

# WAGONER WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

<u>Property</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
Coweta County Court Building	X	X
Coweta City Hall	X	X
Coweta School and Gymnasium/Auditorium	X	X
Coweta Dunbar School	X	
Oak Grove School	X	
Okay School	X	
Porter County Building	X	X
Porter School	X	X
Stone Bluff School	X	
Sunnyside School	X	
Tallahassee School and Gymnasium	X	X
Wagoner Armory	X	X
Wagoner Central Elementary School	X	
Wagoner City Hall	X	X
Wagoner Community Building	X	
Wagoner County Courthouse	X	X
Elmwood Cemetery Fence (Wagoner)	X	X
Wagoner Lincoln School	X	X

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COUNTY COURT BUILDING

LOCATION: Broadway and North Pecan, Coweta, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: City of Coweta, Coweta, OK 74429

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

A single story, essentially rectangular (50' x 83') structure with offsets, the county building at Coweta is constructed of uncut and unrusticad native stone. Mortar is slightly extended. The roof is gabled with parapets to the front, but the rear extension is covered with a flat roof. Front windows are metal casements, while those on the sides are wood sash. Both sit on pre-formed concrete sills. The centrally placed, double door front entryway is recessed in an extended wall that rises to serve as a cross gable. The east front is symetrically styled.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

Unlike most counties, the county seat of Wagoner County was not located centrally. Residents in the western sections of the county frequently lost hours if not days from work transacting business in the county seat on the eastern border. Construction of the county building at Coweta addressed this unique problem, and in doing so itself became unique. The structure is also notable within the community in terms of style and workmanship. Moreover, there are precious few auxilliary, county court buildings in Oklahoma. Construction of the facility also provided work opportunities for destitute laborers long on relief rolls.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 260930 3981480

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 14 & 15, Block 57, New Coweta

PICTURE REFERENCE: 154-a; 154-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COWETA CITY HALL

LOCATION: North Broadway Street, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: City of Coweta, Coweta, OK 74429

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A single story structure with a flat roof and parapets, the Coweta City Hall is L-shaped (38' x 64', with an extension of 38' x 20') and constructed of uncut and unrusted native stone. The mortar is slightly beaded. New metal sash windows sit on pre-formed concrete sills. Pilasters on each side of the front entry, set-backs on the front wall and angular extensions of the roof line give the structure a distinct art deco flavor. An addition for the fire station of materials identical to those used in the original building and enclosure of some rear windows with native stone do not impeach the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-40; architect/builder: unknown

The clear allusion to art deco style makes the Coweta City Hall relatively unique for a WPA building. And within the community the structure is notable for its type, style and workmanship. The importance of the building to the city is suggested by the fact that it remains in use. Especially significant is that construction of the municipal building provided needed jobs for individuals left without work because of the extent of the depression and infused wages for some 22,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 260930 3981690

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 38, New Coweta

PICTURE REFERENCE: 155-a; 155-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COWETA SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: North Broadway Street, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Coweta Board of Education, Box 550, Coweta, OK 74429

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Constructed of uncut and unrusted native sandstone and laid with beaded mortar, the Coweta school classroom and gymnasium is L-shaped (309' x 58' section vertical to a 108' x 59' section, the latter the gym) with a flat roof except over the gym where it is arched. Both roof lines are parapeted. Wall caps and window sills are of pre-formed concrete. Window openings in the classroom wing have been reduced in size with wood inserts and metal sash windows installed, while in the gym the original metal casement windows are intact (except in the rear where openings have been enclosed with inserts of wood). Two entryways on the front of the classroom section, recessed behind arches, are symmetrically placed. Pilasters at these entries and along the exterior walls of the gym, wall extensions and angular lines in general give the building a faint art deco style. A wall enlarging an enclosed passageway connecting the gym with the educational facility has been added, but it no way affects the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-38 (gym), 1939 (classrooms); architect/builder: unknown

The Coweta educational facility is unique in that its uncut and unrusted native stone exterior is unusual for WPA buildings of such size and urban setting. It is especially significant that the classrooms and gym are still in use, indicating that education in Coweta would over time have been seriously handicapped without them. Architecturally, the buildings are notable for their style and workmanship. The size of the structures and that they were under construction for almost three years meant that a number of workers long unemployed were given meaningful jobs and economic security. Moreover, the local economy was infused with the wages of more than 100,000 man-hours of labor.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: A-15 261050 3981820; B-15 261050 3981710

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 13-17, Block 30, and Lots 18-22, Block 37, New Coweta

