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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ARKOMA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Arkoma and Blocker Streets, Arkoma, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Arkoma Board of Education, Box P, Arkoma, OK 74901

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A four-room building still used as an educational facility, the Arkoma school is a single story, rectangular (74' x 42') structure constructed of cut and coursed native sandstone. The hipped roof has a gable dormer without lights above the front entry archway and recessed doors. End doors are also recessed behind archways. Window openings with concrete sills have been filled with new metal windows or wood inserts. A concrete block structure has been attached to the south end and a portion of the west front. Fortunately the integrity of the building is still intact.

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

Significantly, construction of the school building created jobs and some economic security for destitute coal miners and agricultural workers long on relief and short on self respect. Close to Fort Smith, Arkansas, the Arkoma area was particularly hard hit by the depression. The building also stimulated an interest in modern education and over the last 49 years has continued to nurture it. Within the community the structure is notable architecturally in terms of its allusion to Richardsonian Romanesque style, its materials, its scale and its character of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle

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

UTM: 15 369770 3913150

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nonimated property is contained within a rectangle centered on the above UTM reference point. The west line runs paralled to and 10' from the west wall of the building; the north line runs parallel to and 10' from the north wall of the building; the east wall runs parallel to and 10' from the east wall of the building; and the south line runs parallel to and 10' from the north wall of the building, all in Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 4, Arkoma original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 85-A, 85-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOKOSHE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Bokoshe, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Bokoshe Board of Education, Box 158, Bokoshe, OK 74930

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Bokoshe gym and auditorium is a one story, rectangular (60' x 97') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone of different colors. The roof is arched with parapets. Slightly extended, the entry facade contains double doors in arches. Sadly, windows have been enclosed with concrete blocks or native stone, a garage door appears to have been cut into the west end, and a lean-to concrete block addition has been attached on the east side. Despite all of this, the building retains its architectural integrity, easily restorable to its original condition.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

Significantly, construction of the gym/auditorium saved unskilled and unemployed laborers in the Bokoshe area from virtual starvation by providing jobs at a time during the depression when none existed. Also it fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region previously by providing space for school and community activities, especially basketball. As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its scale and bright colored rock. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Bokoshe, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 336830 3895430

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 29, 30, 31 and 32, Block 34, Bissell Addition to Bokoshe original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 86-A, 86-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BRADEN SCHOOL TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Spiro, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 1, T 9 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Tom Aishman, Rural Route 2, Box 318, Spiro, OK 74959

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

Bungalow-like in style, the Braden school teacherage is a single story, rectangular (24' x 21') structure constructed of red brick laid with a running bond. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled; wood sash windows are placed singly or by twos. The front entry is off a porch covered by a gable roof. The Braden school building itself, also constructed of red brick, lies in ruins to the north of the teacherage.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The building is important because it helped to attract and retain quality teachers in a remote and isolated region. As a WPA building, it is notable for its type and construction materials. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type and workmanship. The teacherage is significant because it too provided an opportunity for useful work for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural area where such opportunities were all too few.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre Quadrangle: Arkoma, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 363600 3905500

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 9A southwest from Arkoma approximately six miles to Braden school teacherage property, which includes the SW one acre (209 feet by 209 feet) in the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 9 N, R 26 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 87-A

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BUCK CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Panama, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 13, T 8 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Jimmy D. Pierce, Rural Route, Panama, OK 74951

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A four room building initially, the Buck Creek school is a single story, rectangular (45' x 75') structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is hipped, and front and side doors are recessed. Window openings have been closed with wood inserts and new sash metal windows installed. The more energy-efficient window alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

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

The school building is significant because it constituted the genesis of modern education in an area previously serviced by a dilapidated wood-frame structure with small windows that admitted little light. Its construction also helped to alleviate some of the economic effects of the depression in that it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers too long on relief rolls. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. A well maintained residence, it is an excellent example of adaptive reuse.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres Quadrangle: Panama, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 343525 3891960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Panama go west on its main east-west street, also a paved county road, two and one-half miles. The property begins at the SE corner of Sec. 13, T 8 N, R 24 E, and follows a line that goes north 2.44 chains, west 6.10 chains, south 2.44 chains, and east 6.10 chains.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 88-A, 88-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BURKHART SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Octavia, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 26, T 1 N, R 23 E

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

OWNER: Smithville Board of Education, Box 8, Smithville, OK 74957

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

A three room building, the Burkhart school is a single story, rectangular (48' x 79') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The gable roof is intersected by a frontal gable, the latter asymetrically placed over an arched entryway leading to recessed doors. Classroom window openings, with concrete sills and wood sash windows, extend to the eaves. The roof is in need of repair.

