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Bryan County Courthouse

Location: ~~NW Corner of~~ 4th Avenue and Evergreen Street, Durant, Oklahoma 40, Bryan County 013

Owner: Bryan County, NW Corner of 4th Avenue and Evergreen Street, Durant, Oklahoma

Description:

The Bryan County Courthouse is a three-story, approximately square building constructed of cut stone blocks. It combines various Second Renaissance Revival and Neo-Classical Revival design elements. The ground floor has a rusticated facade and is delineated by a prominent water table. Two pairs of engaged corinthian columns ornament the front facade, rising between the second and third floors. Pilasters and a projecting cornice with a wide entablature and modillions continue the classic lines of the building on all four sides. The courthouse has a flat roof and a balustrade further ornaments the top of the south side. An ornate wreath and shield design provides a decorative accent above the new metal and glass front door. Entered on the first floor, the interior of the building has marble floors, stair case, and wainscotting.

Significance: 1917; Builder/architect: Unknown, Jewell Hicks

The Bryan County Courthouse is significant because of its importance to the county's residents as a center of government, and because it is an elegant example of monumental public architecture. It is particularly notable because its architect was Jewell Hicks, one of the designers of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building. The courthouse serves the county and the city of Durant as a landmark and an important political site.

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: 1:62,500/15 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 7 and 8, Block 152, Durant City Platt

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