PICTURE REFERENCE: 156-a; 156-b; 156-c

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DUNBAR SCHOOL

LOCATION: Oak and N. F Streets, Coweta, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Coweta Board of Education, Box 550, Coweta, OK 74429

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single story, L-shaped structure (44' x 36' horizontally, and 38' x 28' vertically), the Coweta Negro school is constructed of uncut and unrusticated native sandstone. The roof is cross gabled with intersecting valleys. The front entryway is covered by a gabled porch supported by pipes. Window openings have been enclosed with wood inserts. Unfortunately, the exterior walls--even the window inserts--have been sprayed with a stucco material and painted pink. The alterations has affected the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The building is significant, in addition to the fact that it provided jobs for black unemployed workers during the depression, primarily because it was a black school and represented educational opportunity for black students who heretofore had little if any opportunity.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 20, New Coweta

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OAK GROVE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145; SW 1/4, Sec. 26, T 19 N, R 15 E

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

OWNER: Mike Smith, Rural Route 3, Broken Arrow, 74012

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Designed as a one room facility, the Oak Grove school building is a single story, rectangular (28' x 45') structure constructed of uncut and unrusticated native sandstone pieces randomly laid. The roof, now covered by composition shingles, is gabled, and the front entryway sits beneath a gabled porch supported by wood shafts on pedestals of native stone. The west window opening, which reaches to the eaves, has been reduced in size with wood inserts and new metal sash windows installed. On the rear has been attached a concrete block shop building and passageway to additional living space. The alteration has impeached architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The structure is unique as a WPA-built one-room school house in that the principal entrance is at the end rather than on the side of the building. It was especially important in that the facility provided, for the first time, a progressive environment supportive of education in an agricultural region that was fairly isolated. Construction of it, of course, offered employment to laborers who had been without jobs since early in the depression years.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Broken Arrow on 71st street four miles into Wagoner County, then two miles north and 1/2 miles further east. The Oak Grove school building is on the north side of the road, on property described as the east 208.71' of the south 208.71' of the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 26, T 19 N, R 15 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKAY SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Okay, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Okay Board of Education, Box 188, Okay, OK 74446

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Somewhat E-shaped in floorplan, the Okay School and Gymnasium extends 210' along the front, 107' on the sides, and 151' from the front to the rear of the gym. It is constructed of cut but unrusticated native stones. For decorative effect, blocks of larger size were placed vertically to smaller stones laid horizontally in courses. The roof is flat over classrooms but arched over the gym; over both are parapets. Modified, stepped pilasters are on the front corners of the building, while between the two front entryways and at the sides of the gym regular pilasters are located. Wall caps and window sills are pre-formed concrete. Metal sash windows predominate except to the rear of the gym where openings have been filled with wood inserts. These and brick additions to the rear of the wings (thus not visible from the road) only partially impaired the integrity of the building. Unfortunately, the structure burned in the spring of 1986 and stands in the summer of 1986 as a blackened shell.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Okay community, pre-dating Indian removal to Oklahoma, is one of the oldest in the state. Modern education, however, largely dates from the construction of the WPA school and gym. The dependence of the community upon the structure is apparent in that it constitutes the principal educational facility despite the passage of almost 50 years. Aside from being the harbinger of modern education, the building is unique as a WPA structure because of its masonry, especially the vertical placement of large stones to give relief to the coursing of smaller stones. It is also notable in the community for its type, style and workmanship. And construction of it was especially important in that it provided job opportunities to agricultural workers who were made destitute and stripped of their pride by the national depression of the 1930s.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two

Quadrangle: Muskogee NE, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4-11, Block 10, Okay original plat



PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PORTER COUNTY BUILDING

LOCATION: Main and 3rd Streets, Porter, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: City of Porter, Porter, OK 74454

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single story, essentially rectangular (62' x 108') structure, the Porter County Building is constructed of unrusticated and uncoursed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The flat roof has parapets capped with cut rock; the windows are metal casements. On the front a lean-to roof supported by wood posts covers a veranda-like porch, while on the rear the building is entered by three garage doors. On the south end of the structure has been attached a sheet metal fire station building, but this addition does not impeach the architectural integrity of the WPA structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

The Porter County Building is significant because construction of it provided much needed jobs for the hardcore unemployed that remained without any job security as the depression pushed into 1940. It says something, too, about the county politics of eastern Oklahoma: Wagoner got the WPA courthouse, Coweta got a WPA court annex--all before 1940. As the third largest town in the county, Porter had to have something too, and thus it got a WPA business office for the county. It is important, also, that the county building served as a detention center for German prisoners-of-war during World War II. Architecturally, the structure is unique in terms of type, style and workmanship within Porter.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 272310 3971990

