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Payne County Courthouse

Location: 606 S. Husband, Stillwater, Oklahoma 40, Payne County 119

Owner: Payne County

Description: Condition: excellent, unaltered, original site

The Payne County Courthouse is constructed of red brick and stone. The ground floor is of rusticated stone, with a pronounced horizontal shadow line. The east, or front facade, is semicircular, projecting approximately 20 feet from the corner of the building. Half-round Ionic pilasters separate the window bays of the second and third floors. The other sides of the building have four similar pilasters delineating a slightly-recessed area accomdating three window bays. The entryways, one of each side, have small pediments supported by scrolled brackets. The building has a stone frieze and a modillioned cornice which is surmounted by an attic story. The frieze of the curved, front side has lettering which reads, "PAYNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE." Paired brick pilasters divide the facade of the attic story into sections. The curved section of the attic story is ornamented with stone plaques. An addition was built to the west of the building in 1968 and is attached to it by a breezeway. The new construction did not alter the original building's architecture.

Significance: 1917; Builder/architect: Unknown/Hair, Tonini, and Bramblet

The Payne County Courthouse is significant because it is an outstanding example of the architectural design of Tonini and Bramblet. Although very similar to both the Tillman County Courthouse and the Okmulgee County Courthouse, this one is unique because the characteristic curved wall of these architects is used on the front facade of the building rather than on the back. The Payne County Courthouse combines numerous elements of classical architectural design in a visually pleasing and functionally practical manner.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle : 1:24,000/7.5 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: All of Block 20 of the original town of Stillwater

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