

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STILWELL CITY HALL

LOCATION: 10 West Oak, Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--governmental

OWNER: The City of Stilwell, Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This essentially rectangular shaped (50' x 78') building is constructed of uncut native stone laid in a cobweb pattern with beaded mortar. The roof is flat with parapets capped with concrete. The front entryway is framed with stone pilasters and lintel capped by a stepped cornice evocative of Mission style. The metal sash windows are singly placed with concrete sills. A single garage entry on the front is framed with pilasters. Unfortunately an addition to the side of the structure has destroyed its integrity and disqualifies it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant for its encompassing design. It houses city offices, a storage garage, an ambulance garage, fire equipment, the police department and the city and county jail. Architecturally it is unique for its faint Mission style and the quality of its workmanship. Its importance to the community is suggested by its continued use by the city fathers. Construction of the City Hall generated 76,000 manhours of labor which gave many persons an opportunity to regain their self respect and a measure of economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stilwell West, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 8, Block 38, Stilwell original

PICTURE REFERENCE: None