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

Situated in a very remote area, the Burkhart school constituted the genesis of modern education in its service region. That role continues today, with the structure still being used as a headstart facility. Equally important is that construction of the school building provided work opportunities and some economic security for unskilled and unemployed agricultural and forest industry laborers long restricted to the relief rolls of the state. The only structure of its kind in the region, the building is significant architecturally for its type, style, scale, materials and character of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Ludlow, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 330095 3822860

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 279 north across the Leflore County line to the first paved county road intersecting from the west; turn west and go approximately ten miles through Octavia and Ludlow to the school site on the south side of the road. The property line begins at a point 209 feet west of the NE corner of Sec. 26, T 1 N, R 23 E, and runs 418 feet south, 209 feet west, 418 feet north and 209 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 89-A, 89-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CAMERON HIGH SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Cameron, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 26, T 8 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Cameron Board of Education, Box 308, Cameron, OK 74932

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of at least eight classrooms, the Cameron high school and gymnasium is a single story, essentially rectangular (175' x 66') structure with offsets constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Built as an addition to an older brick building, it has a flat roof with parapets except over the gym where the roof is arched. The main entryway, decorated with pilasters and an arch, is recessed. With concrete sills and continuous concrete lintels, the windows rise to the level of interior ceilings and are placed by twos. A faint allusion to art deco style is apparent. Concret block additions have been attached to the west and north sides of the gym, while window and door openings on the south side of the gym have been filled or reduced in size by concrete blocks. Although these alterations do visually impair the architectural integrity of the gym, the school room section is not at all affected.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a rural WPA school building, the structure is remarkable for its scale. To the Cameron community it is unique because of its allusion to art deco style, because of the materials used, and because of the nature of the workmanship. It is also significant in that construction of the building provided work opportunities for unskilled laborers long on the relief rolls, affording them some economic security and self respect. Education was enhanced by virtue of the improved physical plant, and the gym became the focus of community pride—a winning basketball team.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 359750 3889000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 24, Cameron original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 90-A, 90-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DOG CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Shady Point, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 15, T 7 N, R 23

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

OWNER: Roy W. Reed Trust, Box 678, Poteau, OK 74953

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A classic one-room building, the Dog Creek school is a single story, rectangular (24' x 35') structure constructed of undressed and roughly coursed native sandstone. The roof, covered with tin sheets, is gabled; the front entry is recessed behind an archway. The window opening, which reaches to the eaves, is enclosed with metal sheets. Fortunately, the integrity of the building remains unimpeached.

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

As a WPA school building, the Dog Creek facility is significant in that it is one of very few one-room structures remaining in relative good condition. It also suggests the crude workmanship on early WPA projects. Within the community itself, it is notable architecturally in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. Construction of it also provided work opportunities for destitute laborers who had long been on relief rolls and faced the possibility The building also improved the quality of of starvation, rekindling some self respect. instruction in the Dog Creek area, a very remote region.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Quadrangle: Potato Peaks, Okla. Acreage: Two acres

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 329960 3883360

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west on paved county road from Shady Point eight and one-half miles (two miles beyond the end of the pavement); go south one-half mile and then turn back west. Follow that road approximately three miles, or until it is possible to turn south; one and one-half miles further will bring you to the nominated property on the south side of the road, being described to wit: Begin 174.9 feet north and 2930.3 feet east of the SW corner of the SW 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 15, T 7 N, R 23 E, then North 15 degrees, 0 minutes east 239.5 feet, South 75 degrees, 0 minutes east 293.5 feet, South 15 degrees, 0 minutes west 293.5 feet, and North 75 degrees, 0 minutes west 293.5 feet.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FANSHAWE SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Fanshawe, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Lot 8, Townsite No. 8

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

OWNER: Fanshawe Board of Education, Box 21, Fanshawe, OK 74935

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Fanshawe school campus includes two WPA structures: a gymnasium/auditorium facility and a four room educational building. Measuring 95 feet by 65 feet with an offset, the gym has high ceilings with an arched roof and parapets, although over the educational section the roof is flat with parapets. The walls are constructed of rusticated and coursed sandstone. Window openings with pre-formed concrete sills and lintels have been enclosed with concrete blocks or native stone, surrounding on the south side enery efficient windows. These and a small concrete block structure on the rear of the building do not impeach its structural integrity.

The school building is situated just northeast of the gym. It is a single story, rectangular (40' x 74') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone with some random placement of larger blocks. The roof is hipped, and entry is through archways at either end of the structure. Classroom window openings, which rise to the eaves, have been reduced in size by brick inserts and smaller, energy efficient windows installed. An enclosed concret block walkway connects the building with an older structure on the east. The walkway and a small unattached wood frame building on the south are not part of this nomination. The school retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1940; builder/architect: classroom building from Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Fanshawe is a "town" that never grew, although during the 1930s its hinterland was rather densely settled with coal miners—coal miners who had not held gainful employment for more than two years. Construction of the WPA buildings on the Fanshawe campus provided work opportunities for these dispossessed and hungry miners, giving them hope for the future. Obviously they provided an educational environment that gave students an ethusiasm for learning. As WPA rural school buildings, the number at Fanshawe is notable. Within the community they are unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Leflore, Okla.

UTM: A-15 325220 3869270; B-15 325210 3869240

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on U.S. highway 270 on the west edge of the Fanshawe community, the nominated property begins at the SW corner of Lot 8, Townsite No. 8, and runs 175 feet east, north 350 feet, west 175 feet, and south 350 to the point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 92-A, 92-B, 92-C, 92-D

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GLENDALE SCHOOL TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wister, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec 7, T 5 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Mr. B. Elder, Rural Route 1, Howe, OK 74940

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated condition; unaltered; original site

Bungalow-like in style, the Glendale school teacherage is a single story, rectangular (34' \times 36') house constructed of crudely cut native stone laid in uneven courses. The roof is gabled, and wood sash windows are placed by twos. The front entryway is off a wood porch covered by the main roof supported by pedistals and square columns; the rear entry has a similar porch arrangement. The Glendale school itself lies to the east of the teacherage in total ruins.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