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1-5, Block 40, Porter original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 157-a; 157-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PORTER SCHOOL

LOCATION: 7th and Main Streets, Porter, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Porter Board of Education, Box 120, Porter, OK 74454

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Designed as an eight room classroom facility, the Porter School building is rectangular (63' x 137') and is constructed of rusticated and coursed as well as uncut and randomly laid native sandstone. The mixture of masonry types is for decorative purposes, best used on the front entryway. The bottom 1/4 of the exterior wall, the recessed entryway, side pilasters and parapets are of rusticated and coursed stone, while the rest of the wall is constructed of uncut stone. The same design is used on the side walls, but only the one-half connected to the front. The roof is flat with parapets; window openings rise to the height of interior ceilings. Original metal casement windows remain in most openings, some having been replaced by metal sash windows. Sills are of cut stone. On the north end a walkway connecting the building with a newer has been enclosed with brick. This minor alteration does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA building, the Porter school is particularly unusual for the mixture of masonry types, i.e. rusticated and coursed with uncut and uncoursed native stone. Within the community, the structure is unique with reference to its style and workmanship. It is significant because it brought Porter into an era of modern education, replacing a delapidated wood frame structure, and nurtures that process until the present. Equally notable was that construction of the building provided employment for individuals who had lost their jobs and pride as a consequence of the national depression and infused the income from several thousand man-hours of labor into the local economy.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 272320 3972290

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the southwest corner of Block 36, Porter original, go 90 feet east to a point of beginning, then go north 170 feet, east 85 feet, south 170 feet and west 85 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 158-a; 158-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STONE BLUFF SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Haskell, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145; NE 1/4, Sec. 8, T 16 N,  
R 15 E

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

OWNER: Gerald Adair, Rural Route 2, Box 79A, Haskell, OK 74436

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Designed as a two-room and gymnasium/auditorium school facility, the Stone Bluff building is rectangular (ca. 53' x 89') in shape and constructed from uncut and unrusted native sandstone randomly laid. The roof is gable and the front entry is recessed behind an archway. Window openings on both the east and west sides reach to the eaves; unfortunately, on the east the openings have been enclosed with native rock. The latter alteration has impacted the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The floor plan of the building is unique in that it contains in one structure two classrooms and a gymnasium. Ordinarily WPA buildings of this size are of the four classroom/interior hall variety. Masonry is particularly good.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: four acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The building sets just west of the principal intersection within the Stone Bluff Community with U.S. highway No. 64, and occupies property described as 4 acres in the NW, NW, NE, Sec. 8, T 16 N, R 15 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145; SW corner, Sec. 8, T 18 N, R 16 E

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

OWNER: Trustees, Sunnyside Baptist Church, Rural Route 4, Broken Arrow, 74012

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Designed as a two room facility, the Sunnyside School building is a single story, rectangular (28' x 72') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone, now painted white. The roof, now of composition shingles, is hipped, but a centrally placed cross gable covers the recessed two-door front entryway. The west window openings, which reach to the eaves, retain their original wood sash windows. On the east rear has been attached a stucco building with a sheet metal addition to it, both of which cover completely the original structure.

SIGNIFICANCE:  
1941-42; architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

In a strictly agricultural community, the construction of the Sunnyside School facility meant jobs for workers long unemployed as a consequence of the depression and the drought. Equally important was that the building provided a modern environment supportive of real educational development among an isolated people. Within the community, the structure was totally unique in terms of type, style, workmanship and materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Broken Arrow on 71st street seven miles into Wagoner County, then one mile south. The Sunnyside school building is on the northeast corner of the intersection on property described as one acre in the SW corner of Sec. 8, T 18 N, R 16 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TULLAHASSEE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Tullahassee, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Tullahassee Board of Education, Box 1257, Tullahassee, OK 74466

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Designed as a six classroom/gymnasium structure, the Tullahassee school and gymnasium is rectangular (160' x 49') in shape and is constructed of uncut and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled with one step, and an intersecting gable with valleys extends over the recessed entryway to the classrooms. An enclosed porch with gable and archway covers entries on either side of the gym. With cut stone sills, window openings extend to the eaves. In the classrooms, new metal sash windows have been installed, although in the gym wood inserts either reduce or completely enclose original windows. The later alteration, however, does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book.

