

CRAIG WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Big Cabin Gymnasium	X	
Bluejacket School Campus	X	X
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Will Rogers High School Gymnasium	X	X
White Oak School 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

BIG CABIN GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 2nd and Oak Streets, Big Cabin, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035

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

OWNER: Big Cabin Board of Education, Box 178, Big Cabin, OK 74332

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Big Cabin Gym is a rectangular shaped (76' x 54') structure with a single wing on the front facade. It is constructed from uncut and randomly laid native stone. The roof is gabled with projecting eaves over the central gym unit and an additional gabled roof, connected to the front facade, covers the wing. Windows have been altered with concrete block inlays and smaller energy efficient windows installed. All windows have cut stone sills. Pilasters decorate the sides of the gym. Additions to one side and the rear of the building in addition to the window alterations have destroyed the integrity of this building .

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This Gym is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided 24,000 man-hours of wages for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the Gym restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally the gym is significant for its gabled roof design which is somewhat unique among WPA constructed Gyms in Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Big Cabin, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The property is situated in the south half of a tract that begins at the SE corner of Block 14 of Big Cabin, running thence in a southerly direction 300 feet, thence in a westerly direction 380 1/2 feet, thence in a northerly direction 300 feet, and thence in an easterly direction 380 1/2 feet to the place of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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BLUEJACKET SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Conner Street, Bluejacket, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035

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

OWNER: Bluejacket Board of Education, Box 29, Bluejacket, OK 74333

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Bluejacket campus contains two WPA constructed buildings (a third was destroyed during the 1985-86 school year). The main classroom building is a rectangular shaped (170' x 63') structure constructed of crudely cut and slightly rusticated native stone randomly laid. The roof is flat and has parapets topped with concrete caps. The portion of the front facade upon which the main entry is found protrudes from the front of the building. The double-door entry is recessed within the protrusion and topped by a stepped cornice. The metal encased windows are grouped in pairs with concrete sills.

The second classroom building is situated southeast of the main building. It is rectangular (91' x 56') and constructed of uncut native stone randomly laid with extended mortar masonry. The flat roof has parapets with concrete capping. Two vestibule-like stone entries having double-doors and a concrete frieze over them are located on the front facade of the structure. The windows are metal encased and grouped into pairs. All windows have concrete sills. A small addition to the rear of the structure has not destroyed its integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The construction on the Bluejacket campus constituted a tremendous community resource. Some 85,000 manhours of labor went into the construction of these buildings as well as others recently destroyed. The wages earned by the laborers were infused back into the local economy thus stimulating economic growth and easing the problems generated by the limited money supply. For many of the men these wages were the only means by which they could feed their families. Architecturally the buildings are significant for their fine workmanship and large scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Welch South, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A-15 315285 4074750; B-15 315270 4074660

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the SW corner of Sec. 21, T 27 N, R 21 E, go east

208 feet, north 600 feet, west 208 feet, and south 600 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 11-a; 11-b; 11-c; 11-d

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KETCHUM SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Ketchum, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035

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

OWNER: Ketchum Board of Education, Box 145, Ketchum, OK 74349

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Ketchum school campus contains two WPA built structures: A main classroom building and a Gymnasium. The main classroom building is an "L" shaped structure (80' x 78' along the exterior walls) constructed from rusticated random ashlar masonry. It has a flat roof with parapets capped with concrete blocks. The front entryway consists of double doors with sidelights and transoms. The entry is recessed, framed by pilasters and covered by a curved, preformed concrete awning which gives the structure allusions to modernesque form. The metal sash windows are grouped in triples with concrete sills and continuous stone lintels. There is an inscribed concrete inset above the front entry.

The Gymnasium is a rectangular building (92' x 49') constructed of randomly laid, uncut native stone. The gym has a stepped gabled roof. Windows on the gym have been filled with wood insets; awnings cover the windows on the classroom section of this complex. Pilasters frame the windows on this structure. Additions to both structures destroy their integrity and disqualify them for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: Koberling & Fleming

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families (for some 31,000 man hours of labor) 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. The structures are also significant for their vernacular style which alludes to modernesque style on the main classroom building.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the northeast corner of the community, the

school property begins at a point 624 feet north of the southwest corner of Sec. 25, T 24 N, R 21 E, and goes 312 feet east, 416 feet north, 312 feet west, and 416 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MAYBELLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Welch, Oklahoma, 040, Craig County 035; SE 1/4, Sec. 11, T 28 N, R 21 E

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

OWNER: Maybelle Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Box 203, Welch, OK 74369

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This square shaped (34' x 34') single story building with sublevel is constructed of uncut, randomly laid native stone with beaded mortar. The roof is gabled with projecting eaves. The front entryway is recessed behind a portico which serves as a vestibule. Double-hung wooden sash windows are singly placed with concrete sills. Hopper windows serve to illuminate the sublevel. There is a concrete belt course which separates the sublevel from the rest of the facade. A wooden annex has been built onto the building's east side which destroys its integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for some 13,200 man-hours of labor 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. This structure is unique for its sublevel design, indeed it may be the only one of its kind in Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

