

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COUNTY COURT BUILDING

LOCATION: Broadway and North Pecan, Coweta, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: City of Coweta, Coweta, OK 74429

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

A single story, essentially rectangular (50' x 83') structure with offsets, the county building at Coweta is constructed of uncut and unrusticad native stone. Mortar is slightly extended. The roof is gabled with parapets to the front, but the rear extension is covered with a flat roof. Front windows are metal casements, while those on the sides are wood sash. Both sit on pre-formed concrete sills. The centrally placed, double door front entryway is recessed in an extended wall that rises to serve as a cross gable. The east front is symetrically styled.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

Unlike most counties, the county seat of Wagoner County was not located centrally. Residents in the western sections of the county frequently lost hours if not days from work transacting business in the county seat on the eastern border. Construction of the county building at Coweta addressed this unique problem, and in doing so itself became unique. The structure is also notable within the community in terms of style and workmanship. Moreover, there are precious few auxilliary, county court buildings in Oklahoma. Construction of the facility also provided work opportunities for destitute laborers long on relief rolls.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Coweta, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 14 & 15, Block 57, New Coweta

PICTURE REFERENCE: 154-a; 154-b