Tullahassee is almost completely a black community. Not a particularly prosperous town, it nevertheless takes considerable pride in its school and school property. The construction of the WPA facility, which replaced a condemned building, heightened that pride and provided a structure that became the focus of community life--and so remains today. Without the classroom/gym building, modern education might never have come to Tullahassee and there would not be much of a community today. The building, therefore, is wholly unique in the town in terms of type, style, workmanship and materials. Moreover, construction of it provided needed jobs to black workers long without meaningful and gainful employment in 1938-1939 because of the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Muskogee NW, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 279920 3967950

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1-15, Block 21, Tullahassee original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 159-a; 159-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WAGONER ARMORY

LOCATION: Cherokee and Jefferson Streets, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N.A; occupied; unrestricted; present  
use--military

OWNER: Oklahoma Military Department, 3501 Military Circle, NE, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Essentially a rectangular (129' x 140') structure, the Wagoner Armory is constructed of cut but lightly rusticated native stone. The mortar is beaded. Over the drill floor, the roof is arched, while over the rest of the building it is flat. Parapets and pilasters, both capped with cut limestone blocks, as well as insets of stone that form vertical lines at the corners and above windows, give the structure a "fortress" appearance. Narrow and elongated metal casement windows setting on pre-formed concrete sills heighten this effect. In addition to the main and secondary entries, there are three garage openings.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Armory construction was the first major undertaking by the WPA. In Wagoner, it provided the earliest real relief for workers who had been made destitute by the national depression in that it gave them a measure of economic security and self-esteem. And it infused into the local economy wages from some 80,000 man-hours of labor. The Wagoner Armory symbolizes that achievement. The structure is also significant because it provided splendid facilities for training the Oklahoma National Guard, facilities that directly affected the performance of the 45th Division when it six years later saw active duty in North Africa and Italy. Architecturally, within Wagoner the building is unique as to type, style and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Wagoner East, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 286570 3981880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: East 65 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Block 291,  
Wagoner original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 160-a; 160-b



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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WAGONER CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Second and Lee Streets, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Wagoner Board of Education, Box 707, Wagoner, OK 74467

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single-story, U-shaped structure, Central Elementary School is constructed of red brick now painted cream colored. Masonry is excellent, particularly the decorative lines in exterior walls and the rounded corners. The roof is flat; window openings, which reach to interior ceilings, have been reduced in size with wood inserts. Unfortunately the upper reaches of the exterior walls have been covered with wood siding, giving the structure a "modern" look but impairing its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

What makes this structure so unique is its masonry, especially the rounded corners and the stepped courses of the brick. The use of brick, too, is significant, in that WPA structures in Wagoner County all tend to be of the native stone variety.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Wagoner East, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the northeast corner of Block 289, Wagoner original, go west 175 feet, south 160 feet, west 175 feet and north 160 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE:  
none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WAGONER CITY HALL

LOCATION: 231 Church Street, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: City of Wagoner, 231 Church Street, Wagoner, OK 74467

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A single story, rectangular (40' x 79') structure, the Wagoner City Hall is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Pattern courses are either recessed or extended, giving the exterior walls a "tailored" look, a look enhanced by pre-formed concrete lintels and caps. The roof is flat with parapets. Window openings on the sides have been enclosed with wood inserts, while those on the front have been reduced in size by the same technique and casement, single pane windows installed. Over the front entryway has been added a flat-roof porch, and on the rear has been attached a concrete block room addition. Fortunately, these alterations have not impeached the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

The Wagoner City Hall is significant because it reflects the wide range of projects undertaken by the WPA and its method of operations. City halls were considered "useful" projects, just like schools and armories. And rather than begin construction anew, in the instance of Wagoner the WPA began with an old structure and "reconstructed" it. Put differently, the agency tore down an old building and built a new one in its place. Within the community, the building still serves as "City Hall" and is unique architecturally in terms of workmanship. And the "reconstruction," of course, provided jobs for those made destitute by the national depression and infused wages from some 40,000 man hours of labor into the local economy.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 285810 3981770

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 25, Block 341, Wagoner original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 161-a; 161-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

### WAGONER COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: Cherokee and Jefferson Streets, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--meeting and recreation

OWNER: City of Wagoner, 231 Church Street, Wagoner, OK 74467

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single-story, modified-U-shaped (130' long frontally and 53' long along the wings) structure, the Wagoner community building is constructed of cut but unrusticated native sandstone laid in rough courses with deeply incised mortar. Masonry is impressive. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is hipped with cross gables and intersecting valleys. Wood sash windows lie between cut stone sills and lintels. Entryways to recessed doors have ceilings of pre-formed concrete. The style of the building is similar to so-called "park" architecture, i.e. that found in most of Oklahoma's state parks and constructed generally by the CCC. Unfortunately, the integrity of the building has been impeached by the recent construction of an addition in the U of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1941; architect/builder: unknown

