United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form  

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections  

1. Name  

historic  Kingman County Courthouse  
and or common  Kingman County Courthouse  

2. Location  

street & number  120 Spruce Street  
city, town  Kingman  
state  Kansas  

3. Classification  

Category  Ownership  Status  Present Use  

district  X public  X occupied  ___ agriculture  
building(s)  ___ private  ___ unoccupied  ___ commercial  
structure  ___ both  ___ work in progress  ___ educational  
site  Public Acquisition  Accessible  ___ entertainment  
object  ___ in process  ___ yes: restricted  ___ government  
___ being considered  ___ yes: unrestricted  ___ industrial  
N/A  ___ no  ___ military  

4. Owner of Property  

name  Kingman County Board of Commissioners  
street & number  Kingman County Courthouse  
city, town  Kingman  
state  Kansas  67608  

5. Location of Legal Description  

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.  Register of Deeds  
city, town  Kingman  
state  Kansas  67608  

6. Representation in Existing Surveys  

title  Kingman Historic Sites Inventory  
has this property been determined eligible?  ___ yes  X no  
date  June 30, 1970  

depository for survey records  Kansas State Historical Society, 120 W. Tenth  
city, town  Topeka  
state  Kansas  66612
7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Kingman County Courthouse is a three-story rectangular brick building over a raised limestone basement. It measures 94 feet north to south and 64 feet east to west. The principal roofline is hipped, with an octagonal cupola at the center. At each corner of the building is a slightly-projecting square tower block with a pyramidal roof. A gable-roofed center pavilion projects slightly from each of the four walls.

Built in 1907-08, the courthouse exhibits an architectural character that is perhaps best described as "mixed late Victorian," blending Romanesque, "Free Classical" and Queen Anne elements in a manner that was distinctive to the architect, George P. Washburn.

Above the basement of rusticated limestone blocks the walls are red brick. The tall, slender, first-story windows have flat tops, capped by rusticated stone lintels. The second story windows are slightly shorter and also flat-topped, but with less prominent lintels. The windows of the third story sit low over those of the second and continue their lines up to semi-circular brick arches with stone edging. Rusticated stone impost blocks form a broken stringcourse around the entire building. Above the arches is a corbelled brick frieze above which are white classical cornices. The front (west) gable has a classical entablature instead, carried by four brick pilasters.

On the west facade of the building a flight of steps leads to the main entrance on the first floor. Covering the entrance is a porch whose flat roof is carried by four rusticated stone piers and two stone pilasters.

The cupola is "free classical" in design, with semicircular arched windows on each of the eight sides, between which are engaged Corinthian columns carrying a classical entablature and a bell-shaped roof.

Examination of the original plans indicates a high degree of exterior integrity, with the only major change being the replacement of the windows with modern aluminum-framed ones about 1975. The interior is largely intact also, the most evident alteration being the suspended ceiling in the courtroom.
8. Significance

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Specific dates 1907–08

Builder/Architect Geroge P. Washburn of Ottawa, KS
Contractor: Matheim & Walters of St. Joseph, MO

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Kingman County Courthouse is locally significant both for its architecture and for its long association with the administration of government and justice for Kingman County.

Built in 1907–08, it was designed by George P. Washburn of Ottawa, KS, one of the leading architects in the state at the turn of the century. Washburn and his contemporary, James C. Holland of Topeka, were the most prolific designers of county courthouses in Kansas, each having designed thirteen. The Kingman courthouse is one of ten Washburn courthouses that still stand as they were originally built. (Six others are already listed on the National Register.) This building is a very good and relatively intact example of Washburn's distinctive architectural style, which typically combined Romanesque, Queen Anne, and "free classical" features. While Washburn designed some buildings in "purer" style, many of his most prominent public buildings are composed in a manner much like the Kingman courthouse, although each is a unique design.

The courthouse has served as the seat of government for Kingman County for over seventy-five years, and continues in that role today.

This statement is based on current knowledge and is subject to amendment.
9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre
Quadrangle name Kingman, KS

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Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification
Lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of East Avenue A in the original town plat of Kingman.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard J. Cawthon, Architectural Historian
organization Kansas State Historical Society
date July 18, 1985
street & number 120 West Tenth
telephone (913) 296-5264
city or town Topeka
state KS

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

X national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature
Executive Director Kansas State Historical Society
date July 23, 1985

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Chief of Registration

GPO 894-789
Kingman Leader-Courier,

1907

January 10, 17, 31
February 7, 21, 28
April 4, 25
May 2
June 6, 20, 27
July 4, 11, 26
August 8, 15
October 10

1908

January 16
February 13
March 5, 19, 26

Architectural drawings of Kingman County Courthouse, by George P. Washburn, on file at Kansas State Historical Society.

This nomination is based in part on information provided by Donna R. Brown, County Clerk, Kingman County, and on research conducted by the staff of the Historic Preservation Department, Kansas State Historical Society.
Kingman County Courthouse
Kingman (Kingman County) Kansas

UTM Reference 14/578430/4166350

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1967

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Kansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 14, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

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