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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Green Hall, the home of the law school of the University of Kansas, is a two-story building with a basement, located in the center of the campus. It faces south along Jayhawk drive, and is approximately 60 feet wide and 120 feet long. The most significant element is a classical temple portico entry on the south facade extending from the street to the roof.

The exterior is sentially an example of a 19th century application of the Greco-Roman style of architecture. The exterior material was different at the time of construction from any other material used on the campus. It is pressed brick with columns and cornices of terra-cotta. Large smooth cut limestone quoins are used in a stack pattern at the building's corner. Around the perimeter of the building is a classical cornice, a composite of Ionic and Corinthian elements. The massive portico columns are fluted Roman Ionic with Attic bases and Ionic capitals. The corners and roof ridge over the portico are capped by carved stone detailed elements. In form the room is a combined hip and gable with slate shingles. The windows are all similar style—tall slender rectangles with heavy stone lintels.

The interior is used as classrooms and offices. Walls are mainly masonry set off by quarter-sawed oak, and there is a marble paved vestibule.

A seven-story stack library addition has been built on to Green Hall. The new addition sits im the rear of the building and is connected only by a covered walkway on the second and third floors of the building.

A statue of James Green, the first dean of the law school, was placed in front of the portico entry in 1924.

The exterior is basically as it was originally except for the addition to the rear. The addition is not visible from the front of the building.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Green Hall on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence was erected in 1904-05 to house the School of Law, which had been established in August, 1878. The first head of the law department, and for a time the only instructor, was a 33-year-old Lawrence lawyer, James Woods Green. He received no salary from the university but was permitted to collect \$25.00 from each of the 13 hopefuls who enrolled in the first classes. In the 1879 university catalog he was listed as the "Dean" of the law department.

For 25 years the law classes met where space was available. Finally the legislature authorized construction of a law school building. Architectural plans were drawn by the State Architect, John F. Stanton, and William Nadelhoffer of Lawrence received the building contract. Although legislative approval for erecting a new law school structure was announced in February, 1903, work on the building was delayed until July, 1904. The new facility was completed by September, 1905, at a cost of \$65,000 and was officially dedicated November 3 as Green Hall, named in honor of the first dean of the law school. Dean Green, who was affectionately known as "Uncle Jimmy" by generations of students, delivered the main address at the dedicatory service.

Green never retired, continuing to reach and serve as dean until his death in 1919. A statue of "Uncle Jimmy" sculpted by Daniel Chester French was placed in front of the law school as a memorial in 1924.

Green Hall, with its statue of "Uncle Jimmy" Green, is an important part of the east end of the university campus. Together with nearby Spooner Hall and Dyche Hall, it forms a small cluster of architectural tradition on the campus.



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