

The Creek Council House  
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The Creek Council House is located in the heart of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and takes in a square block between Morton and Grand street, the north and south streets being Sixth and Seventh streets.

The house is made of native stone, built by stone masons of Okmulgee, (white men) in the year of 1879 through the contract of W.C. Fryer and builder S. H. McDermott.

The Council is a two-story building and the ground floor has seven rooms, one in the center being a hall, with two doors north and south, and two stairs the same as <sup>the</sup> doors.

The northeast room is a Peacock Memorial as is written on door, and it has two doors east and west.

The southeast part has two rooms. On the door is written, Committee on Foreign Relations. These rooms are now the exhibition room of fowls and animals or old guns.

The southwest room has two doors east and west. It is now the exhibition room of old relics and is the office.

~~On the door is written,~~ Judiciary Committee.

The northwest part has two rooms in smaller sizes, with all kinds of Indian Relics.

The up-stairs has five rooms and a hall, a women's rest room is now built at the south end of the hall, the hall being in the center of the building the same as the lower hall. The northeast room is called the house of Warriors as is written on door. It is a big room being about 20 feet wide and about 60 feet long, with ten windows, a desk, chairs and a piano. The Creeks and others still hold meetings in that room once a month.

The northwest part now has three small rooms (on the door is written Supreme Court). Next to the court room used to be the room for the Mekkó but now it is divided into two small rooms. It is now a store room, and a kitchen, the southwest room is now used as a Cafeteria, but on the door is written "House of Kings," All these rooms have been changed into smaller rooms for some purpose.

On the north and south end of the hall on the second floor a platform or a porch like has been built being about eight feet wide and twelve feet long, with board railings around it about two feet high. The roof is of shingles, and on top is a square bell house about eight feet square and about five or six feet high. On top of that is an eagle of

brass or copper which measures three feet from wing tip to wing tip. It was polished many years ago, a bright yellow.

The Council house yard had many old trees and also young ones which have been planted recently. Of these trees are, one red oak very old on the southeast corner, one ash tree by the oak, five sycamore trees, one maple, five Japanese Elms and four Elm trees. The Council house takes in a whole block and the four ends of the corners are walls at about twenty eight feet angle and two feet thick. It is five feet high, and has four, north, south, east and west, gate pillars of native stones two feet square and about four feet high, and two at each gate four feet apart. A monument stands on the northeast corner of the yard of the Council House and there was erected recently on the northwest corner a flag pole about sixty feet in height with an eagle on top.

The eagle on top of the Council House has two or three bullet holes in it. A man by the name of Wesley Farnett, a Creek Indian, was being hunted as a murderer. He came into Okmulgee one night and as he was riding down Sixth street he happened to see the eagle in the moonlight. He jerked

his pistol out and took two shots at it and the next day when they went up to the eagle there were two bullet holes in it. Another Indian who had been drinking took some shots at the eagle and he added another bullet hole to it.

When the Council House was half way built up to the second floor, a great many dances were held in it.

It is said that the southwest foundation was supposed to contain silver money but when the masons started building, it is said they took the money out of the foundation. An Indian had put the money there to stay forever or as long as the Council house stood.

On the north side just a few feet east the door is a carved stone set in the wall inscribed as follows:

Muscogee National Capitol  
Erected A. D. 1878

Building Committee

Contractor

Jas. McHenry

F. G. Fryer

W. F. Brown

Builder

Jno. McIntosh

J. H. McDermott

Wilcox & H. b. Marble Dealers, St. Scott, Kansas.

The stone is about 15 inches wide and 26 inches long.

A written tablet was presented to the Council house by the Daughters of the American Revolution, on it was written the following inscription:

1868

1878

This Ground is the original meeting place of the Creek National Council and memorializes the thirty eight tribes which met in international Council here.

The log house was razed to erect the present building which incloses the court room, the hall of Kings, and the hall of Warriors.

To commemorate this site and these buildings this tablet is placed by

The Okmulgee Chapter  
of the  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
1937

This tablet is about two feet long and about 16 inches wide. A circle about the size of a silver dollar, is on top with thirteen stars all around.