This structure is significant because construction of it gave needed employment to persons made destitute by the national depression that brought massive unemployment to Wagoner. It, moreover, suggests the wide range of projects undertaken by the WPA in its construction program, suggesting a special definition for "useful." As a WPA building, the community center is unique for its clearly apparent "park" style despite its location in an urban-like area. As such, within the community it is notable for its type, style, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Wagoner East, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 3, Block 341, Wagoner original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WAGONER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

LOCATION: 300 block Cherokee Street, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Wagoner County Commissioners, County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

A three-story, rectangular (115' x 70') structure, the Wagoner County Courthouse is constructed of buff brick laid with running bond. The exterior walls are decorated with limestone caps and friezes, two of the latter also serving as continuous lintels. There are also pilasters and modified, stepped pilasters, as well as decorative brick work on the corners. The roof is flat with parapets, and windows rest on pre-formed concrete sills. Original metal casement windows are still in use except those on the second story in the front, where they have been replaced with single pane casement windows. The roof extension and angular lines of the building give it a distinct art deco flavor.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

The courthouse is especially significant because, as a structure of substantial size, construction of it enabled authorities in Wagoner County to put to work large numbers of persons who had been made destitute by the national depression. Wages from some 250,000 man-hours of labor were also infused into the local economy and helped to blunt the impact of the economic disaster on the business community along mainstreet. Moreover, it was one of the handful of courthouses constructed by the WPA in Oklahoma. Placement of the facility in the eastern part of the county enabled residents in the western part, namely Coweta, to make a case for court facilities in their town--facilities that the WPA also provided. Within the community of Wagoner, of course, the courthouse is wholly unique as to type and workmanship. Its art deco style makes it notable both in the town and as a WPA project.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Wagoner East, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 286320 3981900

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: South 1/2 of Block 289, Wagoner original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 162-a; 162-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ELMWOOD CEMETERY FENCE

LOCATION: Ninth and Parkinson Streets, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: City of Wagoner, 231 Church Street, Wagoner, OK 74467

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Elmwood Cemetery Fence is constructed of unrusticated and uncoursed native sandstone. Mortar is beaded on the exterior wall. It is 12 inches wide (although it tends to be somewhat thicker at the base), stands 3 to 4 feet high with a cut stone cap, and is 1070 long. Visually it is an arresting piece of masonry.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Along with armories, construction of cemetery improvements was some of the earliest WPA activity. Given the depressed condition of Wagoner county, construction of this particular fence provided needed employment for laborers who had little hope of making it through the winter of 1935-1936. For this and other cemetery improvements wages from some 200,000 hours of labor were poured into the local economy, an infusion that helped to buffer the Wagoner mainstreet from some of the worst effects of the depression. In addition to symbolizing economic security for the destitute, it reflects the progression of type and nature of projects undertaken by the WPA. As a rule, they tended to be less substantiative, as the fence suggests. Architecturally, the fence is most impressive for its length of nearly 1/4 mile, requiring an amount of stone that would have built a rather large building. Within the community and the county, there is nothing similar that is as impressive.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Wagoner East and West  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A-15 286280 3982920; B-15 285740 3982920

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at the southeast corner of "Elmwood Cemetery" tract of the Wagoner original plat, go west 1200 feet, north 30 feet, east 1200 feet, and south 30 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 163-a

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LINCOLN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Harrison and 8th Streets, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Wagoner Board of Education, Box 707, Wagoner, OK 74467

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A four room, single story and rectangular (80' x 54') structure, Lincoln School is constructed of unrusticated native sandstone laid with a cobweb design. Mortar is beaded. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled; an intersecting gable on the front extends over a recessed entryway. With pre-formed concrete sills, window openings that rise to the eaves have been reduced in size with decorative inserts and energy efficient, metal sash windows installed. A hall connecting the structure with a new brick building has been enclosed with concrete blocks. These minor alterations do not affect the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940 architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Lincoln School is significant as a WPA project because it is a school for black students. As such, it brought modern educational opportunities to the black minority of Wagoner for the first time, and it continued to provide those opportunities through integration and even the 1980s. Had it not been for this building black youngsters in Wagoner would have had few educational opportunities. Moreover, construction of Lincoln school provided jobs for black laborers who had been long without gainful employment--longer than most whites--and benefitted local main street businesses with the wages from more than 22,000 man hours of labor. Architecturally, the building is unique in terms of type and workmanship within the community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 285330 3980930

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 80 feet west, 150 feet south, 80 feet east and 150 feet north in Block 544, Wagoner original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 164-a;164-b