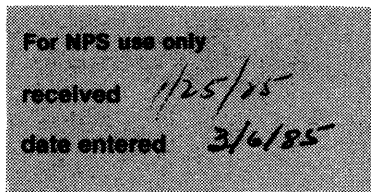


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NAME J.H. Pyeatt's General Store

LOCATION Custer City, Oklahoma 040, Custer County 039

OWNER Hazel Cross, Thomas, Oklahoma

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Treasurer's Office, Custer County
Courthouse, Arapaho, Oklahoma

DESCRIPTION: Condition: deteriorated, altered, original site

The Pyeatt General Store is a two-story, rectangular building 20'x30' of sandstone tan and red brick construction. There is a brick chimney on the front or east half of the flat roof. Double-hung sash windows with stone sills and brick relieving arches provide light for the structure. The major components of the decorative elements are sandstone and red brick. The corners of the east elevation have sandstone quoins. Also, there is red brick dentil molding on the east and south elevations. A frieze on the east and south elevations consists of parallel bands of red brick. Below the parallel bands of red brick on the east elevation the date 1905 is formed with red brick.

Although there have been some alterations to the building, these alterations have been cosmetic and not structural and have not affected the integrity of the architecture. Most of the windows on the first and second floor no longer have panes. The original wooden awnings and posts have been replaced with corrugated tin and steel posts. A metal sign with neon lights was added on the south elevation during the 1930s. As for the interior, the first floor ceiling has partially collapsed.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1905-Builder/Architect: Unknown

J.H. Pyeatt's General Store is significant because it is one of the best extant examples of Plains Commercial architecture in Custer City, Oklahoma. Built in 1905, Pyeatt's impressive two-story brick building provided tangible evidence that Custer City was prospering. Pyeatt's General Store provided a variety of dry goods and other finished products to the community. The second floor of the building served, a variety of functions over the years. Originally, Pyeatt resided above his store. An opera hall, a roller skating rink, and a movie theater have also been housed in the upper story.

During the early 1920s, Pyeatt sold the front half of his store to Henry Harmon, who moved in his drugstore. In the early 1930s, Pyeatt went out of business and his half of the building became a beer tavern. Austin Veetch, a local businessman, purchased both the tavern and

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drugstore. Veetch operated these businesses until 1960. Since 1960, the building has been vacant and has deteriorated until the interior second floor has collapsed.

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

QUADRANGLE: 7.5 min.-Clinton

UTM: 14 510600 3946650

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 53, Lot 1-3