The teacherage is significant because it is the only remaining structure associated with the Glendale school, a facility long administered by the politically dominant Hamilton family. It too provided useful labor to unemployed and unskilled workers destitute because of the depression. It also is significant because it enabled a rural and isolated school district to hire and to retain qualified teachers, who would not have taken an out-of-the-way position without adequate housing. As a WPA building, the teacherage is unique in type and scale. Within the community it is unique because of its materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Wister, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 343970 3865540

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On U.S. highway No. 270 after crossing the dam of the Wister Reservoir going south, take the first right turn on a paved county road and go approximately one mile south to a church building. Just southeast of the church building across the road is the location of the teacherage, occupying a tract of land beginning 120 rods south of the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 7, T 5 N, R 25 E, and running west 200 feet, north 200 feet, east 200 feet, south 200 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 93-A, 93-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HAW CREEK SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Page, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 6, T 3 N, R 27 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; private acquisition—N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use—community activities/residential

OWNER: Haw Creek Community, Rural Route, Page, OK 74950

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Haw Creek campus consists of two WPA structures: a three-room school building and a teacherage. The school building is a single story, L-shaped (27' x 60' vertically, and a 15' x 27' extension) structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Beneath a gable that extends from the valley of intersecting hipped roofs, the front entryway is recessed behind an arch. Wood sash windows with pre-formed concrete sills reach to the eaves. The structure is most attractive.

Originally a single story, wood frame structure with clapboard siding, the teacherage is situated some 125 feet south of the school. The roof is gabled, and a small intersecting gable covers the porch leading to the front door. The building measures 28 feet by 28 feet. Wood sash windows are placed singly or by twos. On its rear has been attached a lean-to structure, and new siding has been applied all around. These alterations notwithstanding, the essential integrity of the small bungalow remains.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Haw Creek buildings are significant because construction of them provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and remote area hard hit by the failure of the economic system and because it created a new environment conducive to learning for students greatly isolated from the rest of the world. The classroom building is one of two with its particular floor plan in southeastern Oklahoma. The teacherage made it possible to hire and to retain qualified instructors. Within the community they are unique architecturally because of style, type, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

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UTM: A--15 361920 3848520; B--15 361820 3848450

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From U.S. highway No. 59, follow a paved county road north from Page approximately five miles to the school property on the east side of the road,

it beginning at a point 504 feet south of the NW corner of the NE 1/4, of the NW 1/4, of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 6, T 3 N, R 27 E, and the boundary running south 264 feet, west 330 feet, north 264 feet, and east 330 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 94-A, 94-B, 94-C

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HEAVENER PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCATION: East C Street, Heavener, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: City of Heavener, City Hall, Heavener, OK 74937

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Heavener library building is a single story, rectangular (58' x 30') structure constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone of multiple colors. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is gabled, with an intersecting cross gable extending over the front entryway. On the west end is an external chimney. The one-half size windows sit on continuous sills and are divided by round columns of rusticated stone. The latter touch, along with the selection and placement of stone, demonstrate a mature and high quality workmanship.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Heavener library building is unique because of exceptional workmanship demonstrated by the stone columns dividing the windows and the colorful arrangment of construction materials. As much as any other, it reflects the improved skills over time of WPA directed labor forces. Within the community itself it is significant architecturally in terms of type, WPA style, materials and character of workmanship. It is especially important because construction of it provided needed jobs for destitute laborers at a time when no work meant virtual starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Heavener, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 353700 3861780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 9, Heavener City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 95-A, 95-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HEAVENER HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (Three structures)

LOCATION: E and 5th Streets, Heavener, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Heavener Board of Education, Box 698, Heavener, OK 74937

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Heavener high school campus includes three WPA structures: a home economics building, a bus barn and a native stone fence. A two-room facility, the home economics building is a single story, rectangular (42' x 61') structure with offsets and constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone light in color. The gable roof, now covered with composition shingles, is stepped; the front entry is on the northwest corner, recessed behind an arch. Wood sash windows with cut stone sills extend to the eaves.

Situated just west of the home economics building, the bus barn is a single story, rectangular (30' \times 66') structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native stone. The roof is hipped and covered with sheet metal. With places for six buses, the building is open on the east.

Surrounding the Heavener campus on two sides is a fence constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone. Mortar is incised. It measures some eighteen inches high and eight inches wide. Every few feet an uncut rock extends out of the main part of the fence giving a pickett-like appearance. Rock selection and placement are such as to make the fence a work of art.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; builder/architect: unknown

As WPA structures, the buildings and the fence on the Heavener campus demonstrate the variety of educational buildings constructed and that unskilled laborers could take masonry to the level of artistic expression. Within the community the structures are unique architecturally because of their type, style, materials and workmanship. They are also significant because construction of them offered work to persons, many of them railway workers, long unemployed and on the verge of starvation. Unquestionably the structures also advanced the cause of learning, providing at least one facility which furthered vocational training among women.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Approximately one acre Quadrangle: Heavener, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of 5th and E Streets (the northeast corner of the bus barn), go south 125 feet, west 200 feet, north 125 feet, and east 200 feet, all in Block 80, Heavener original, and from the NW corner of this tract go west on a parallel line 15 feet south of the right-of-way of E Street to its intersection with 4th Street; 15 feet east of the right-of-way of 4th Street on a parallel line go south to G Street; there go 15 feet west to the right-of-way of 4th Street, following it until it intersects with the right-of-way for E Street; turn east and follow the right-of-way until it reaches 5th Street.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 96-A, 96-B, 96-C, 96-D, 96-E

