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## Seminole County Courthouse

Location: S. Wewoka between West First and West Second Streets, Wewoka, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

Owner: Seminole County, Courthouse Square, Wewoka, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: good, altered, original site

The Seminole County Courthouse is a two-story, red brick structure with stone detailing. The original, central portion of the building was constructed in 1927. An attached addition to the south end of the building was constructed in 1939 as a WPA project. Additional renovation was done in 1974 and 1975. The newer portions carry out the overall style of the original building. The brickwork on the various additions is not an exact match, yet the slightdifferences in color and workmanship are noticeable only upon close inspection. The front facade has six lonic columns alternating with five window bays and supporting a stone entablature. The frieze is inscribed with the words, "SEMINOLE COUNTY COURT HOUSE." The cornice has an ornate frilled edge. The main entranceway has a stone framwork and a stone entablature which echoes the design of the roofline. round medallions decorate the brickwork of the frieze on either side of the inscription. Additional narrow windows on either side of the five central window bays are framed with crosshatched stonework. The building has a partial attic story which houses the jail. Windows and doors are modern, with fixed panes and metal frames.

<u>Significance</u>: 1927; Builder/architect: Unknown/Maurice Baldwin and Mannot and Reid

The Seminole County Courthouse is significant because of its importance to the community as a center of local government and as an architectural landmark. The courthouse is the focal point of county politics. A variety of community services, such as the election board, the county clerk's office, and the county treasurer, are housed in the building. This causes it to be a much-frequented building in the town of Wewoka. Despite the later additions, the courthouse retains much of its original appearance.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute

<u>Verbal Boundary Description</u>: Lots 1-12 of Block 6, Courthouse addition to the cith of Wewoka

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