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Washita County Courthouse

Location: Courthouse Square, Cordell, Oklahoma 40, Washita County 149

Owner: Washita County Commissioners, Box 380, Washita County Courthouse, Cordell, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: good, altered, original site

The Washita County Courthouse is a three-story brick building with a domed clock tower centered on top. The east and west entrances have monumental Ionic porticoes. The columns and pilasters of these porticoes are painted white. Copper sheeting covers the tympanums of the pediments. Both the east and west entrances are raised to the second-floor level and are approached by broad, painted, concrete, staircases. The East and West doorways have pedimented frontispieces supported by consoles. The first-floor facade is of red brick and a projecting, white water table separates it from the upper stories. The second and third floors are constructed of yellow brick. The building has a projecting cornice and entablature of copper sheeting. The dome of the clock tower is also covered with copper sheeting and it is supported by twelve yellow brick arches and twelve white-painted Corinthian columns. Four large clock faces are ornamented with lion heads and scrolled pediments above each one. The building has modern, metal-framed windows and doors

Significance: 1910; Architect/builder Layton, Wemyss, Smith, and Hawk/Donathan and Moore

The Washita County Courthouse is significant because of its unusual architecture and because of its importance to the county as a center of local government and as a highly-visible landmark. The courthouse incorporates numerous elements of neo-classical revival styling and is built on a higher elevation than is most of the rest of the town. State Highway 152 approaches the courthouse directly from the east and west. The building can be seen from miles away and is a dominant and striking structure of the county.

Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:62,500/15 min

Verbal Boundary Description: All of the original courthouse square; Old Cordell Platt, City of Cordell, Oklahoma (Legal Location has no lot or block number).

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