

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ASH CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 10, T 6 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Theron Quinton, 837 Michigan Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Good; unaltered; original site

A classic one room building, the Ash Creek school is a single story, rectangular (33' x 22') structure constructed of cut and coursed native sandstone. Masonry is somewhat crude. The front door is recessed behind an archway covered with a small porch. Wood sash windows, resting on concrete sills, reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because it is one of the few one-room WPA constructed school houses that remains in good condition. It is also a good example of a structure built in the early days of the program, demonstrating crudeness of stone cutting and masonry. Construction of the school also provided work opportunities in a rural and remote area for destitute laborers who had suffered much because of the lack of economic security during the early years of the depression. And it is notable as well because the school district never owned the property upon which the building was constructed. Architecturally it is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 282130 3876745

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 northwest from Wilburton through Robber's Cave State Park to the road that turns west to Lake Wayne Wallace, known locally as Ash Creek Road; then go west approximately two and one-half miles to a lane that leads to the property on the north side of the road, which begins at a point 1045 feet south and 836 feet west of the NE corner of Sec. 10, T 6 N, R 18 E, and runs 209 feet south, 209 feet west, 209 feet north and 209 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 66-A, 66-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BENGAL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bengal, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 11, T 4 N, R 21 E

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

OWNER: Bengal Community Improvement Club, Bengal, OK 74929

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Good; unaltered; original site

A three room building, the Bengal school is a single story, L-shaped (110' x 26', with 8' x 24' extension) structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native stone. Now covered with composition shingles, the intersecting gable roof with valley is also stepped. Doors are recessed behind archways, with the one at the interior angle fashioned into a porch. Wood sash classroom windows resting on concrete sills extend to the eaves. Rock selection is especially colorful.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Significantly, construction of the school building provided work opportunities for impoverished laborers in the Bengal area who avoided starvation for themselves and family with their WPA wages. The new building also stimulated an enthusiasm for learning and pride in community that is still apparent in the maintenance of the building. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. As a WPA structure it is notable for its colorful rock work.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 311280 3856220

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Bengal is situated midway on state highway No. 82 between Talihina and Red Oak. The school site is just west of the intersection of the state highway and a county road from the west. The property is described as 208 square foot tract of land in the NW corner of the W 1/2 portion of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 11, T 4 N, R 21 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 67-A, 67-B, 67-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOWERS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 8, T 5 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Roger L. Coyer, 1108 W. 2nd Place, Mesa, Ariz. 85201

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: good; unaltered; original site

Originally a two-room building, the Bowers school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 68') structure with an offset and is constructed of cut blocks of native sandstone laid in courses. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled with one step; the two-door entry way is recessed and covered by a centrally placed porch with gable. The porch rests on concrete pillars and an architrave. Wood sash classroom windows, resting on concrete sills, reach to the eaves. On the north end of the building a small room of concrete blocks has been added. It does not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is architecturally significant within the community because of its type, allusion to Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship. Equally important is that construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and remote area hard hit by the depression, enabling them to preserve themselves and their families with "useful" employment. The structure also promoted a new enthusiasm for learning, depressed in the recent past due to decayed facilities.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 278795 3865960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 270 west from Wilburton until the road turns southwest, a point one mile west of the Wilburton Municipal Airport. At the Y continue on west on the paved county road for one-half mile to the school building on the north side of the road. The property begins at a point 20 feet north of the extreme SW corner of the SE 1/4, then runs 26 rods east, 13 rods north, 26 rods west and 13 rods south, all in Sec. 8, T 5 N, R 18 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 68-A, 68-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BUFFALO VALLEY SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Talihina, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 18, T 3 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Buffalo Valley Board of Education, Rural Route #2, Box 250, Talihina, OK 74571

