

GRANT WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Dayton School	X	X
Deer Creek School	X	
Medford Bathhouse/Swimming Pool	X	X
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OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DAYTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Lamont, Oklahoma 040, Grant County 053; SW 1/4, Sec. 26, T 25 N, R 3 W.

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; semi-restricted; present use--none

OWNER: Mr. Kenneth Schuelein, 815 Sandifer Road, Elk City, OK 73644

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK 73759

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

The Dayton School is a single-story, rectangular (43' x 22') structure constructed of lightly coursed and rusticated native stone of a dark red color and of fair masonry quality. The gable roof is now covered with metal sheeting, and on the building's north side is an exterior chimney constructed of native stone and brick quoins. The southwest entrance is recessed behind an archway of brick with an inscribed concrete frieze above. Wood sash windows reach to the eaves and rest on brick slip sills. Bricks are also used to "square" the windows to the stone walls.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

The exceptional significance of the Dayton School building is related to its architecture. A "stretched" one-room school, the structure perfectly reflects the character of early WPA building projects: unskilled workmen utilizing native materials. In addition to the rather crude masonry, the squaring of window openings with brick and the use of brick quoins on the chimney suggest a work force with little experience in the building trades. They also date the structure as early in the life of the WPA, for over time masonry skills improved. Equally significant is that the Dayton School is unlike most other WPA-constructed schools in Northwestern Oklahoma in that it was built of native stone and that it was only one room. Elsewhere in the region the schools were of brick and of multiple rooms. Construction also impacted the economic and social well-being of the Dayton community in that it infused some 6800 man-hours of wages into the local economy and prevented the further erosion of the self respect of destitute agricultural laborers.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Billings, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 634330 4052710

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go six miles south and three east of Lamont to the school site in the west 1/2 of the SW1/4 of Sec. 26, T 25 N, R 3 W, more particularly described

as beginning at the northwest corner of said west half and running south 975 feet to point of beginning, then east 208.71 feet, then south 208.71 feet, then west 208.71 feet, then north 208.71 feet to point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 7-a; 7-b

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DEER CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Main Street and State Highway 11, Deer Creek, Oklahoma 040, Grant County
053; NE1/4, Sec. 21, T 27 N, R 3 W.

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--educational

OWNER: Deer Creek School Board, Box 67, Lamont, OK 74643

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK 73759

DESCRIPTION: good/excellent condition; altered; original site

The Deer Creek School contains two WPA additions (extensions) to the original structure. They were constructed of red brick, so remarkably blended into preexisting walls that it is difficult to discern where WPA masons began. The roof is flat with parapets and is in good condition. The west side entrance is a recessed, single metal frame door. Fixed metal windows are spaced alternately in threes and sixes. A continuous white band frieze is located above the windows. The brick walls of the school are decorated with symmetrically placed extrusive symbols of thunderbirds and diamond-shaped objects. The integrity of the building is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Deer Creek School is notable as an example of the WPA's involvement in construction of educational centers. The school additions erected at Deer Creek are still in service today. Additionally, the project provided job opportunities to unemployed workers during the Depression as well as enhancing civic pride. The school is significant as a WPA structure in its style, workmanship, and construction materials. Within the community, the building is unique in its style and scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Deer Creek, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: One block of land situated as follows to wit: beginning 55 rods west of the NE corner of Sec. 21, then south 300 feet, then west 300 feet, then north 300 feet, then east 300 feet to the point of beginning, all in Sec. 21, T 27 N, R 3 W.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MEDFORD BATHHOUSE/SWIMMING POOL

LOCATION: Guthrie and Fifth Streets, Medford, Oklahoma 040, Grant County 053

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreational

OWNER: The City of Medford, Medford, OK 73759

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK 73759

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Medford Swimming Pool is a poured concrete rectangular (100' x 61') pool. The bathhouse is a single-story, rectangular (77' x 20') structure constructed of brick laid with a running bond. The stepped hipped roof has an intersecting gable on the south side that extends over the entrance of a single door. On either side of the door are singly placed windows which have been filled with wood inserts. A single door rear entrance exits to the pool area. The window alterations have not affected the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

To sustain an acceptable quality of life in a small town is difficult, especially if that town is located on the Great Plains during seasons of drought. The purpose of the Medford pool and bathhouse was to improve the community's quality of life for its young people, an objective admirably accomplished given the heavy use of the pool during summer times over the last one-half century. Recreationally there is not much to do in Medford during the summers except to play baseball and swim. Exceptional significance of the facility is also apparent in that its construction impacted the economic and social well-being of the community during the worst of the depression and dust bowl days of the 1930s. Wages from some 12,000 man-hours utilized by the project softened the financial impact of the depression for Medford's business community and enabled the wage earner to regain some of his pride and to tide himself and his family over economically until better days returned. The Medford pool is a symbol of the timely economic assistance provided by the WPA.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Medford, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 612490 4073975

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 90 in Rock Island Addition to Medford original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 8-a; 8-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GRANT COUNTY JAIL

LOCATION: Oklahoma Street and State Highway 81, Medford, Oklahoma 040, Grant County 053

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--governmental

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Grant County Courthouse, Medford, Ok. 73759

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK 73759

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Grant County Jail is a two-story, rectangular (71' x 53') structure constructed of red brick laid with a running bond. A water table is of concrete. The roof is flat with parapets. The east entrance protrudes from the building and consists of a single door at the top of six steps. Fixed metal windows are single spaced with continuous concrete lintels and sills on the upper floor; lower floor windows rest between slip sills and concrete lintels. There are two garage doors on the south. A two-story brick addition impairs the integrity of the original structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The Grant County Jail is significant as a WPA project designed to aid local government through the creation of temporary jobs for unemployed workers during the Depression and through the construction of an expanded facility for the sheriff's department. Still in use today, the jail is unique as a WPA building for its type, style, materials, superb workmanship, and excellent state of preservation. Within the community, the structure is unique in terms of its type and style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Medford, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 612980 4074200

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the NE corner of Block 10, Medford original, go west 208 feet, south 208 feet, east 208 feet and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None