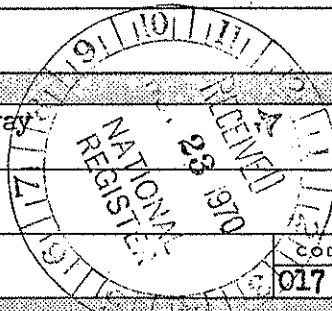


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**1. NAME**

COMMON: Chase County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: On the square at the south end of Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Cottonwood Falls

STATE: Kansas 66845      CODE: 20      COUNTY: Chase      CODE: 017

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Chase County

STREET AND NUMBER: Chase County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Cottonwood Falls      STATE: Kansas 66845      CODE: 20

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Chase County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Cottonwood Falls      STATE: Kansas 66845      CODE: 20

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration

DATE OF SURVEY: 1939       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Records destroyed. A guide book, Kansas, was published in 1939.

STREET AND NUMBER: 1939.

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chase County Courthouse is a magnificent three-story building constructed of tooled limestone, which was quarried on the town site. The building sits on a rough hewn limestone foundation base which projects several feet above ground level. There is a full basement.

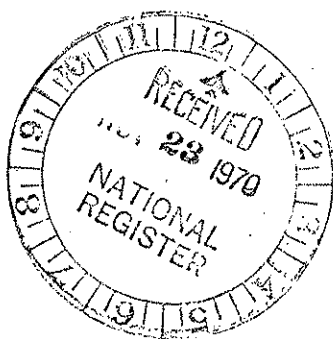
A horizontal projected stone band separates the first and second floor levels. An ornate cornice provides a separation between the tooled limestone and the red-painted mansard roof. An ornamental white iron fence is located on the top perimeter of the mansard roof. A clock bell tower extends above the roof line.

Windows on the first and second stories are grouped in pairs and have arched lintels. A projected pediment is located above the window groups on the second floor. Third floor windows are of two types--paired rectangular windows with a curved pediment and oval shaped windows with ornamental surrounding trim.

The main facade is divided into three equal vertical parts with the clock tower above the center portion and the main entrance in the center portion. The main entrance is accented by a Palladian window located directly above it on the second floor.

The interior is enhanced by a spiral stairway extending from the first floor to the third floor.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1873

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

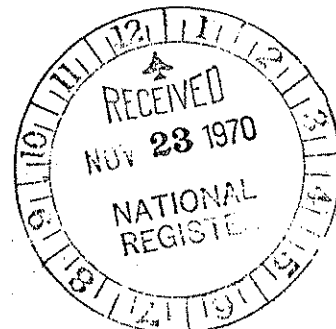
The Chase County Courthouse in Cottonwood Falls has served that Flint Hills county since 1873. In 1871 voters of Chase county twice went to the polls and voted for a courthouse. The first election on May 23 decided that public buildings should be constructed; at the second election on August 16 the people approved a bond issue of \$40,000 to build a courthouse and jail.

James Bannon of Leavenworth with the low bid of \$36,245 was awarded the construction contract. The architect and superintendent was John G. Haskell, a noted Lawrence, Kansas, architect who also designed the State Capitol. The building was completed in October, 1873, at a total cost of \$42,599.88, and a housewarming and ball were held October 17 with the building open to the public from 9 a. m. to midnight. The building has been in continuous use as the seat of county government since that time, and much of the building is virtually unchanged.

The people of Chase county have a great pride in their distinctive courthouse. In 1953 they held an 80th "birthday party" at which a spotlighting system was installed to floodlight the north facade and dome. When fire of undetermined origin damaged part of the tower in December, 1966, the people insisted that it be restored exactly as it was. The architect's original specifications were produced to insure accuracy.

The Chase County Courthouse is a truly excellent example of the Renaissance influence on Kansas buildings. This magnificent architectural landmark is also the oldest courthouse remaining in use in Kansas.

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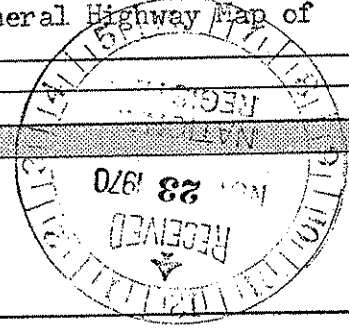
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: State Highway Commission of Kansas, General Highway Map of Chase County, Kansas			
SCALE: one inch: two miles			
DATE: 1965			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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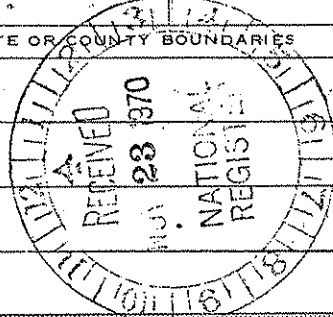
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.5

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant  
 Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: Sept. 25, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth St.