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: 2nd and D Streets, Heavener, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

use--vacant

OWNER: Heavener Board of Education, Box 698, Heavener, OK 74937

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

A building of at least ten classrooms, Heavener's Westside Elementary school is a single story, rectangular (192' x 50') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone of varied colors. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped; a central cross gable covers a recessed entryway of two doors. End entryways are also recessed. Openings of six sash windows, each resting on concrete sills, reach to the eaves. On the west back of the building is a cross section connecting it with a gymnasium of wood construction. The gym and the cross-section appear to have been built before the WPA. Attachment to the older structure does not impeach the integrity of the stone building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA school building, the structure is notable for its scale, suggesting the relative "prosperity" of urban school districts as opposed to those in rural areas. Within Heavener, the building is architecturally unique because of its style, scale, materials and workmanship. In a broader context the school is significant because its construction provided jobs for destitute workers, many of them unemployed railroad workers, who had previously faced the spectre of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Heavener, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 353340 3861700

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 41, Heavener original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 97-A, 97-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HEAVENER HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: 4th and H Streets, Heavener, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Heavener Board of Education, Box 698, Heavener, OK 74937

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Heavener gym and auditorium is a two story, rectangular (84' x 90') structure constructed of rusticated and roughly coursed native standstone. The roof is both gabled and flat with parapets. Extending vertically through both floors, window openings with concrete sills are separated by brick work. Double-door entryways are covered with lean-to porches. The roof extensions lend an art deco flavor to the building. Most windows have been enclosed with inserts of brick, an alteration that does not severely impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because construction of it enabled destitute workers in the Heavener area to find jobs when none were available in the private sector and because it provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region beforehand. As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its scale, excellent masonry, and hint of art deco style. Within the Heavener community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 354090 3861290

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 6 and 7, Block 85, Heavener original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 98-A, 98-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HOWE SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Plum and N. Railroad Streets, Howe, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Howe Board of Education, Route 1, Box 771, Howe, OK 74940

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Howe school campus includes two WPA buildings: the high school and the elementary school. A building of at least six classrooms, the high school is a single story, essentially rectangular (85' x 64') structure constructed of red brick. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled, with intersecting gables on either end and on both sides. On the rear is a third gable, centrally placed, which rises above the entryway and a small porch. On the front, the roof between the gables, supported by four small shafts, covers a veranda. Classroom window openings, with concrete sills, which rise to the eaves, have been reduced in size by wood inserts and smaller, metal sash windows installed. This alteration and a wood frame and clapboard addition on the porch have not impeached the integrity of the structure.

Immediately west of the high school is the elementary school. Also constructed of red brick, the elementary school is a single story and an inverted T-shaped (72' x 21' horizontally; $84' \times 54'$ vertically) building with a gable roof and classroom window openings that rise to the eaves. The front entry is recessed. To the rear has been added a rectangular (33' x 84') auditorium, placed at a 45 degree angle to the stem of the T. This addition and the reduction of window size with wood inserts have not impaired the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The school buildings are significant because as rural WPA buildings their scale and their brick construction material are rather unusual. Within the community they are unique because of their type, scale and workmanship. The structures also provided a modern educational environment more conducive to learning, producing an enthusiasm noted by appreciative teachers. Construction of them also provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers placed on the verge of starvation by the general failure of the economic system. During the 1930s.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Wister, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 350580 3869000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: At the intersection of North Railroad and Plum streets, go north 200 feet to a point of beginning, then west 200 feet, north 328 feet, east 200 feet, and south 328, all in Block 24, Howe original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 99-A, 99-B, 99-C, 99-D, 99-E

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LEFLORE SCHOOL CAMPUS (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Leflore, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 22, T 5 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Leflore Board of Education, Box 67, Leflore, OK 74942

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Leflore school campus consists of three WPA structures: a high school building, an elementary school building and a gymnasium/auditorium facility. A building of at least four rooms, the Leflore high school is a single story, rectangular (55' x 78') structure constructed of lightly rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled; classroom window openings with concrete sills reach to the eaves; and double-door entryways are recessed behind arches. Window openings have been reduced in size by wood inserts and smaller, energy efficient windows installed. The integrity of the building has not been impaired.

Fifty-four feet east of the high school is situated the elementary school building. Constructed of cut and coursed native stone, it is a single story, rectangular (70' by 42') structure with a hipped roof. The masonry is of better quality than on the high school. A frontal cross gable covers an entryway recessed behind an arch; end entries are also recessed behind arches. Classroom window openings, which extend to the eaves and have concrete sills, have been reduced in size with wood inserts and smaller, energy efficient windows installed. The integrity of the building has not been impeached. To the south end of the building is situated a small frame building, temporary in character. It is not included in this nomination.