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A ten room or more building, the Buffalo Valley school and gymnasium is a single story, L-shaped (147' x 54' vertically and 63' x 116' horizontally) structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The masonry rises to the level of art. The roof is flat with parapets except for that above the gym, where it is arched. The recessed entryway is at the outer angle of the L. Window placement is generally by fives, reaching to the level of the interior ceiling. Sash windows rest on concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1942; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the isolated Buffalo Valley area, permitting them a measure of economic security. It was important as well because it promoted the cause of learning and provided a focus of community activity and spirit. School basketball teams became a source of pride at a time when there was little else in which to take pride. As a rural WPA building, the structure is notable for its size, quality of masonry, colorful rocks and lateness of construction. To the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, workmanship and materials.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 294410 3845400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 1 west from Talihina and its intersection with state highway No. 2 approximately eleven miles to the site of the building on the north side of the road, it being on property described as starting 150 feet north and 309 feet west of the SE 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 18, T 3 N, R 20 E, and running 268 feet north, 318 feet west, 268 feet south and 318 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 69-A, 69-B, 69-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CAMBRIA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 27, T 5 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Wilburton Board of Education, 301 W. Caddo, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two room building originally, the Cambria school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 68') structure with an offset and is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with tin sheets, is gabled with one step; the recessed front entryway is beneath an intersecting gable that serves as a porch. The porch roof is supported by four shafts connected by rails. Classroom window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size on the rear with wood inserts and metal sash windows installed. Windows on the front have been covered with plywood sheets. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The Cambria community was particularly hard hit by the depression which closed the coal mines in the area. Construction of the school building, therefore, provided work opportunities for destitute laborers on the verge of starvation. It also tended to revive community pride, especially because the structure provided a better environment for the educational processes so important to future generations. Architecturally the building is unique in the Cambria area because of its type, Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 271065 3862780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 270 east out of Hartshorne to the Latimer County line and at the first county road that goes north, turn left and follow it for one quarter of one mile, or to the first county road that turns back west. The school property is on the south side of the road, being a two acre tract 208.7 feet by 208.7 feet in the NE corner of the NE 1/4, of the NW 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T 5 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 70-A, 70-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

### COLONY PARK PAVILION

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 21 and Sec. 16, T 4 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: City of Wilburton, City Hall, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The principal structure in a 20 acre park, the picnic pavilion is a single story, rectangular (33' x 90') pavilion constructed of large sandstone blocks, rusticated and coursed, and large wooden logs. A huge fireplace with an external chimney dominates the south end of the structure. The gabled roof is supported by corners made of sandstone blocks and by wooden columns resting on pedestals of sandstone blocks. Either side of the pavilion is open except for the columns and walls that reach only three feet high. On the north end, the open space is enclosed with horizontal logs to form toilets. Although not a part of this nomination, a considerable amount of stone work exists throughout Colony Park.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The Colony Park Pavilion is significant because it is an atypical WPA structure; recreational buildings constructed of massive sandstone blocks and large wooden logs are most often associated with the Civilian Conservation Corp. At the same time, the pavilion reflects the commitment of the WPA to providing outdoor recreational facilities. Architecturally the structure is most unique within the region in terms of type, scale, materials and workmanship. Construction of it, moreover, provided work for unskilled laborers left impoverished and without hope by the depression. Most of those who worked on the project were residents of adjacent Veterans Colony, in the 1930s a community of Spanish-American War and World War I veterans.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 288900 3854350

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 approximately seven miles south of Wilburton to where it intersects with a paved county road that leads to the Colony settlement; the park is on the east side of the road, the pavilion being 1/10th of a mile from the park's north gate. The nominated property begins at a point 208 feet north and 208 feet

east of the SW corner of the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Sec 16, T 4 N, R 17 E, and runs north 208 feet, east 208 feet, south 208 feet and west 208 feet to point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 71-A, 71-B



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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DEGNAN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 36, T 6 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Board of Regents, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Degnan school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 70') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped; the recessed two-door, front entryway is covered by a porch with gable. The old classroom window openings, with concrete sills, have been covered with wood inserts, but this alteration does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building. Adjacent but not attached to the structure is a wood building that may have been a teacherage. It is not a part of this nomination.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant within the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Indeed there is not much of a "community" left within the vicinity. Also construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and laborers left without jobs by the closing of the coal mining industry. The building restored some community spirit sapped by the length of the depression and created a new environment conducive to learning for students used to decayed wooden structures.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 285180 3869495

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 northwest from Wilburton for approximately two and one-half miles to the second paved county road that goes west; turn west and go one mile to the property site on the north side of the road, it beginning at a point 1980 feet north and 955.8 feet west of the SE corner of Sec. 36, T 6 N, R 18 E, and then running 330 feet west, 264 feet south, 330 feet east, and 264 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 72-A, 72-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HIGGINS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 17, T 4 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Higgins Community Improvement Club, Rural Route, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Good; unaltered; original site