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Nyle H. Miller  
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date October 29, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Conway  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 24 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William J. [Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 JAN 20 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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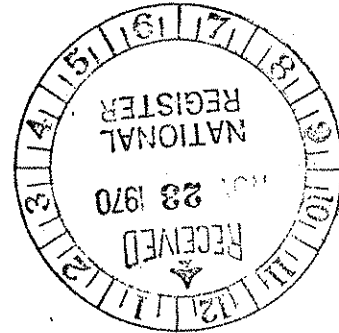
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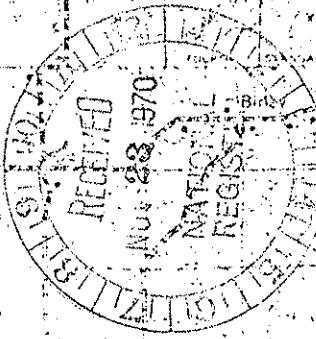
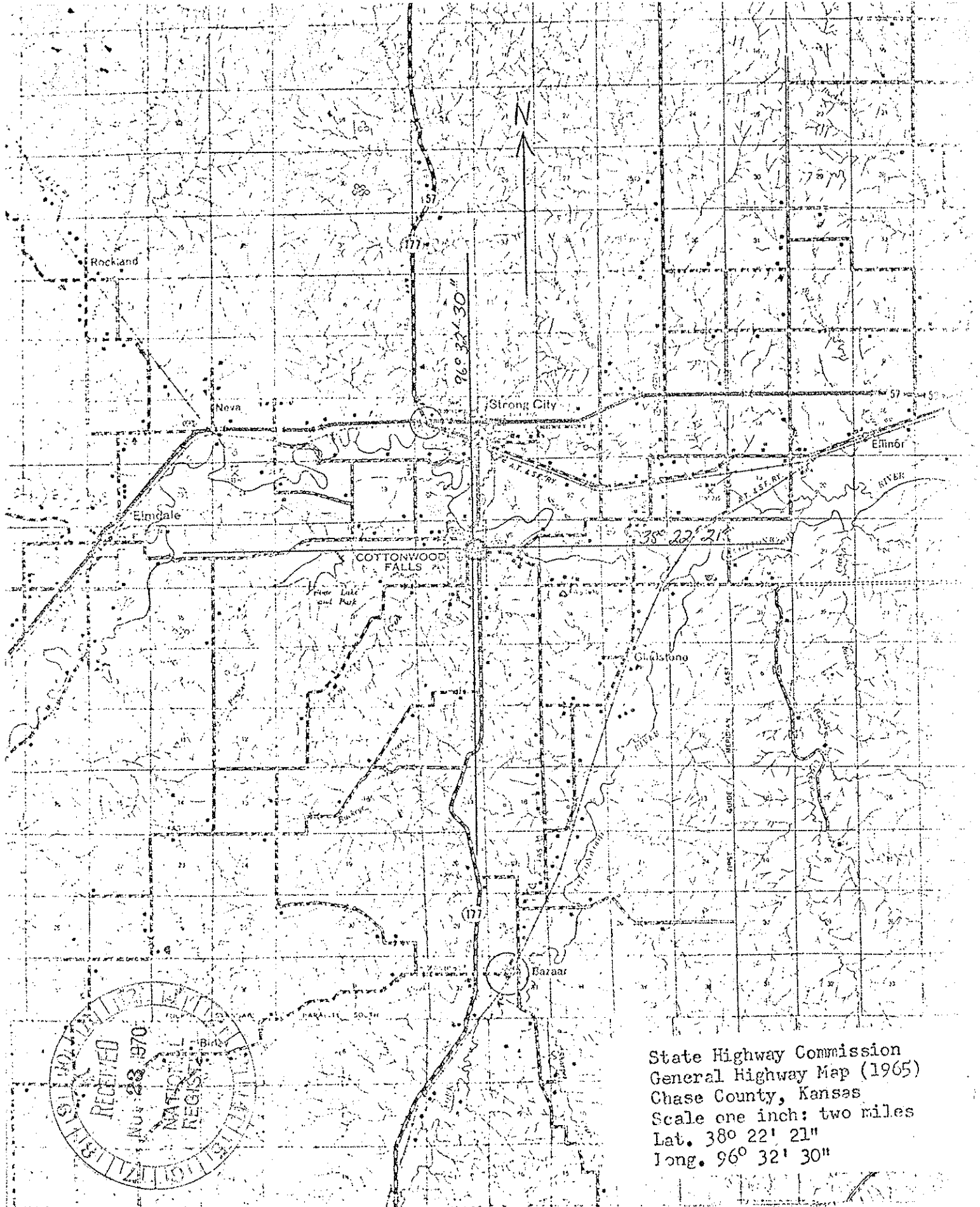
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State Highway Commission  
General Highway Map (1965)  
Chase County, Kansas  
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