

## Capitol Hill was plated in 1900

... seven years before statehood... ten years before the election to move the Capitol to Oklahoma City... this beautiful hill was recognized as a "capital" hill.

I hereby certify the accompanying plat to be a true and correct copy of the survey of S.E. 4 S9 T. 11 R 3 W into lots, blocks streets and alleys as surveyed by me on the ground as shown by this

J.A. Courtney

Territory of Oklahoma) ss  
 Before me G.W. Stephenson a Notary Public in and for said county and Territory on this 18th day of August 1900 personally appeared J.A. Courtney to me known to be the identical person who executed this the above certificate of plat and acknowledged the execution of the same as his free and voluntary act and deed for this... and purposes therein Witness my hand and seal this day and year above set forth.

G.W. Stephenson notary  
 My commission expires  
 April 4, 1902

Filed for record this 18th day of August 1900 at 9:30am  
 A. M. and recorded in platbook 2, page 11.  
 J. Brown. Recorder of Deeds

Personally appeared before me this 18th day of August 1900 Benoni R. Harrington who being duly sworn states that he is owner and possessor of SW4 sec. 9 T11 R3W in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and has caused said to be surveyed and platted so that same may be designated by lots or blocks with intentions to lease or sell same to be used for town site purposes or otherwise and the above is plat so furnished ...I hereby dedicate the streets and A

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The street between "B" and "D" was also known as "C" in Nov. 1928 when the City Council decreed a uniform system for numbering streets. The change was controversial and Ward 4's representative Dr. J.G. Binkley was in the thick of it. The new system came to be known as "Binkley numbers." Instead of the sterile 25th street, local people let it be known they would rather call their main street Commerce (thus preserving the flavor of the old C street). Notice there is no place reserved for the State Capitol. It was the whole hill, Harrington had in mind. He may have had to plat it with lots and blocks in order to record the name. This plat shows it as Capital Hill which was an error later corrected immediately as the incorporation papers show. Also notice that the northern boundary is not 22nd street. The lots on the north side of blocks 1-5 are short a few feet of 22nd.