

CARTER COUNTY WPA PROPERTIES

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OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ARDMORE ARMORY

LOCATION: Sunset and Main Streets, Ardmore, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019

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

OWNER: City of Ardmore, P.O. Box 249, Ardmore, OK 73402

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Ardmore Armory is a single-story, rectangular (235' x 147') structure consisting of a central drill floor section and two wings. The armory is constructed of rusticated native sandstone laid randomly. The drill floor segment has a high arched roof with parapets which rise to points on the ends. Each wing has a flat roof and parapets. All parapets are capped with cut sandstone blocks. Entryways are situated off center and are framed by pilasters that reach to the roof line. Elongated metal casement windows rest on pre-formed concrete sills. Indentations above the windows extend to the roof line. Two garage doors on either wing are enclosed with segmented arches with a Keystone. A garage door entering the central drill floor is framed by pilasters and, above the door, a stepped facade of different colored stone that also forms a cornice at the roof line. Quoins at the corners of the structure provide additional decorative detail. Enclosure of a few window openings by buff bricks have not destroyed the integrity of the armory.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Significant for its quality of workmanship and for its scale, the Ardmore Armory suggests pride in workmanship and a job well-done on a scale that makes it one of the more prominent buildings in Ardmore. The stone used for its construction was quarried nearby and gives the structure a unique character. Its construction provided jobs for workers badly hurt by crop failures and a slumping oil industry. Also noteworthy is the fact that the armory has played and continues to play a part in the national defense and military preparedness of the nation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 14 670290 3783000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning 237 feet north of the SE corner of NE SE SW of Sec. 25, T 4 S, R 1 E, a point near 1st and Sunset Streets, go west 300 feet, north 300 feet, east 300 feet, and south 300 feet

PICTURE REFERENCE: 1-a; 1-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HARDY MURPHY COLISEUM

LOCATION: 600 Lake Murray Drive, Ardmore, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019

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

OWNER: City of Ardmore, Box 249, Ardmore, OK 73402

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Hardy Murphy Coliseum is a two-story, rectangular (364' x 270') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone as well as cut limestone blocks. With the exception of the front entry facade, the second story is fishrope from poured concrete blocks. The roof is arched over the central section of the structure, although it is flat over the front portion and that part of the building that is single story. Parapets are capped either with sand or limestone. Excepting the center segment, on the front most corners are curved and windows are filled with opaque glass. These features, and the framing of side front doors with limestone pilasters and lintels, give the building a distinct art deco flavor. On the second story the window openings are filled with metal encased panes or metal sash windows. Entry into the arena of the coliseum is achieved through a host of garage doors on either side. Filling of some of these doors with wood inserts and some of the upper windows with cinder blocks has not destroyed the essential architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941-1942; builder/architect: unknown

The Hardy Murphy Coliseum is most notably significant because of its scale. It is easily one of the largest structures erected by the WPA in Oklahoma. Also important is the fact that the construction of the coliseum provided jobs for unskilled and destitute citizens of the area. Over the years, the coliseum has provided facilities for rodeos, concerts, fair activities, and many other types of recreational activities. Unique for its type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship, Hardy Murphy Coliseum is one of the best-known and most loved structures in the city of Ardmore.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: four acres

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

UTM: A-14 673220 3781520; B-14 673330 3781450

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point 1248 feet east and 1040 north of the SW corner of Sec. 32, T 4 S, R 2 E, go 416 feet east, 416 feet north, 416 feet west and 416 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 2-a; 2-b; 2-c

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JEFFERSON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Carter and Fourth Streets, Ardmore, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019