One hundred thirty-five feet south of the elementary school is the gymnasium/auditorium with classrooms. It too is constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. Rectangular (97' x 67') in size with high ceilings, the building has an arched roof over the gym and a flat roof over the classroom section, both with parapets. Window openings with concrete sills and lintels have been reduced in size and smaller, more energy efficient windows installed. Also a concrete block addition has been attached to the west front of the gym. Despite these alterations the integrity of the building is still intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937 (high school), 1940 (elementary), 1938-1939 (gym); builder/ architect: primarily Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The Leflore campus demonstrates the dependence of southeastern Oklahoma upon WPA built facilities: for almost fifty years there has been little formal education in the community outside of WPA structures. The three buildings brought modern education to the isolated district of Leflore. As WPA school structures, they are notable for their quantity and for demonstrating at one location the improvement of workmanship over time. Within the

community they are unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Not to be forgotten is that construction of the Leflore campus provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers who had for months been without economic security and had dispaired of ever again achieving it.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Four acres

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

UTM: A-15 319170 3863190; B-15 319140 3863200; C 15 319140 3863120

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the east edge of the Leflore community, the nominated property begins at a point 531 feet south of the NW corner of Sec. 22, T 5 N, R 22 E, and runs 416 feet east, 416 feet south, 416 feet west, and 416 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 100-A, 100-B, 100-C, 100-D, 100-E, 100-F

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MONROE SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Monroe, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 13, T 6 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Monroe Board of Education, Route 2, Monroe, OK 74947

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Monroe school campus consists of two WPA buildings: a classroom/gymnasium combination facility and a classroom building. Constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone, the classroom/gymnasium combination structure is single story and U-shaped, measuring 108' on the front and 126' on each side. The central gabled roof above the gym has dormers, with intersecting gables on either end and on both sides. The roof is now covered with composition shingles. Another gable covers a recessed entryway on the front. Classroom windows, with cut stone sills and metal casements, reach to the eaves. On the rear, inside the U, lean-to additions have been attached. The modifications have not impeached the architectural integrity of the building.

Seventy-five feet east of the classroom/gym facility is the second classroom building. Measuring 39' by 52', it is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. It has a gabled roof of composition shingles, and its side window openings with concrete sills reach to the eaves. Entryways are on each end. Window openings have been reduced in size with wood inserts and newer metal windows installed. The alteration has not impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The school buildings are significant because they created a new educational environment conducive to learning, replacing one that was noted for being a firetrap and that admitted little light. As rural WPA buildings, the classroom/gym is notabale because of its exceptional floor plan and its scale. Within the community they are unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. It is significant too that construction of them created work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a very remote area along the Arkansas border where private enterprise had been unable to provide jobs previously.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: A--15 361570 3872720; B--15 361520 3872720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the southwest edge of Monroe, the property begins at the NW corner of SW 1/4, of the SW 1/4, of the NE 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 13, T 6 N, R 26 E, and runs 16 rods south, 20 rods east, 16 rods north and 20 rods west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 101-A, 101-B, 101-C, 101-D

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OCTAVIA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Octavia, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 29, T 1 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Smithville Board of Education, Box 8, Smithville, OK 74957

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Octavia gym is a single story, rectangular (55' x 77', with a rear extension of 28' x 10') structure constructed of river washed cobblestone. The composition shingle covered roof is gabled, with intersecting gables on the west rear and east front covering enclosed entryways. A small porch gable covers the east entry. Window openings have either been filled with plywood sheets or river washed cobblestone. Fortunately the window alterations do not impeach the basic architectural integrity of the building

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The gym is significant because its construction enabled unskilled and unemployed laborers in the rural Octavia area to have some work and a measure of economic security during the depth of the depression. As a WPA building, the structure is particularly notable for its use of river washed cobblestone as construction materials. It is the only building of that kind of material in southeastern Oklahoma. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The gym also provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and purpose not known before the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadra

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

UTM: 15 343000 3821590

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Smithville into Leflore County and at the first paved county road intersecting from the west, turn and go approximately one mile and one-quarter to the second right turn; there go north to the school property on the west side of the road. The property begins 208 feet west and 200 feet north of the SE corner of the NW 1/4, of the SW 1/4, and runs west 208 feet, north 150 feet, east 208 feet, and south 150 feet, all in Sec. 29, T 1 N, R 25 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 102-A, 102-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OLD BOKOSHE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bokoshe, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 33, T 9 N, R 24 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--NA; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--hay barn

OWNER: Mr. Ben Hinton, Rural Route, Bokoshe, OK 74930

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A three-room building originally, the Old Bokoshe school is a single story, L-shaped (77' \times 24', with 10' \times 30' horizontal extension) structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled with an intersecting hip and valley. The centrally located front entry is recessed with an archway; a corner front entry is covered by a porch. Wood double-sash windows resting on concrete sills reach to the eaves. In the rear, a portion of one window opening and the wall below has been removed to permit installation of a metal garage door. This alteration does not impeach the integrity of the building, which otherwise is superbly maintained.

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

Architecturally the building is unique within the community in terms of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Relative to other WPA constructed school buildings, the floor plan is itself exceptional, especially the corner entryway of the northwest front corner. The school building is also significant because construction of it provided work opportunities and some economic security for destitute laborers who had for too long been on relief rolls. It also stimulated an enthusiasm for education previously curtailed due to the dilapidated nature of the wood school house utilized before construction of the new one by the WPA.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Bokoshe, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 338160 3898260

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: One-half mile west of Bokoshe on state highway No. 33, go north on paved county road two miles and then east on an unpaved road one mile. The building is on property that begins at the NW corner of Sec. 33, T 9 N, R 24 E, and goes east 70 yards, south 140 yards, west 70 yards, and north 140 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 103-A, 103-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PANAMA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Panama, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Panama Board of Education, Box 550, Panama, OK 74951

