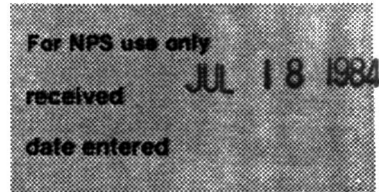


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✓ ^{ham} ~~Beckman~~ County Courthouse

✓ Location: Courthouse Square, ~~Box 67~~, Sayre, Oklahoma 040, Beckham County 009

Owner: Beckham County Commissioners, P.O. Box 67, Sayre, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: good, altered, original site

The Beckham County Courthouse is a three-story structure, 65 feet east-west by 99 feet north-south, built of tan bricks and stone. The brickwork of the first floor is an alternating pattern of six raised bricks and one recessed brick, running in horizontal lines. A stone water table is above the first floor and each of the doorways on the north, east, and west sides have wide stone jambs. There is no entrance on the south side of the building. The east and west sides of the courthouse have two massive Tuscan columns above the entrances rising from the water table to the cornice.

The north and south sides have four stone pilasters flanked by two wider brick pilasters of the same style. A cornice covered in tan-painted copper sheeting surmounts the third floor. The cornice is ornamented with dentils and pearl moulding and supports a brick parapet topped with a stone edge. A clock dome rises from an octagonal base on the flat roof. The dome has flat panels for four clocks facing the four directions, but no clock faces. Twelve Doric columns support the dome roof, which is covered with copper and painted brown. The large dome is surmounted ^{by} a miniature dome, also supported by twelve Doric columns. The original wooden-sashed windows have been replaced with modern, metal-framed, fixed windows. This alteration created a visual difference in the building, but it does not change significantly the original architectural design.

Significance: 1911 Builder/architect: Oklahoma Quarries and Construction Company/Layton, Smith, and Hawk

The Beckham County Courthouse is significant because of its unique architecture and its importance to the community. Built in 1911, the structure is in very good condition and is one of the few courthouses in Oklahoma which features a large dome. It is one of the tallest buildings in Sayre and is a notable landmark of the area. The courthouse dome is lighted at night and is an impressive sight.

Acreage: 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:62,500

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated is on Block 4, Courthouse Addition. The property is enclosed in a square 200 feet on a side, from a starting point on the NE corner of the intersection of Third and Walnut Streets go 200 feet North, then 200 feet east, then 200 feet south, and then 200 feet west back to the starting point.

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Name County Courthouses of Oklahoma Thematic Resources
State Oklahoma

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Adair County Courthouse

Substantive Review

Keeper

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2. Alfalfa County Courthouse

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Beckham County Courthouse (County
Courthouses of Oklahoma TR)
Beckham County
OKLAHOMA

Substantive Review

JUL 18 1984

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 8/16/84 - 9/1/84
Action: ACCEPT 8-23-84
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

See cover form comments

Recom./Criteria Accept A, C
Reviewer Bushong
Discipline Historic
Date 8/23/84
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

BECKHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Beckham County Courthouse

