

CHEROKEE WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Boudinot School	X	X
Grand View School	X	
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Tahlequah Armory	X	X
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Tahlequah Negro School	X	

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOUDINOT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tahlequah, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021; NW 1/4, Sec. 36, T 17 N, R 22 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied, unrestricted; present use--vacant

OWNER: Boudinot Baptist Church, Route 3, Tahlequah, OK 74464

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The old Boudinot school is rectangular shaped (37' x 22') and constructed of randomly laid, uncut native stone. The mortar is beaded. It has a new roof which is hipped with a center gable which extends to form a porch supported by wooden columns. The two single door entryway is recessed. Reaching to the eaves on the rear, the sash windows are singly placed and grouped into bands; all have concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936-1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Wages spent in the local community helped to preserve mainstreet. The school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community. It is representative of WPA constructions in that the quality of workmanship is excellent.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 327280 3976820

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 3 miles east of Tahlequah and one-half mile south to the school site; from the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 36, T 17 N, R 22 E, go 208 feet west to a point of beginning, then south 208 feet, west 208 feet, north 208 feet, and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 8-a; 8-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GRAND VIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vic. Tahlequah, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021; NE 1/4, Sec. 18, T 17 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Grand View Board of Education, Box 1188, Tahlequah, OK 74464

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Originally a four-room school house, the Grand View building is rectangular and constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone laid in a random rubble pattern. Window jambs and corners have been squared with poured concrete. The roof is hipped with two interior chimneys; a small intersecting hipped roof extends as a cover to an enclosed entryway on the east front. Window openings extend to the eaves and contain wood sash windows arranged by sixes. Cinder block extensions to the building are attached to either end; alterations that negatively impact the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: Okla. State. Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

Construction of the Grand View school building impacted the local community significantly in that it poured wages from some 14,800 man-hours of labor into mainstreet and enabled destitute agriculturalists to provide necessities for their families. Architecturally the building is notable for its use of poured concrete to square corners and jambs, a feature that provides decoration for the structure. Significantly too is that the building improved the quality of education in the community in that it replaced a condemned wooden structure.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go one mile north and 1.5 miles west and one-half north to the school site; begin at the southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 18, T 17 N, R 22 E, and then go north 416 feet, west 300 feet, south 416, and east 300 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LOST CITY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hulbert, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021; NE 1/4, Sec. 2, T 17 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Hulbert Board of Education, Rt 3, Hulbert, OK 74441

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Lost City school is a rectangular shaped (approximately 65' x 25') single story building constructed of uncoursed ashlar with beaded masonry. Its cutaway roof is gabled with projecting eaves. The front entryway consists of a single wooden door with a concrete lintel recessed within a vestibule with an arched entrance. One of the single placed wooden sash windows with concrete sills and lintels on the front facade is covered over with boarding. Elsewhere the windows are arranged in bands, that reach to the eaves, with concrete sills. This school is one of exceptional beauty, unfortunately additions to three walls of its facade have destroyed its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. The school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community. Architecturally the school is unique for its arched vestibule entryway and cutaway roof design.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 3 miles north of Hulbert to a point of beginning 1,110 feet south of the corner to Sections 1, 2, 35, and 36, Townships 17 and 18 N, R 20 E; thence west 210 feet, thence south 210 feet, thence east 210 feet, thence north 210 feet to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SHADY GROVE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hulbert, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021; SW 1/4, Sec. 8, T 17 N, R 21 E

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

OWNER: Hulbert Board of Education, Rt. 2, Hulbert, OK 74441

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This rectangular shaped (85' x 50') structure is made of uncut native stone which has been painted white. The building's roof is hipped with projecting eaves. The front door is recessed within a protruding, arched entryway with a concrete inset. Double-hung sash windows are grouped into bands with concrete sills. Windows on the north facade are filled with concrete blocks. Additions have been built onto two sides of the structure which together with the window alterations destroys the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936-1938; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. The school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community. Architecturally the building is unique for its high pitched hipped roof design.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