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Panama gym and auditorium, a building that contains classrooms and a court with high ceilings, is a single story, rectangular (89' x 98') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone of vivid colors. The roof is gabled with catslides. Entryways located at offsets of the walls are covered with small porches. Windows, with pre-formed concrete sills, throughout the building have been enclosed with concrete blocks, alterations that do not impair the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its scale and quality masonry. Within the Panama community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Of course, the gym/auditorium is especially significant because its construction provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers on the verge of starvation during the depths of the depression and because it provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region earlier. The "Razorbacks" became an athletic power thereafter.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 347840 3893060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 17-20, Block 55, Panama original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 104-A, 104-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TWYMAN PARK (Six structures)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Poteau, Poteau, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 35, T 7 N, R 25 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings and structures; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--entertainment

OWNER: City of Poteau, City Hall, Poteau, OK 74953

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

All structures and buildings within the Twyman Park were WPA constructed and include the following:

- 1) Caretaker's cottage—One story and rectangular (36' x 33'), the cottage is constructed of cut native sandstone slightly coursed but largely randomly placed. The roof is gabled; the windows on concrete sills are wood sash and placed by twos; and the front entryway is covered by a small porch. A board and batten addition has been placed on one side, covered with a catslide roof. The alteration, however, has only slightly impaired the integrity of the building.
- 2) Two picnic pavilions—Measuring 24 by 30 feet, the pavilions consist of an arched roof supported by six columns constructed of cut and coursed sandstone, covering stone and concret picnic tables on a concrete slab floor.
- 3) Swimming pool and bath house--Rectangular in shape, the pool measures 120 by 60 feet and is constructed of poured concrete. A small wading pool is situated just northwest of the larger pool. A concrete apron surrounds both pools. Immediately west of the pool is the bath house. A single story, rectangular (21' x 60') structure, it is constructed of untooled native sandstone randomly placed. There is a flat roof which is utilized as a sun deck; windows are small and situated high in the wall on the pool side, although there are normal size wood sash windows elsewhere. The west entry is recessed behind an archway. The structure is dominated, however, by a cylindrical tower of cut stone with a cone top that reaches above the deck roof. The tower is entwined by circular stairs. The tower and stairs required remarkable masonry skills. Just west of the bath house is a seven foot high stone retaining wall with steps down to the pool level.
- 4) Stone Fence—The park is enclosed on its east and south sides by a fence of native stone untooled and uncoursed that extends 1320 feet north to south and 660 feet east to west. The fence is two feet high and one foot wide, strengthened by symetrically placed pedistals and by a cap of flat stones.
- 5) Stone Drainage Ditch--Through the middle of the park runs a drainage ditch constructed of cut and uncut native sandstone. Blocks on the sides of the ditch are coursed,

while the untooled stone on the bottom is randomly laid.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA project, the Twyman Park is notable because it produced a comprehensive recreational facility rather than just components of one. It constitutes the best example of a complete outdoor park built by the agency in Southeastern Oklahoma. Architecturally it is significant primarily because of the style and quality of workmanship employed on the bath house, especially the cylindrical tower that lends the building a Romanesque flavor. Construction of the park, moreover, provided a large number of jobs for individuals who had been on relief rolls and had suffered severely during the depth of the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Twenty acres

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

UTM: A-15 351460 3878520; B-15 351440 3878140; C-15 351270 3878120; D-351280 3878520

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From its intersection with McKenna Street in south Poteau, follow West Street one-half mile to Twyman Park on the west side of the road. The park is the E 1/2, of the SE 1/4, of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 35, T 7 N, R 25 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 105-A, 105-B, 105-C, 105-D, 105-E, 105-F, 105-G

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DUNBAR SCHOOL

LOCATION: Streets unmarked, Poteau, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

use--vacant

OWNER: Mt. Calvery Baptist Church, Poteau, OK 74953

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated condition; altered; original site

A two room building, the black school in Poteau is a single story, rectangular (66' x 21') structure with an offset constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Masonry is rather crude. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled; the front entryway is located on the corner; openings of windows that reach to the eaves have been filled with inserts and smaller windows installed. On the southeast corner of the structure an addition of rusticated and coursed native stone has been attached. Despite the alterations, the architectural integrity of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-39; builder/architect: unknown

This structure was the black school in Poteau before integration of education. The WPA laborers on the project were black. Thus this building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for destitue black laborers in the Poteau area at a time when few were available and because it created a new environment conducive to educational development. As an urban WPA school building, it is remarkable for its modest scale. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type (black school), style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Poteau East, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 352920 3879020

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 5, Block 26, Poteau original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 106-A, 106-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

RODMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: West Hopkins Street, Poteau, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Mountain View Christian Church, W. Hopkins Street, Poteau, OK 74952

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74952

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Initially a building of approximately twelve classrooms, Rodman Elementary School is a single story, V-shaped structure (both wings are 87' x 48'). The building is constructed of rusticated and coursed dark buff native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets capped by cut limestone. The front entryway of four doors is at the exterior angle and covered by a porch; over the whole and behind the parapet is a pyramidal-like lantern. At the interior angle a gymnasium constructed of red brick has been added. Window openings with continuous sills and lintels have been reduced in size with wood inserts to accommodate smaller metal windows. The gym addition and the window alterations have not impeached the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because its construction gave destitute workers and farmers in the Poteau area job opportunities and a steady income when none were available in the private sector. It also provided a new environment more conducive to learning in that the building permitted educators to segregate younger students by grade level. As a WPA school building, the structure is notable for its scale and decorative lantern. As such it suggests the relative "prosperity" of urban school districts as opposed to those in rural areas. Within the community the building is unique architecturally because of its WPA style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Quadrangle: Poteau East, Okla. Acreage: Less than one acre