A two-room building originally, the Higgins school is a single story, rectangular (30' x 78') structure with an offset and is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Covered by composition shingles, the roof is gabled with one step; classroom wood sash windows reach to the eaves; two of the three entryways are recessed behind arches. There is a faint allusion to Richardsonian Romanesque style.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for virtually destitute laborers who had been hard hit economically by the closing of the coal mines in the early 1930s. Within the Higgins community the building is unique architecturally because of its type, Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship. Of course, the structure strengthened the commitment of the community to formal education, a commitment that directly affected the future well being of hundreds of youngsters. As a community center, it today is still important in the life of area residents.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 277230 3854705

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 1 east from Hartshorne to the Latimer County line and continue east four and one-half miles to school building property on the north side of the road, it being a two acre square tract (295 feet by 295 feet) in the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 17, T 4 N, R 18 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 73-A, 73-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HULSEY PRAIRIE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 36, T 5 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Mr. C. W. Bradley, Route 3, Box 57, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; unaltered; original site

The classic one-room building, the Hulsey Prairie school is a single story, rectangular (24' x 34') structure constructed of rusticated and roughly coursed native sandstone. The roof, recently covered with composition shingles, is gabled; the east front window opening, with concrete sills and new panes, reaches to the eave; the front door is recessed behind an archway with a porch.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

In a rural and remote area, the school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers facing the possibility of starvation. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously utilizing only temporary educational facilities. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Moreover, it is one of the few one room school buildings constructed by the WPA that survives in relative good condition.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Baker Mountain, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 295880 3860410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 south from Wilburton for approximately four and one-half miles to a paved county road that goes east; follow the latter for four miles until the pavement ends; at the intersection turn south to the property which begins 630' south of the NE corner of Sec. 36, T 5 N, R 19 E, and goes west 209 feet, south 209 feet, east 209 feet and north 209 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 74-A, 74-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LODI SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Red Oak, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 12, T 6 N, R 21 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Walter Durbin, Temple, OK 73568

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Good; altered; original site

Initially a two-room building, the Lodi School is a single story, rectangular (70' x 29') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The hipped roof, now covered with composition shingles, has a central gable over the front porch which covers a recessed two-door entry way. Wood sash windows on the front rest between concrete sills and lintels. Window openings on the rear have been filled with wood inserts and smaller, metal sash windows inserted. The alteration does not impeach the original integrity of the structure.

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

Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship. But the school building is especially significant because construction of it provided work opportunities and some economic security in a rural and remote area for unemployed laborers who had been made destitute by the depression. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students theretofore deprived educationally.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 313800 3875850

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 270 east one mile from Red Oak and turn north on a paved county road; go north approximately four miles to an unpaved county road intersecting from the east; turn east 132 feet to the school site on the north side of the road. The property begins 132 feet east from the SW corner of the NW 1/4, of the NW 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 12, T 6 N, R 21 E, then goes 295.6 feet north, 295.6 feet east, 295.6 feet south, and 295.6 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 75-A, 75-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LONG PRAIRIE SCHOOL TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Red Oak, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 9, T 5 N, R 21 E

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

OWNER: Billy Joe Albright, Rural Route, Red Oak, OK 74563

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

Shotgun in style, the Long Prairie teacherage is a single story, rectangular (18' x 30') wood frame structure constructed covered with clapboard siding. The roof is gabled; windows are wood sash and singly placed. The front door has a porch covered with a lean-to roof supported by crude columns. The rock ruins of Long Prairie school lie 200 feet to the south.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The remnant of a substantial WPA-built campus, the teacherage is significant because it too provided work opportunities and some economic security for coal miners who had long been unemployed. Most important is that it also helped to improve the quality of education by attracting qualified teachers to a remote and rural region. As a WPA structure, it is notable because of its type, scale and wood building materials. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 309440 3865530

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of U.S. highway No. 270 with state highway No. 82 at Red Oak, go south two miles to the teacherage property on the west side of the road, it beginning 1100 feet north of the SE corner of Sec. 9, T 5 N, R 21 E, and running west 150 feet, north 150 feet, east 150 feet and south 150 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 76-A