Quadrangle: Thompson Corner, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately .5 of a mile north of Hulbert on county road, then east, northeast approximately 2.5 miles to a tract of land beginning at the SW point of Section 8, thence north 305 feet, thence east 210 feet, thence south 305 feet, thence west 210 feet to point of beginning

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHEROKEE COUNTY HEALTH BUILDING

LOCATION: Choctaw and Water Streets, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021

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

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Cherokee County, County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

DESCRIPTION: very good condition; altered; original site

This County Health Building is "U" shaped (112' along the front; 84' along the exterior sides) and constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone. The mortar is incised. The roof contains clipped gables and intersecting valleys. Wood sash windows, placed singly or by twos, rest between pre-formed concrete sills and lintels. Singly entry doorways on the east are reached by concrete and rock stoops; they also contain concrete lintels. An opening originally a garage door has been filled with a wood insert and redesigned as a single-entry doorway. This alteration does not impeach the integrity of the facility.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The county health building is notable for its economic impact upon the Tahlequah community during the period of its construction. It offered WPA jobs to destitute laborers, enabling them to provide for their families and to regain a measure of their self-respect. Wages from some 54,000 man-hours of labor also were fused into the local economy, helping to prevent the devastation of Tahlequah's mainstreet. The building is also notable in that it improved the quality of health care offered to the residents of the county. As a WPA building it is unique in type, for there were few health buildings constructed by the agency.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Tahlequah, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5

UTM: 15 322210 3975700

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 10, Block 89, Tahlequah original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 10-a; 10-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TAHLEQUAH ARMORY

LOCATION: Water Avenue and Delaware Street, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--other

OWNER: Jeff Bennett, P.O. Box 1272, Tahlequah, OK 74465

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Tahlequah Armory is a single-story, rectangular (126' x 142') structure consisting of a central drill floor unit and one wing on the west. The armory is constructed of random ashlar masonry; many of the cut stones are hugh. The drill floor section has a high arched roof with parapets which rise to points on the ends. The wing has a flat roof with parapets. All the parapets are capped with cut sandstone blocks. Double-door entryways are recessed under cut stone arches and framed by a high cornice and pilasters which reach to the roofline. Elongated metal casement windows rest on preformed concrete sills. Garage doors are located on the north facade of the building. Castellations of the building's facade add decorative relief to the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of armories constituted a major share of WPA constructions in Oklahoma, especially in the very early days of the agency. The role of the armories in the military preparedness of the country was and is inestimable. The 80,000 manhours that were spent on the construction of this building generated wage money to laborers that was spent locally and helped to soften the blow the depression for mainstreet. This also greatly eased the suffering of those lucky enough to find employment with the WPA. Certainly the jobs generated by the construction of this structure helped maintain the pride of men who thereby found the means to support their hungry families. Architecturally the structure is significant for its fortress-like appearance, its castellated facade, and its colorful rock walls.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 322340 3975880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The south 73 feet of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4 in Block 69 in the City of Tahlequah original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 9-a; 9-b

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TAHLEQUAH NEGRO SCHOOL

LOCATION: 225 North Waters, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 517, Tahlequah, OK 74464

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old segregated, negro school at Tahlequah is rectangular (32' x 75') and constructed of cut, rusticated and coursed native stone. Masonry is excellent. The roof is gabled with one step, while the south, main entry is recessed in an archway. Window openings rise to the eaves. Somewhat altered, the later, however, have been filled with fixed, metal windows. On the northwest corner a cinder block addition has been attached. The alterations, unfortunately, impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. State. Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This structure is significant in that it was constructed for the black community of Tahlequah with black workers made destitute by the depression. It provided an economic salve for the laborers and a boost to their self-esteem. The building also enhanced the quality of education for the segregated youngsters it served, replacing a condemned wood frame structure.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Downing and Waters Street, go south 105 feet to a point of beginning, then west 65 feet, south 80 feet, east 65 feet and north 80 feet, all in the northeast corner of block 55, Tahlequah original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none