Sayre, Oklahoma

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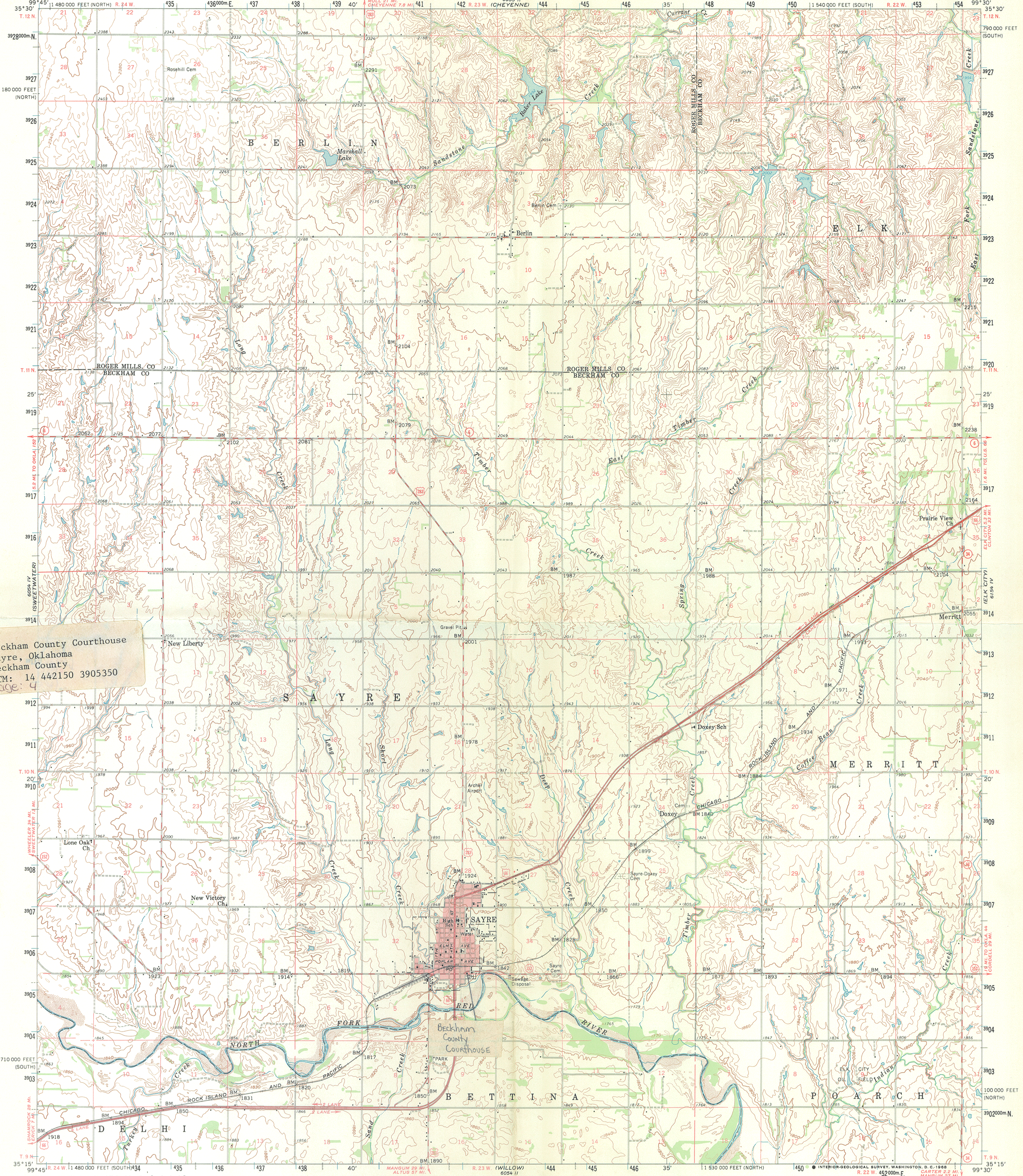
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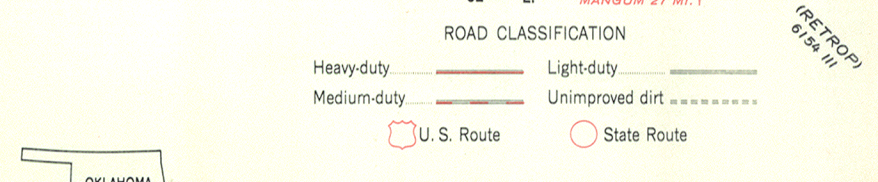
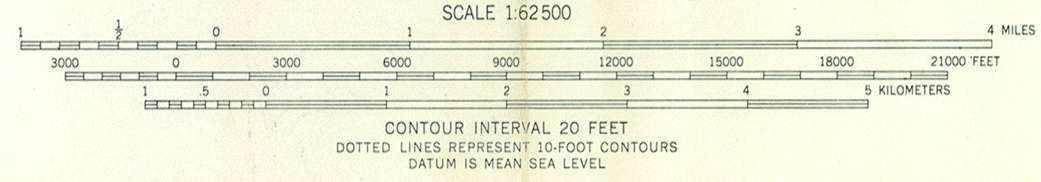
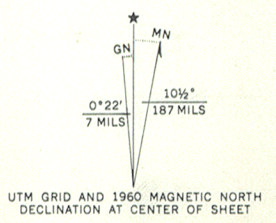
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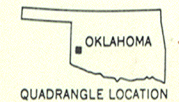


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February 24, 1984

Oklahoma Historical Society
Wiley Post Historical Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

Replying to your letter of February 6, 1984 relative to the Beckham County Courthouse being considered for thematic nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We, the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Beckham County, acknowledge that our courthouse is worthy of preservation.

The cornerstone reveals that the courthouse was built in 1911 and no architectural changes have been made. An elevator was installed in 1955 and renovations to the exterior were made late in 1979.

The dome of this structure creates a lantern effect, a controlled light inside the big dome, automatically lights up at night which adds to the image of the courthouse and community. The domes have copper roofs, but have been repainted a brown color, the shade of brown copper turns in this part of the country.

Our courthouse conveys an image of strength, solidity and as much as possible, truthfulness. From a distance our courthouse has a rather strong image.

A copy of the nomination is requested for our files.

Yours truly,

Marvin Stewart
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Chairman

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