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NORRIS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Red Oak, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 14, T 6 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: New Harmony Freewill Baptist Church, Rural Route, Red Oak, OK 74563

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two-room building originally, the Norris school is a single story, rectangular (68' x 28') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, covered with composition shingles, is hipped with a centrally placed gable that serves as porch for a two-door recessed entryway. The original entryway has been enclosed and a smaller porch added; windows on the west front have been enclosed with wood inserts. To the rear of the building has been attached a concrete block room. These alterations notwithstanding, the essential integrity of the building remains intact.

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

Within the community, the school building is significant architecturally because of its type, allusion to Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship. Moreover, construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers made destitute by the depression and demoralized by reduction to beggary. Notable too is that the building created a new environment conducive to learning for students, replacing a dilapidated wood structure.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acres

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

UTM: 15 320900 3874590

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Red Oak follow U.S. highway No. 270 east some five and one-half miles to an unpaved county road; go north three and one-half miles to site of the school on the east side of the road. The nominated property is a 209 square foot tract in the NW corner of Sec. 14, T 6 N, R 22 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 77-A, 77-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Panola, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 5, T 5 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Panola Board of Education, Box 6, Panola, OK 74559

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

A building of ten or more classrooms, the Panola high school and gymnasium is a single story, essentially rectangular (76' x 106') structure constructed of poured concrete that has been painted white. With the exception of over the gym where it is arched, the roof is flat with parapets. Pilasters decorate the exterior walls; windows, which reach to the level of interior ceilings, are placed by twos. Entryways are recessed.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because it provided work opportunities for destitute coal miners in the Panola community and because it created a new environment conducive to learning. The measure of its educational significance is that it remains in use today. As a rural WPA school building, the structure is notable for its poured concrete exterior and size/scale. To the community its allusion to an art deco style is architecturally unique as is its type of construction material and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: 15 297720 3867080

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the southside of the railroad tracts in the Panola community, the property line begins 1640 feet west of the SE corner of Sec. 5, T 5 N, R 20 E, and runs north 308 feet, west 208 feet, south 308 feet and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 78-A, 78-B, 78-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PATTERSON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 34, T 6 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Dr. W. W. Savage, Route 1, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two-room building originally, the Patterson school is a single story, rectangular (80' x 27') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Now covered composition shingles, the roof is hipped; the two door, front entryway is recessed and covered by a porch with gable. A two-arch facade of poured concret has been added to the porch front; and to the rear of the building has been attached a metal awning. The eaves have also been extended slightly, and the rear windows have been reduced in size with wood inserts and more energy efficient windows installed. None of these alterations impeach the integrity of the building, which is beautifully maintained and a model of adaptive use.

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

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers whose families faced malnutrition if not starvation before the creation of the WPA. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously deprived educationally because of decayed classroom facilities. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, allusion to Richardsonian Romanesque style, scale, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 281320 3870550

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 northwest from Wilburton for approximately two and one-half miles to the second paved county road going west; turn west and go approximately three miles to the school property on the north, which is described as a tract that begins at a point 1452.2 feet east of the NW corner of Sec. 34, T 6 N, R 18 E, then runs south 330 feet, then east 264 feet, then north 330 feet, then west 264 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 79-A, 79-B



## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 16, T 5 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Mr. James L. Florence, P. O Box, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; unaltered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Pleasant Hill school is a single story, rectangular (30' x 70') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped with a central gable and porch over a recessed, two-door front entryway. The porch roof is supported by two wood shafts. Wood sash window openings on the rear reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The structure is significant because it provided an educational environment conducive to progressive education, replacing a dilapidated wood building. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, allusion to Richardson Romanesque style, scale, materials and workmanship. Construction of the school building created job opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers made destitute by the closing of coal mines in the area. The work was the margin between life and death.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acre

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

UTM: 15 290120 3864060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 on the southwest corner of Wilburton one mile south of its intersection with U.S. highway No. 270, turning east on a paved county road. Follow this road for two miles to the school site on the north side of the road. From the SE corner of Sec. 16, T 5 N, R 19 E, the property line runs north 95 yards, west 70 yards, south 95 yards and east 70 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 80-A, 80-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