Quadrangle: North Welch, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 3 miles north of Welch on U.S. highway 59, then east 3 miles, then 1 mile north to a part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 11, T 28 N, R 21 E, described by beginning at the SW corner of said SE corner and running north 208.71 feet, thence east 313.06 feet, thence south 208.71 feet, thence west to 313.06 feet to the place of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

RUSSELL CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Welch, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035; SW 1/4, Sec. 17, T 29 N, R 21 E

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

OWNER: Charles Christian Krider, 722 Walnut Street, Chetopa, KS 67336

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Russell Creek School is a rectangular (35' x 70') building with random ashlar masonry. It has a hipped roof and the double-door front entryway is framed by pilasters with a concrete lintel topped with a pointed cornice capped with concrete. The steel casement windows are singly placed in front and grouped into bands on the rear facade of the structure. All have concrete sills and wide concrete lintels.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of this school in a remote rural area of northeastern Oklahoma is significant in that it characterizes the WPA's commitment to the future of this country by providing educational facilities, even one room schools, for rural children as well as urban children. The construction of this school provided employment for men suffering the effects of the depression and infused wages from some 6200 man-hours of labor into the economy of the local community. For many of the workers the wages earned through the WPA were the only source of income available to them at that time. The work maintained their pride and saved them the shame of not being able to provide for their families. Architecturally the structure is unique for its austere style and lack of ornamentation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: North Welch, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 316280 4095710

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 8 miles north of Welch on U.S. highway 59, then east approximately 1 mile to a point 150 feet south of the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 17, T 29 N, R 21 E; thence running east 208.7 feet, thence south 208.7 feet, thence west 208.7 feet, thence north 208.7 feet to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 12-a; 12-b

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CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

LOCATION: Delaware and Scraper Streets, Vinita, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035

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

OWNER: Vinita Flag and Apron Company, Box 406, Vinita, OK 74301

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular shaped (105' x 80') building is constructed of rusticated randomly laid native stone. The flat roof has parapets and stepped cornices over the entryways. The parapets are topped with concrete coping. The main entryway consists of double-glass doors with a hood and a concrete inscription which reads "Craig County Courthouse Annex." Covered now by a wood lattice work, the elongated windows are framed by pilasters and have concrete sills and lintels. There is a concrete motif above each window. A concrete block addition to the south side of the building has impaired its integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant for its vernacular design which incorporates elongated windows framed by pilasters with concrete sills and lintels, stepped cornices, and concrete inlays. It has economic significance as well in that the wages (for some 60,000 man hours of labor) earned from its construction were infused back into the community helping to stimulate the depressed economy. Employment on this project constituted for many men the only means whereby they could feed their families.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 307100 4056370

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 16-18, Block 74, Vinita original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WILL ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: West Canadian and Miller Streets, Vinita, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035

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

OWNER: Vinita Board of Education, Rt 4, Vinita, OK 74301

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Will Rogers High School gymnasium is a two level, rectangular shaped (104' x 79') building constructed from buff colored brick. It has a high arched roof with stepped parapets. Double door entries access the building. Windows consist of elongated, singly placed casement windows with brick sills and arched lintels and half-sized singly placed windows with brick sills and arched lintels. Pilasters with preformed concrete caps frame each pair of singly placed windows. Brick quoins on the corners, and raised brickwork friezes add decorative relief to the structure. Reduction in the size of the front entryways has not impeached the essential integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Along with two NYA constructed buildings on the campus of Will Rogers High School, a project of this size constituted a tremendous resource for the community of Vinita. The wages from the more than 100,000 man-hours of labor that went into the buildings were infused back into local businesses and thus stimulated economic recovery. It is significant that brick building materials were utilized in the construction. The gymnasium provided a modern facility for educating the children and fostered a sense of pride within the community that their children would experience better conditions than their parents.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 306950 4056780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of West Canadian and Miller Streets, go 177 feet north and 130 feet east to a point of beginning, then go 145 feet north, 95 feet east, 145 feet south and 95 feet west, all in Block 52, Vinita original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 13-a; 13-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WHITE OAK SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Vinita, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035; NW 1/4, Sec. 28, T 25 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Vinita Board of Education, Rt. 4, Vinita, OK 74301

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The White Oak gymnasium is a rectangular (100' x 55') addition to a pre-existing school building constructed of brick which has been painted white. The roof is arched with stepped parapets. The main entryway is recessed and framed by pilasters; the latter decorates the side of the gym as well. Window openings have been filled with wood inserts; their concrete sills have been painted red. Additions on the rear and side of the gym have pretty much destroyed the integrity of this building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1942; builder/architect: unknown

The White Oak gymnasium is significant for its brick building materials. Most WPA structures in northeastern Oklahoma were constructed from native stone. Equally significant is the wages from some 32,000 man hours of labor that construction of the buildings brought to the community. In many cases the WPA wages were the sole means of income for depression stricken men. As these wages were spent locally they stimulated the economy and helped ease the burdens of a limited money supply. The school still serves as an economic resource for the community as teachers salaries and workers wages are infused back into the local business community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: White Oak, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 6 miles west of Vinita on U.S. highway 66 to a tract of land that begins in the southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 28, T 25 N, R 19 E, and goes north 416 feet, west 208 feet, south 416 feet and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none