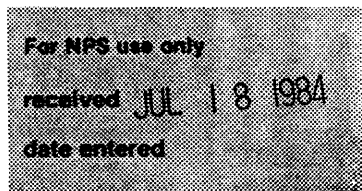


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Kiowa County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square; Bounded by 4th and Main, 3rd and Jefferson, Hobart, Oklahoma 040, Kiowa County 075

Owner: Kiowa County, Kiowa County Courthouse, Hobart, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: excellent, altered, original site

The Kiowa County Courthouse is a three-story red brick building reminiscent of some elements of the Second Empire style and also featuring some simplified neo-classical elements. The building has a basement and on the ground floor, a rusticated facade. Each side of the building has a large, central arched window. These windows are approximately 20' high and have a stone, eyebrow-like heading. A small, round window is located on either side of the arched window. All windows have wooden sashes, painted green. The original doors have been replaced with modern, metal-framed glass doors, which do not significantly detract from the building's architectural integrity. Four brick pilasters capped with stone stretch from the second floor to the cornice on all four sides of the building. The building has white stone detailing around the windows and entranceways. A stone cornice with dentils is surmounted by a brick parapet with an elaborately ornamented stone plaque highlighting the central portion. The doorways have new, metal-framed glass doors and stone facings and lintels supported by carved stone brackets. The main portion of the courthouse was built in 1905. The eastern section of the building was added a short time later; the style and brick work are in keeping with the 1905 construction.

Significance: 1905; Builder/architect: J.W. Stokes/unknown

The Kiowa County Courthouse is significant because of its uncommon architecture and because of its important political and historical role in the development of Kiowa County. Built prior to statehood, the building is one of the oldest courthouses in Oklahoma. The structure is in excellent condition and exhibits a charming mix of stylistic elements. It is architecturally unique among the state's courthouses. Particularly striking is the use of contrasting materials, red brick and white limestone. The interior of the courthouse was remodeled in 1972 after fire destroyed the upstairs.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:62,500/15 minute: Hobart, OK

Verbal Boundary Description: All of block 21 in original town of Hobart

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