RED OAK SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: North Main Street, Red Oak, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077

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

OWNER: Red Oak Board of Education, Box 310, Red Oak, OK 74563

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A building of ten or more classrooms, the Red Oak school and gymnasium is a single story, essentially rectangular (222' x 67', with 69' x 75' vertical extension for the gym) structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets except for the gym where it is arched. Two different front entryways are recessed behind arches; pilasters, two with decorative rock work, are symmetrically placed on the exterior. Windows are grouped by threes; openings reach to the level of interior ceilings, the size of which has been reduced by wood inserts. A beautiful stone fence surrounds the entire school yard.

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

The school building is significant because it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed coal miners and agricultural workers in the rural Red Oak community, offering some economic security and promoting self esteem. It also furthered the cause of modern education and provided a source of community pride, especially in the victories of the basketball team playing in the new gym. As a rural WPA school building, the structure is remarkable because of its scale. To the community it is unique architecturally because of its art deco-like style and the quality of workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 310150 3869900

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Lot 9 and the east one-half of Lot 10, Addition One to Red Oak original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 81-A, 81-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 7, T 5 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Board of Regents, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The athletic field at Eastern Oklahoma State College is composed of a football gridiron and a red cinder track. Rectangular (278' x 14') in design and situated on the north edge of the field, the stadium is constructed of undressed and uncoursed native sandstone as well as poured concret. The stands rise in three tiers, with the exception of a center section where they rise to six tiers. Beneath the central portion there is space sufficient for a dressing room.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The athletic field and stadium at Eastern Oklahoma State College was the most modest of that type of facility constructed by the WPA in southeastern Oklahoma. It is significant in that it demonstrates the willingness of the agency to define "useful" projects in the broadest of terms. For the college the facility meant that students could participate in intercollegiate athletics for the first time--and for the next 50 years. Within the Wilburton community the field and stadium is unique architecturally at to type, workmanship and materials. The facility is especially significant because it was a part of a massive program of public works that kept destitute residents of the region from starving during the 1930s.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Six acres

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

UTM: A--15 286800 3865800; B--15 286965 3865820

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property begins 309 feet north of the SE corner of Sec. 7, T 5 N, R 19 E, and goes 418 feet north, 627 feet west, 418 feet south and 627 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 82-A, 82-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LATIMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

LOCATION: Central and Ada Streets, Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077

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

OWNER: Latimer County Commissioners, County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A two-story building with a basement, the Latimer County Courthouse is a rectangular structure (96' x 76') constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets, and the metal sash windows with pre-formed concrete sills are generally placed by twos. Friezes above and below the windows, decorative pilasters around the entryway, and angular roof extensions give the building a distinct art deco flavor generally associated with more costly PWA structures in more urban areas. Although the exterior has been painted a buff color, the courthouse retains its essential architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

The courthouse is significant because within the Wilburton community its type, art deco style and workmanship are unique. Indeed in the eleven southeastern counties of Oklahoma, it is the only WPA-constructed county courthouse. Significant too is that construction of the building provided jobs for unskilled and unemployed workers where none had been available, easing the effects of the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 289000 3866360

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 48, Wilburton City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 83-A, 83-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

YANUSH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tuskahoma Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 28, T 3 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Yanush Church and School, Rural Route, Tuskahoma, OK 74574

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; unaltered; original site

Originally a two-room building, the Yanush school is a single story, rectangular (30' x 70') structure with an offset and is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, covered now by sheet metal, is gabled with one step; two of three doors are recessed behind archways. With concrete sills, wood sash windows on the east reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it generated an enthusiasm for learning in a rural and remote region that previously had little interest in the world at large. Records suggest that many of the students were Choctaw Indians, a conservative people. Hard hit by the depression, the area and destitute laborers were saved from economic ruin by the job opportunities provided by the school construction project. Architecturally the building is wholly unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 288160 3842870

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 north from Tuskahoma some 6 miles to school site on the east side of the road, it being a tract that begins 508 feet south of the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the section and goes 208 feet east, 416 feet south, 208 feet west, and 416 feet north, all in Sec. 28, T 3 N, R 19 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 84-A, 84-B