

NOWATA WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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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

CHILDERS GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Delaware, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105; NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T 26 N, R 16 E.

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--none

OWNER: Childers Full Gospel Church, c/o Otto Pace; Route 1, Delaware, OK 74027

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The gym is a single-story, rectangular (34' x 61') structure of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of a buff color. The roof is flat with parapets. The single entry door has a concrete lentil. The windows have concrete lentils and sills, and the window panes are gone. The north wall has been replaced with a red brick wall. This alteration impeachs the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

The type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship of this gym are unique to the area. The project provided employment for destitute laborers and provided recreational opportunities for children in the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Delaware on highway no. 28 some 6 miles and south on highway no. 28, 1/2 mile to the gym site, being in the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 26 N, R 16 E, and goes 416 feet south, 208 feet east, 416 feet north, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHILDERS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Delaware, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105; NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T 26 N,  
R 16 E.

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

OWNER: Childers Full Gospel Church, c/o Otto Pace, Route 1, Delaware, OK 74027

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Childers School contains four rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (49' x 68') structure constructed of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone. The roof is flat with parapets. The encased windows have concrete lentils and sills. New cross gables have been added to doorways in the front and back of the building. Boards have been inserted into the windows to make them smaller. The structure has been painted a pinkish color. The alterations, however, do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

Within the community, the building is unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. Construction of this school provided work for the unemployed and infused wages of some 16,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. This assistance helped ease the social and economic distress caused by the depression. It also created educational opportunities for those in a rural area of Oklahoma.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 273240 4072200

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Delaware on highway no. 28 some 6 miles and south on highway no. 28, 1/2 mile to the school site, being in the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 26 N, R 16 E, and goes 416 feet south, 208 feet east, 416 feet north, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 68-a; 68-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LEE SQUARE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Nowata, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105; NW 1/4, Sec. 11, T 25 N, R 17 E.

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

OWNER: C.H. and C.E. Mayhew, 236 N. Willow, Nowata, OK 74048

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This two-room school is a single-story, rectangular (29' x 53') structure constructed of cut native stone of buff and light buff colors. The workmanship reaches the level of artistic expression. Some stones were cut into a triangular shape and were strategically placed within the rectangular stones to make a unique design. The roof is gabled. There is a portico with a gabled roof at the front entrance. Inserts have been placed in the windows that, on the rear, reach to the eaves, and smaller, energy-efficient windows have been added. Red shingles have been added to the roof. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936-1937; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction

The school is especially significant for its quality in workmanship and materials selection. Construction of this WPA structure provided work for destitute laborers and infused wages of some 20,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy, alleviating much of the pain of the depression. It also provided new opportunities to those living in an educationally deficient area.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

Quadrangle: Chelsea Northwest, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 279510 4060810

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Nowata on highway no. 60 some 8.5 miles then south on highway no. 28 another 2 miles, then east on county road 1 mile to the school site: beginning at the NW corner of the NW 1/4, go east 315 feet, south 210 feet, west 315 feet, and north 210 feet to the point of beginning, in Sec. 11, T 25 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 69-a; 69-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LENAPAH GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: On Old State Highway 169, Lenapah, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105; SW 1/4, Sec. 6, T 27 N, R 16 E.

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

OWNER: Lenapah Board of Education, Box 157, Lenapah, OK 74042

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The gym is a single-story, rectangular (105' x 74') structure of cut, coarsed, beaded, and rusticated native stone. The roof is arched in the center of the building and flat on the surrounding area. All sections of the roof contain parapets. The front and back of the building have a stepped gable and pilasters that give the gym an art deco emphasis. The windows have red brick lentils, and some windows are covered with boards, while others are filled in with concrete blocks. A concrete building has been added to the front of the gym. These alterations impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Few structures in Lenapah could be compared to the scale of this gym. It is unique in type, art deco style, and workmanship. This project also provided work for destitute laborers in the area during the depth of the depression, and provided a place for recreational activities for students at the Lenapah School and the community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All that part of Union Traction Route of the SE of the SW 1/4 of Sec.6, T 27 N, R 16 E, specifically, from th 4-way stop on old state highway 169 in Lenapah, go south 1/2 mile then west 90 feet to a point of beginning, 105 feet west, 74 feet south, 105 feet east, and 74 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NOWATA BUS GARAGE

LOCATION: Osage and Walnut Streets, Nowata, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105

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

OWNER: Nowata Board of Education, 700 W. Osage, Nowata, OK 74048

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This single-story bus garage is a rectangular (53' x 38') structure of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of buff and light buff colors. The strategic placement of the stone raises the quality of masonry in this structure. The roof is flat with parapets. There are four garage openings. New garage doors have been added. The windows have some red brick lentils and some concrete lentils. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure, this bus garage is exceptional for its quality of workmanship. It also demonstrates the agency's commitment to projects relevant to local areas, in this instance, a structure to house vehicles that serviced a far-flung and rural educational district. Construction of this garage provided badly needed job opportunities for unemployed and unskilled laborers and also infused wages of some 20,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Nowata West, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 263840 4064260

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Begin 3152 feet west and 728 feet south from the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 31, T 26 N, R 16 E, and go 208 feet west, 208 feet south, 208 feet east,, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 70-a; 70-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROCK CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of South Coffeerville, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105; SW 1/4, Sec. 20, T 29 N, R 17 E.

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

OWNER: Bessie Deen Maxson, Route 2, Coffeerville, KS 67337

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school has two rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (30' x 45') structure constructed of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of a buff color. The roof is gabled. The main entry has a portico with a gabled roof. The sashed and encased windows have been altered; wood inserts and smaller energy efficient windows have been added. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction

At a critical moment during the depression, construction of this school provided employment opportunities for destitute workers and infused wages of some 16,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It also created a new educational environment for students in this remote and rural area. Architecturally, it is unique in terms of its scale, materials, and quality of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Hayrick Mound, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 277730 4095180

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of South Coffeerville on highway no. 169 some 1.5 miles, then east on county road 6 miles, then east on county road 2 miles to school site, being on a 2 acre tract in the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 29 N, R 17 E, and goes 416 feet south, 208 feet east, 416 feet north, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 71-a; 71-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WANN GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Wann, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105

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

OWNER: Wann Board of Education, Box 100, Wann, OK 74083

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This single-story, rectangular (80' x 75') structure was constructed of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone. The roof is flat with parapets. In the front, an entry is in each corner framed with pilasters that give the structure an art deco flavor. Pilaster strips are on the walls, and the windows have arched lentils and brick sills. Some windows are filled with concrete blocks. There is an addition on the east side of the building. The building has been painted a pinkish color. These alterations, however, do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The gym is unique particularly in style and scale. Few buildings in Wann are comparable in scale. The workmanship is of exceptional quality. During the depression, construction of this building provided help to those in need by allowing idle but willing laborers to earn a living and increased morale in the city of Wann. It also enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 23,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The structure's educational importance is still being felt.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 250440 4089100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 16 in Block 9, Wann original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 72-a; 72-b