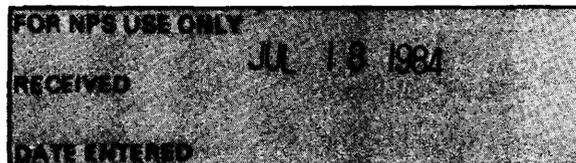


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Blaine County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, N. Weigle Street between E. 1st and E. 2nd Streets, Watonga, Oklahoma 40, Blaine County 011

Owner: Blaine County, Courthouse Square, Watonga, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: excellent, unaltered, original site

The Blaine County Courthouse is a four-story tan brick building with a large central dome. It has a concrete foundation and a rusticated water table rising to just below the first-floor windows. The main entrance is of light-colored cut stone with a pedimental frontpiece. The new metal door has side lights of glass brick. The pedimental design of the front entry is repeated above the cornice. The tympanum of the roofline pediment is painted in a pattern of contrasting spirals surrounding the date "1906," which is central to the decorative motif. The building has particularly fine brickwork. A subtle composition of raised, open squares and rectangles emphasizes the patterning of the windows. Brickwork modillions define the lines of the cornice. A slightly-recessed arcade of three windows on the third and fourth floors emphasizes the central facade of the building above the front entry. The triple arch of the arcade draws the viewer's eye upward to the dome. A small round window is set into each section of the dome's curved roof. A new, two-story addition of matching brick is located on the south side and is connected to the older building by a breezeway.

Significance: 1906; Builder/architect: Unknown

The Blaine County Courthouse is significant because of its architecture and its historic role in county government. Built the year before statehood, the courthouse has since served as the center of county politics and law enforcement. The building is one of the most imposing structures in Watonga and serves as a landmark for both the town and the county.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute

Verbal Boundary Description: Entire Block 36 in original city of Watonga

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