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Alfalfa County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square - Grand Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets, Cherokee, Oklahoma 40, Alfalfa County 003

Owner: Alfalfa County, Courthouse Square, Cherokee, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: excellent, unaltered, original site

The Alfalfa County Courthouse is a three-story structure, rectangular in shape, built of faced gypsum blocks. The ground floor has a rusticated facade, exhibiting a pattern of horizontal lines. The front of the building has four Tuscan columns stretching from the second to the third story, delineating a slightly-recessed space. Pilasters of the same order continue the pattern on the remaining three sides of the courthouse. The columns and pilasters alternate with paired 1/1 windows. The doorways, centered on the ground floor of each side of the building, are ornamented with small triangular pediments, supported by curved stone console brackets. A pair of post lamps flanks each doorway. A projecting cornice and low parapet cap the courthouse.

Significance: 1921; Builder/architect: Charles M. Dunning/Tonini and Bramblet The Alfalfa County Courthouse is one of the focal points of the town of Cherokee. Constructed in 1921, it has since that time served the county as the center of local government and as an architectural landmark. The building is in excellent condition and is a fine example of the public buildings designed by the firm of Tonini and Bramblet. Although not as grandiose as some of their other designs, the Alfalfa County Courthouse exhibits clean, simple lines and attractive neo-classical details.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute

<u>Verbal Boundary Description</u>: Lots 1-12 inclusive in Block 31 of original town of Cherokee

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