. The central portion of the front facade projects slightly and is accented by two Tuscan columns and two Tuscan pilasters. The other three sides of the building each has four similar pilasters. The frieze has raised, attached lettering which reads, "MAJOR COUNTY COURT HOUSE." A projecting cornice and low parapet surmount the frieze. An attic story, not apparent from the front of the building, houses the jail and has seven pairs of small, barred windows on the west, or rear, side of the structure. The building has a flat roof and a single chimney on the northwest corner.

Significance: 1928; Builder/architect: D.C. Base and Sons/Tonini and Bramblet

The Major County Courthouse is significant because it is a fine example of the public architecture of Tonini and Bramblet and because of the building's importance to the community as the center of county government. Smaller and less grand than some of Tonini and Bramblet's other Oklahoma courthouses, the building in Major County nevertheless exhibits the clean lines typical of the designs of this architectural firm. It also incorporates their characteristic use of simplified elements of classical architecture. The courthouse is in fine condition and is a preeminent building of downtown Fairview.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 7-18 inclusive in Block 75 and now vacated, lying between Blocks 75 and 80 in the original town of Fairview

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