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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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✓ Tillman County Courthouse

Location: Gladstone and Main Street, Frederick, Oklahoma 40, Tillman County 141

Owner: Tillman County Commissioners, Gladstone and Main Street, Frederick, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: good, unaltered, original site

The Tillman County Courthouse is a three-story structure built of concrete slabs laid to resemble dressed stone. The first floor has rusticated ashlar facing on the exterior walls. The back or north side of the building has a curved main wall which projects approximately 15 feet beyond the normal wall line. The building has a projecting cornice and a flat roof. The main entranceway on the south side has triple doorways, all three ornamented with triangular pediments supported by scrolled brackets. The remaining three sides of the building have a single, similarly designed doorway. Smooth, Tuscan columns and pilasters separate the window bays of the second and third floors. The curved wall has six pilasters. The corner windows of the second floor have ornamental pediments and scroll brackets. Windows consist of double hung sashes with one over one lights. The frieze of the south side is inscribed, "TILLMAN COUNTY COURT HOUSE."

Significance: 1921; Builder/architect: Charles Downing/Tonini and Bramblet

The Tillman County Courthouse is significant because it is an outstanding example of the signature courthouse design of Tonini and Bramblet. The unusual curved wall instantly identifies the building as a product of these architects' unique blending of classical styles. The courthouse is a central landmark in Frederick and serves the community both as a center of local government and as a source of civic pride. The building is in particularly good condition and architecturally, is one of the state's finest courthouses.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:62,500

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 1-28, Block 6, in the original town of Frederick

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