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 352060 388350

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 48, Poteau original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 107-A, 107-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

POTEAU COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: Hill and Hopkins Streets, Poteau, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hill and Hopkins Streets, Poteau, Ok 74953

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

Initially a multi-purpose facility, the Poteau Community Building is a two story, essentially rectangular (39' x 35') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Now covered by composition shingles, the roof is composed of intersecting gables and valleys; exterior chimneys are at either end of the front portion of the structure; wood sash windows are most often placed by twos between concrete sills and lintels. The second level, main entryway is reached by two sets of steps that run parallel to the building and form an inverted V; beneath the steps is the entry to the lower level. The bottom floor extends back into the hillside. Adjacent to the structure are two Bar-B-Que pits and six tables with benches.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA multi-purpose community building, the Poteau center is unique in that it is two story, partially earth sheltered and has a second-level entryway reached by twin sets of stairs. These same features make the structure significant architecturally within the Poteau community, as does the type of building, construction materials and character of workmanship. It is also notable because the task of building the structure provided jobs to individuals on relief rolls who theretofore had faced the prospect of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 351960 3880410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 4, Block 49, Poteau City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 108-A, 108-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

POTEAU SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Walter and Parker Streets, Poteau, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Poteau Board of Education, 300 N. Walter, Poteau, OK 74953

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Poteau gym and auditorium is a two story, rectangular (100' x 78') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed, cream colored native sandstone. The roof is both flat and gabled, with parapets. The facade on the south front is slightly extended and contains to entryways with arches. Side doors and upper and lower windows with concrete sills have been enclosed with concrete blocks. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because is provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride lacking in the depression era. Construction of it also provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the Poteau area where few had existed previously. As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its size/scale. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Poteau East, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 352500 3879760

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 7, Block 64, Poteau original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 109-A, 109-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SHADY POINT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Shady Point, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 27, T 8 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Shady Point Board of Education, Drawer C, Shady Point, OK 74956

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A four room building, the Shady Point school is a single story, rectangular (75' x 44') structure constructed of cut and roughly coursed native sandstone. The hipped roof has a gable dormer without lights above the centrally placed front entry. The front and side entries are recessed with archways. Wood sash windows with cut stone sills reach to the eaves. A metal building is adjacent but not attached to the structure; it does not impeach the integrity of the building.

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

Construction of the school building, significantly, provided work opportunities and a measure of economic security for destitute and unskilled laborers in the Shady Point area who had been forced on relief rolls during the course of the depression. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously deprived educationally. That the structure is still used by the school district reflects just how important it has been. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Panama, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 348770 3888780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the northeast edge of the community, the property line begins at the SE corner of the SE 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T 8 N, R 25 E, then goes north 418 feet, west 209 feet, south 418 feet and east 209 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 110-A, 110-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SPIRO HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

LOCATION: State Highway 9 West, Spiro, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Spiro Board of Education, Box 118, Spiro, OK 74959

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A building of fifteen or more rooms, Spiro High School is a single story, U-shaped (149' frontage with wings of 137' on the west and 92' on the east) structure constructed of uncut and general uncoursed native stone. The wings were constructed at different dates by separate WPA crews as the east wing has beaded mortar while the west does not. Windows with concrete sills are arranged by threes except on the central front section where they are set by twos. Over the later are square lintels fashioned from pre-formed concret slabs. The roof is flat with parapets; doors are recessed behind archways. Stylistically the structure alludes to art deco.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because it created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously housed in a brick structure cramped for space. As a WPA building, the high school is notable for its allusion to art deco style and for its scale, suggesting the relative "prosperity" of urban school districts as opposed to those in rural areas. Within the Spiro community the building is unique architecturally in terms of style, scale, materials and workmanship. At a time when there were none, significantly, construction of the school provided jobs for destitute workers, enabling them to survive the dark days of the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Panama, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 351840 3900720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the northeast corner of the School Addition, Spiro original, go west 416 feet to a point of beginning, then go south 280 feet, west 280 feet, north 280 feet and east 280 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 111-A, 111-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SUMMERFIELD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Summerfield, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 22, T 5 N, R 23 E.

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

OWNER: Leflore Board of Education, Box 67, Leflore, OK 74942

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

A four-room building, the Summerfield school is a single story, rectangular (42' x 72') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The hipped roof, now coverd with composition shingles, has a gable dormer without lights above a frontal entry archway and recessed doors. Wood sash windows on concrete sills reach to the eaves. A concrete block lean-to addition has been attached to the north end; it does not destroy the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for destitute laborers in the Summerfield community who had been forced on relief rolls for lack of jobs in the private sector. It also created a new environment more favorable to learning than existed previously. Because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship, the building is architecturally unique within the the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Summerfield, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 329430 3892410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 271 southwest of Wister some ten and one-half miles and turn east on a paved county road, going one-half mile to the Summerfield community. The school property is in the southeast portion of the town, beginning at the SE corner of the SE 1/4, of the NE 1/4, of the NE 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 22, T 5 N, R 23 E, and running north 208 feet, west 208 feet, south 208 feet and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 112-A, 112-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TUCKER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Spiro, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 35, T 10 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Tucker Community Association, Rural Route, Spiro, OK 74959

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; unaltered; original site

A three room building initially, the Tucker school is a single story L-shaped (69' x 28', with 11' x 30' horizontal extension) structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native stone. The intersecting gabled roof is also stepped. The east and west gables are covered with wood shingles. Front entry is placed at the interior angle and is recessed benind an arch. Wood double-sash windows reach to the eaves in the classrooms. Rock selection and placement are excellent. A native stone fence separates the property from the road on the east.

