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HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Jefferson
Theme 8-C
Name
(Common) Jefferson County Courthouse #1
(Historic) Jefferson County Courthouse
Address n.w. corner 6th & D streets
Madras, Oregon
Present Owner Jefferson County
(Address) Madras, Oregon
Original Use Courthouse
Date of Construction 1918-1919

Physical

The first Jefferson County Courthouse erected in Madras is a two story, brick building which faces south and stands at the northwest corner of Sixth and D streets. This building has brick quoins and a small brick facade upon which is located a badly weathered panel which reads: "Jefferson County Court House." The structure has a central entry which is recessed and is surrounded by an arch of bricks with a keystone. The windows are one-over-one, double hung sash and those on the second story have small diamond panes which run across the top of each window bay. Most of the windows in the south (front) elevation are set as pairs. The building has a concrete foundation.

The Jefferson County seat was originally located in Culver following the establishment of the county in 1914. In 1917 an election determined that Madras should be the county seat and the courthouse was erected in 1918 and 1919. This building has been replaced by a more recent structure which stands a block to the northeast. The second story of this building is a museum.

This building was erected by the City of Madras at a cost of \$9,500. The county purchased this structure in 1925 for \$6,000.

historical significance:

Continue back if necessary

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Jefferson County Reminiscences. Portland, Ore.:
Binfords & Mort, 1957, pp. 135-138.

Please enclose map Township 11 ^N _S Range 13 ^E _W Section 12

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Sources:

¹"Madras Spruces Up Historic Buildings," Oregonian, Aug. 12, 1976, B4, photo.

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