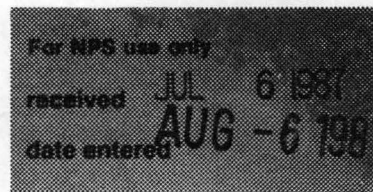


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## INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

<b>SURVEY NUMBER</b> <u>0009</u>	<b>PROPERTY OWNER</b> <u>City of Osceola</u>
<b>PROPERTY NAME</b> <u>City Hall</u>	<b>ADDRESS</b> <u>316 W. Hale</u>
<b>LOCATION</b> <u>316 W. Hale</u>	<u>Osceola, AR</u>
<b>CONSTRUCTION DATE</b> <u>1936</u>	

## DESCRIPTION

Constructed in 1936 by the Works Progress Administration as a Post Office for Osceola, the building now housing City offices is typical of many of the small town public buildings built in the 1930's. This one story flat-roofed building of red brick is situated on a large corner lot on the edge of Osceola's business district. The building rests on a concrete foundation. The facade (south elevation) is divided into three bays. The center bay is the focus of the building and is distinguished by a parapet the width of the bay. This wood parapet features a cornice and frieze. Three arched openings accentuate this center bay and are marked by keystones and side stone panels. The center arch contains the double six pane glass and wood entry doors. An awning covers the entry doors. Centered in the arch of the entry is a carved wood panel. The flanking arches in the center bay contain twelve-over-twelve light sash windows. The side bays feature a nine-over-nine window and a band of stone coping along the roofline. Inside, a decorative mural commissioned by the Treasury Department's Section of Fine Arts is the major decoration. This mural entitled "Early Settlers of Osceola" was completed in 1939 by Orville Carroll. The mural depicts a resident of the area welcoming a group of settlers arriving by kelle boat on the banks of the Mississippi River. The mural features subdued coloring in predominately greens and browns.

**ACREAGE** less than one**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION** Lots 17&18, Block 10, Town site Addition**QUADRANGLE NAME** Osceola, AR-TN**QUADRANGLE SCALE** 1:24000**UTM REFERENCE:** **ZONE** 16**EASTING** 231200**NORTHING** 3954870

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

The building which now houses Osceola City government offices was built in 1936. This building was constructed by the Works Progress Administration at a cost of \$55,000. The building served as the City's Post Office until 1967 when a new post office was built. Several dignitaries from local, state and federal government were present at the dedication of this building on May 29, 1936. Significant to the City of Osceola in its historic representation of the WPA in the 1930's, City Hall visually contributes to the City in its official presentation. Located inside is a mural entitled "Early Settlers of Osceola" by Orville Carroll. Completed in 1939, this mural is significant in its representation of one of the Roosevelt Administration's New Deal programs. The Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture, later the Section of Fine Arts, which between 1934 and 1943 commissioned murals and sculpture for federal buildings and for 1100 post offices throughout the Country. The subject matter of these murals reflected the natural and cultural diversity that existed across the United States. Of the eleven hundred post offices throughout the country for which these murals were commissioned those in the Southern states have the fewest depictions of history. Because Southern history was dominated by the slavery issue and defeat in the Civil War, history was not generally considered a viable subject for these murals. The Osceola mural of early settlement is an exception in that it does deal with history, but avoids any reference to slavery or to the Civil War.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Osceola MRA  
State Mississippi County, ARKANSAS

## Nomination/Type of Review

Entered in the  
National Register

## Date/Signature

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1. Bank of Osceola

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2. City Hall

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETCity Hall (Osceola MRA)  
Mississippi County  
ARKANSASWorking No. JUL - 6 1987  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 8/6/87 - 8/24/87  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 8-6-87  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐
- resubmission
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- ☐
- nomination by person or local government
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- ☐
- owner objection
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- ☐
- appeal

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National RegisterSubstantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheetNomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

## 1. Name

## 2. Location

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

## 4. Owner of Property

## 5. Location of Legal Description

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

## 7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐
- summary paragraph
- 
- ☐
- completeness
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- ☐
- clarity
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- ☐
- alterations/integrity
- 
- ☐
- dates
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- ☐
- boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_

Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Osceola MRA

Osceola, Mississippi County

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