

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BEACHTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Smithville, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; SW 1/4, Sec. 3, T 1 S, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Richard Davis, Route 3, Box 14, Smithville, OK 74957

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Designed as a two-room school house, the Beachtton school building was constructed of wood frame and clapboard siding. It is single story and has a gable roof. Alteration has been significant, with window and door openings rearranged. The alterations have destroyed the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; unknown architect

That the structure is of wood frame and siding makes it rather unique in southeastern Oklahoma for a WPA building. In that region most are of native stone.

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BROKEN BOW HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Fourth and Broadway, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Broken Bow Public Schools, Box 400, Broken Bow, OK 74728

DESCRIPTION: ruined condition; unaltered; original site

Constructed of uncut and unrusted native stone, the High School measures 184 feet by 238 feet with offsets. It was burned on Halloween, 1983. Today only the walls remain standing.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; unknown architect

The structure was beautiful, and it was one of the larger school buildings constructed of native stone in southeastern Oklahoma.

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IDABELL HIGH SCHOOL GRANDSTANDS

LOCATION: 3rd and D Streets, Idabel, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Idabel Public Schools, Box 29, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The grandstands is constructed of poured concrete, is rectangular (100' x 41'), and rises some 15 rows. Initially the superstructure was unenclosed, but recently it has been filled in with steel sheeting. The structure is not particularly imposing, and the enclosing material affects the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936-1937; unknown architect

The grandstands gave Idabel its first, first-class athletic facility. In the process it have a host of unemployed workers needed jobs.

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IDABELL HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/CLASSROOMS

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Idabel Public Schools, Box 29, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A rectangular structure measuring 76 feet by 139 feet and constructed of red brick, it was rebuilt and reconstituted following a fire. It is difficult to determine what is original.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; unknown architect

The gymnasium was a boon to indoor athletic competition and to community spirit. Its building also provided jobs to unemployed laborers.

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OPAH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; NE 1/4, Sec. 13, T 5 S, R 23 E

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

OWNER: unknown

DESCRIPTION: ruins; unaltered; original site

Designed as a one room school, the Opah building was constructed from cut and uncut native stone. The roof was gabled. Only the walls stand today.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; unknown architect

It is a classic example of a one-room school building. And as remote as it is, it helped unemployed workers to have jobs when there were none in the region during the region.