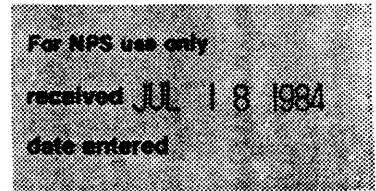


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Texas County Courthouse

Location: 319 N. Main Street, Guymon, Oklahoma 040, Texas County 139

Owner: Texas County, 319 N. Main Street, Guymon, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: excellent, altered, original site

The Texas County Courthouse is a four story structure with a 90' by 84' base. It is constructed of red matt face brick of running bond masonry. The front entrance faces north. The fourth floor, used as a jail, is set back. The building is a mixture of classical architecture with a classic entry with a pediment and cartouche, and with the pediments over the second story windows on all elevations. The architecture also combines typical American public building elements and also some western eclectic with its polychrome surface decorations. The building has a buff stone water table on the first floor and a buff stone frieze too. Vertical pilaster strips separate all fenestration on the first and second floors. The triple windows are stationary with metal frames. In January 1974 all windows on the first floor were bricked in. This alteration significantly changes the appearance of the building, yet it is still possible to appreciate the courthouse's original architectural design. It is conceivable that the windows can be restored to their original state at some future time.

Significance: 1927; Builder/archtect: Kriepke Construction Co./Maurice Jaynes

The Texas County Courthouse is significant because it has been the center of political activity of the county since 1927. The structure houses the offices of many county officials. It also contains a courtroom and a jail. The present Courthouse also serves the county as the focus of civic pride. The attention showered upon the building by the local press in the late 1920s and early 1930s reflects the importance of the Courthouse as a symbol of the Panhandles growth, progress, and prosperity (the building cost \$200,000.,, to construct). The newspapers stressed the construction of the building - "steel, cement, and brick" as a sign of permanence of the people of the region.

The building is also significant in that it was constructed by the Kriepke Construction Company which was responsible for building forty-one public buildings, thirty college buildings (including the University of Oklahoma Library and the Oklahoma State University Administration building), thirteen state hospitals, three high schools, seven consolidated schools, three churches, and many businesses, manufacturing plants and office buildings. The Texas County Courthouse was a part of the period of intensive growth that occurred in Oklahoma prior to the Depression and which has had a significant impact on the architecture of the state since.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000

Verbal Boundary Description: Block 10, all lots inclusive

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