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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	Chase
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.2.20.0008	2/24/71

1. NAME

COMMON: Chase County Courthouse

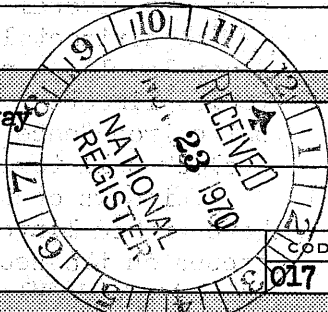
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: On the square at the south end of Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Cottonwood Falls

STATE: Kansas CODE: 66845 COUNTY: Chase CODE: 20



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Chase County

STREET AND NUMBER: Chase County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Cottonwood Falls STATE: Kansas CODE: 66845

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Chase County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Cottonwood Falls STATE: Kansas CODE: 66845

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration

DATE OF SURVEY: 1939 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Records destroyed. A guide book, Kansas, was published in 1939.

STREET AND NUMBER: 1939.

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chase County Courthouse is a magnificent three-story building constructed of tooled limestone, which was quarried on the town site. The building sits on a rough hewn limestone foundation base which projects several feet above ground level. There is a full basement.

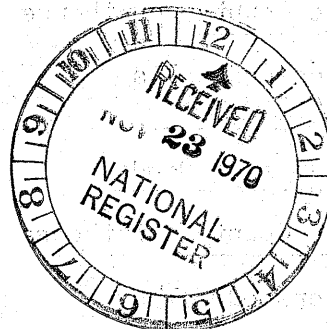
A horizontal projected stone band separates the first and second floor levels. An ornate cornice provides a separation between the tooled limestone and the red-painted mansard roof. An ornamental white iron fence is located on the top perimeter of the mansard roof. A clock bell tower extends above the roof line.

Windows on the first and second stories are grouped in pairs and have arched lintels. A projected pediment is located above the window groups on the second floor. Third floor windows are of two types-- paired rectangular windows with a curved pediment and oval shaped windows with ornamental surrounding trim.

The main facade is divided into three equal vertical parts with the clock tower above the center portion and the main entrance in the center portion. The main entrance is accented by a Palladian window located directly above it on the second floor.

The interior is enhanced by a spiral stairway extending from the first floor to the third floor.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known): 1873

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chase County Courthouse in Cottonwood Falls has served that Flint Hills county since 1873. In 1871 voters of Chase county twice went to the polls and voted for a courthouse. The first election on May 23 decided that public buildings should be constructed; at the second election on August 16 the people approved a bond issue of \$40,000 to build a courthouse and jail.

James Bannon of Leavenworth with the low bid of \$36,245 was awarded the construction contract. The architect and superintendent was John G. Haskell, a noted Lawrence, Kansas, architect who also designed the State Capitol. The building was completed in October, 1873, at a total cost of \$42,599.88, and a housewarming and ball were held October 17 with the building open to the public from 9 a. m. to midnight. The building has been in continuous use as the seat of county government since that time, and much of the building is virtually unchanged.

The people of Chase county have a great pride in their distinctive courthouse. In 1953 they held an 80th "birthday party" at which a spotlighting system was installed to floodlight the north facade and dome. When fire of undetermined origin damaged part of the tower in December, 1966, the people insisted that it be restored exactly as it was. The architect's original specifications were produced to insure accuracy.

The Chase County Courthouse is a truly excellent example of the Renaissance influence on Kansas buildings. This magnificent architectural landmark is also the oldest courthouse remaining in use in Kansas.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), p. 1357.

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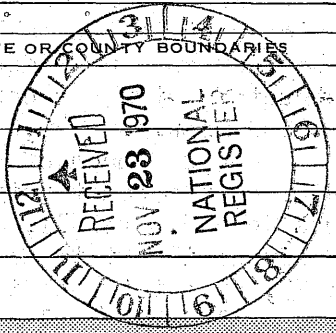
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	0 . "	0 . "			96	32 30
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.5**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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200
2071
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant**
Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **Sept. 25, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West Tenth St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66612** CODE: **20**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Nyle H. Miller</u> Nyle H. Miller</p> <p>Title Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society</p> <p>Date October 29, 1970</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Connolly</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>FEB 24 1971</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William J. [Signature]</u> Keep The National Register JAN 20 1971</p> <p>Date _____</p>

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"Spotlighting of Courthouse Will Be Highlight of 80th Anniversary Party," Chase County Leader, October 14, 1953.

