

HARPER WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Buffalo City Park Pavilion	X	X
Buffalo Elementary School	X	
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Rosston School and Gymnasium	X	

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BUFFALO CITY PARK PAVILION

LOCATION: South State Highway 64, Buffalo, Oklahoma 040, Harper County 059; SW 1/4, Sec. 12, T 27 N, R 23 W.

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

OWNER: The City of Buffalo, Buffalo, OK 73834

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Harper County Courthouse, Buffalo, OK 73834

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Buffalo City Park Pavilion is a single-story, rectangular (52' x 20') structure built of wood and coursed native stone. Resembling a dog-trot structure, the building contains two restrooms divided by an open pavilion with wooden benches and a stone drinking fountain. A wood shingle gable roof supported by the stone restrooms and wooden columns covers the entire structure. Fixed wood windows are single spaced with stone sills. Above each window a wooden crossbeam has been inserted in the stone wall. Despite the addition of wire fencing along the northwest and southeast sides of the structure, the pavilion retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Buffalo City Park Pavilion is exceptionally significant in that it impacted the quality of life within the community. Prior to the 1930s, there were few picnic and other recreational facilities through northwestern Oklahoma, but a people burdened with economic difficulties and drought conditions need moments of rest and relaxation. The Buffalo facility responded to this need, providing an important new dimension to the quality of life. It is exceptionally significant too because it stands as a symbol to a work program that sought to preserve human dignity through meaningful labor. This approach was most important in northwestern Oklahoma where the work ethic was and is extremely strong and those who take "doles" were and are ridiculed. That the WPA was able to operate in this climate, employing hundreds of destitute, was because it understood that work and wages went hand in hand.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14 443430 4075810

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the southwest corner of Sec. 12, T 27 N, R 23 W, go east 1248 feet and north 416 feet to a point of beginning and then go 208 feet east, 208 feet north, 208 feet west and 208 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 9-a; 9-b

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BUFFALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Second and McMinn Streets, Buffalo, Oklahoma 040, Harper County 059

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

OWNER: Buffalo School Board, Drawer E, Buffalo, OK 73834

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Harper County Courthouse, Buffalo, OK 73834

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Buffalo Elementary School is a rectangular structure (150' x ca. 35') constructed of poured concrete now painted light brown. The roof is gabled, while the recessed front entryway is impressively framed by pilasters and a curved cornice, also of poured concrete. Suggesting a bell tower and mission revival architectural style, in the center of the cornice is a large circular opening with the name of the school inscribed above and below. Incising in the entry facade provides decorative effect. Metal encased windows, arranged by twos, rest on concrete slip sills. Unfortunately, to either end have been added major additions of classrooms, all of which impeaches the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

In drought stricken Harper county, construction of Buffalo Elementary School provided work opportunities for destitute farmers. Income received permitted the proud northwesterners to feed their families and retain their pride. The building is particularly significant for its hint of mission revival architectural style and the modernization of the educational curriculum it brought to the Buffalo Schools. The latter was especially apparent in the separation of the elementary school from the high school.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the corner of Second and McMinn Streets in Buffalo go north 200 feet, east 50 feet, south 200 feet, and west 50 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BUFFALO SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Second and Olive Streets, Buffalo, Oklahoma 040, Harper County 059

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

OWNER: Buffalo School Board, Drawer E, Buffalo, OK 73834

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Harper County Courthouse, Buffalo, OK 73834

DESCRIPTION: poor condition; altered; original site

The Buffalo School Gymnasium/Auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (97' x 60') structure constructed of coursed brick painted light green. The roof has gables with parapets. A garage door is located on the southeast side of the building; metal encased windows are single spaced. Additions have been attached to the west front and north side of the structure which damages the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Buffalo School Gymnasium/Auditorium improved the educational facilities in this agricultural community. Prior to the completion of the structure, no building in the district could accomodate a large gathering of people for social occasions or athletic events. Moreover, the Depression era project temporarily employed approximately 25 workers to complete the structure. As a WPA project, the gymnasium is unique for its scale and type. Within the community, the building is unique in terms of its type, style, and scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 13 through 20, Block 38, Buffalo original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROSSTON SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Rosston, Oklahoma 040, Harper County 059

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; restricted; present use--storage

OWNER: Mr. George Lenz, Rosston, OK 73855

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Harper County Courthouse, Buffalo, OK 73834

DESCRIPTION: poor/fair condition; altered; original site

The Rosston School/Gymnasium is a ten to twelve room, single-story, L-shaped (126' x 122') structure constructed of coursed brick. The roof is flat with a parapet over the classrooms and arched over the gymnasium. An interior chimney is located where the two sections of the building merge. The main entrance is recessed. Wood sash windows, spaced in threes, now have the panes broken out. Some of the doors also are damaged, and the cellar is flooded with water.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The agricultural community of Rosston received improved educational facilities in addition to an athletic and social gathering center from construction of the school/gymnasium. Additionally, the Depression era project provided needed employment for jobless workers and poured wages from more than 40,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. As a WPA project, the school/gymnasium is important for its scale, style, workmanship, and construction materials. Within the community, the building is notable for its type and scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Part of Block 2, Ross Addition to Ross original, more particularly described as follows: beginning at the NE corner of said Block 2, thence west 123 feet, thence south a distance of 233 feet, thence east for a distance of 123 feet, thence north a distance of 233 feet to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None