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

As a WPA project, the Tucker School is an excellent example of a three room structure that has been preserved without alteration over the years. Within the rural community of which it is a part, the building is unique architecturally in terms of type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. That construction of it also provided work for laborers long on relief rolls, giving them economic security and self esteem, makes it especially significant, as too does the fact that the building provided an impetus for modern education in a rather remote and isolated area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre Quadrangle: Muldrow Southwest, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 342265 3907360

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Following U.S. highway No. 59, go three miles south of the Leflore County line to an intersection with a paved county road; turn east and go one and one-half miles; turn south one half mile to a point of beginning that is 295 feet north of the SE corner of the SE 1/4, of the NE 1/4, of the SE 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35, T 10 N, R 24 E, then go west 295 feet, north 147.5 feet, east 295 feet, and south 147.5 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 113-A, 113-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WHITESBORO SCHOOL CAMPUS (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Whitesboro, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 33, T 3 N, R 23 E.

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

OWNER: Whitesboro Board of Education, General Delivery, Whitesboro, OK 74577

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Whitesboro school campus includes three WPA structures: a classroom building, a gymnasium and a teacherage. An eight-room facility, the classroom is a single story, rectangular (ca. 46' x 98') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone of different colors. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is gabled; and recessed behind arches, entryways are at either end of the building. Metal casement classroom windows on concrete sills rise to the eaves.

Sixty feet east of the classroom building is the gymnasium. Single story with a high ceiling and rectangular (ca. 57' x 87') in size, it too was constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled with parapets; metal casement windows are in use. Concrete block additions have been attached to either end of the gym, and some idiot has painted the stone white. The architectural integrity of the gym has obviously been impaired, but it has not been destroyed.

North of the classroom building 100 feet is the teacherage. Constructed of undressed and uncoursed native stone, and bungalow-like in style, it is a single story, rectangular (35' x 24') structure with a gable roof. The front porch is covered by another gable roof supported with shafts on pedistals. Placement of wood sash windows varies.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder: unknown

As rural WPA buildings, the Whitesboro campus structures are remarkable for their scale and their number. Within the rural community they are unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The three buildings are also significant because construction of them gave workers long on relief rolls the opportunity for some economic security and useful labor in which they could take pride. They also provided a totally new learning environment for students previously deprived eductionally.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres Quadrangle: Whitesboro, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A--15 327160 3840340; B--15 327180 3840260; C--15 327140 3840260

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On state highway No. 63 just west of Whitesboro and on the south side of the road, the property begins 1040 feet south and 520 feet west of Sec. 33, T 3 N, R 23 E, and goes 416 feet south, 208 feet west, 416 feet north and 208 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 114-A, 114-B, 114-C, 114-D

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WILLIAMS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Cameron, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec 15, T 8 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Nina Mae Shoup, Rural Route 1, Box 62, Cameron, OK 74932

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

A four-room building initially, the Williams school is a single story, rectangular (40' x 72') structure constructed of untooled and unoccupied native sandstone. The hipped roof, now covered with composition shingles, has a gable dormer without lights above a frontal entry archway and recessed doors. End entryways are also recessed behind arches. Portions of the window openings that extend to the eaves have been enclosed with wood inserts. The integrity of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Architecturally this building is significant within the community because of its type, materials and character of workmanship. It is equally notable in that construction of it provided work opportunities and some economic security for destitute laborers in the Williams area who for too long had lived close to the edge of starvation as a consequence of the depression. The building also created a new learning environment for students previously deprived educationally and helped to instill a sense of pride within the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 358860 3892410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Cameron go northeast-north two miles to a paved county road; turn west and go one and one-half miles to the Williams community; the school is north of the road, the property beginning 208.71 feet west of the center point of Sec. 15, T 8 N, R 26 E, then south 417.4 feet, west 417.4 feet, north 417.4 feet, and east 417.4 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 115-A, 115-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WISTER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Streets unmarked, Wister, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Wister Board of Education, Box 246, Wister, OK 74966

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Wister gym and auditorium is a single story, rectangular (85' x 72') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone. The masonry is of highest quality. The roof appears to be arched with parapets. On the front entryway, facades at either corner are extended and are composed in part of poured concrete slabs that reach to the roof and are incised for decorative purposes. The concrete slabs, the incised lines, and vertical extension of the roof line give the building a distinct art deco flavor. Windows are in metal casements. On the rear of the building has been added a 24 foot extension of similar materials. This and an enclosed walkway attaching the gym to an older school building do not detract from the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its scale, clear art deco style, and superior masonry. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale and workmanship. It is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for destituted laborers in the Wister area where none had previously existed and because it provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region beforehand.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Wister, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 342650 387086

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, Wister original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 116-A, 116-B