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

OWNER: Ardmore Board of Education, P.O. Box 1709, Ardmore, OK 73402

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Jefferson School is a single-story, essentially L-shaped structure constructed of buff bricks laid with a running bond. The structure runs 227 feet north and south by 123 feet east and west. Over the gymnasium/auditorium the roof is arched with parapets capped with limestone blocks, while the rest of the structure has a flat roof and capped parapets. The main entryway, located at the exterior angle of the L, is recessed and framed by pilasters and a "lintel" that extends to the roof line as a cornice. Decorative brick work on either side of the doorway suggests a sense of play on the part of the masons. Window openings with brick sills have been enclosed with wood inserts and smaller aluminum sash windows installed. This alteration has not affected the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Jefferson School reflects the difference between urban and rural construction projects by the Oklahoma WPA. Schools of Jefferson's dimensions and brick materials were much too expensive for rural school districts, where smaller, native stone buildings predominated. Replacing a dilapidated and run-down structure, the WPA facility introduced a new generation of students to an environment conducive to learning--a service that it continues to perform. Significantly, construction of the school provided jobs to destitute laborers who had been forced onto relief rolls by the depression. Architecturally, the building is unique in the community in terms of style, scale and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 672820 3781840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The south 50.7 feet and east 27.8 feet of Lot 3, the south 46 feet of Lot 4, all of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; the north 10 feet and the east 50.2 feet of Lot 11, the east 86 feet of Lots 12 and 13, and the east 87 feet of Lot 14, in Block 462, Ardmore City original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 3-a; 3-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DICKSON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ardmore, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019; SW1/4, Sec. 22, T4S, R3E

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

OWNER: Dickson Board of Education, Route 1, Ardmore, OK 73401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Containing thirteen rooms, a gymnasium and an auditorium, the Dickson School is a single story, F-shaped structure. It measures vertically 257 feet, while its two horizontal wings extend 137 feet from front to rear. The structure is constructed of untoolled and uncoursed native sandstone laid with cobweb masonry. Over the gym the roof is arched; over the auditorium it is hipped; and over the classroom section it is flat. Parapets capped with limestone blocks extend over the gym and the class areas. Front entryways are recessed and covered with pre-formed concrete porches supported by side walls of sandstone. At the roofline of the main entry is a stepped cornice that extends into a flat roofed "lantern." Placed in twos, windows on the front rest on pre-formed concrete sills and below continuous lintels. Window placement varies and on the gym some of the upper windows have been enclosed with inserts and smaller, sash windows installed. Cinder block additions to the rear of the auditorium and the gym have not impaired the architectural integrity of the school.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Dickson School is particularly significant architecturally. Its scale sets it apart from any other structure in the community, as does its materials and type. More important is the quality of its masonry, especially the stone selection. The facade of the gym is of such quality that it rises to the level of art. Construction of the school put a lot of unskilled and unemployed laborers to work, providing income and self respect when those commodities had long since vanished, and demonstrated that such workers could perform quality labor. The school plant, of course, provided a new learning environment for the students of the community, enabling them for the first time to partake of the delights of modern education.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: 14 686000 3784600

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Ardmore on U.S. 70 nine miles to its

intersection with U.S. 177; the school property begins at a point 100 feet north of the SE corner of SW1/4 SW1/4 of Sec. 22, T4S, R3E and goes north 208 feet, west 416 feet, south 208 feet and east 416 feet to point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 4-a; 4-b; 4-c

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FOX SCHOOL CAMPUS (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Fox, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019; SW1/4, T2S, R3W

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

OWNER: Fox Board of Education, Box 248, Fox, OK 73435

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Fox School campus contains three WPA structures: a classroom building, a gymnasium, and an auditorium. The 10-room classroom building is a single-story, U-shaped structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. It measures 148 feet by 105 feet. The flat roof has parapets with cut limestone caps. The recessed entryways are set inside stepped facades with a roofline cornice. Many of the metal casement windows have been covered with a decorative style of woodwork, converting the large original windows into smaller single windows. The alterations have not affected the architectural integrity of the building.

The gymnasium, located east of the classroom building, has been converted into a library and five classrooms. It is a single-story, rectangular (155' x 112') structure constructed of red brick. The roof is both arched and flat and has parapets capped with cut limestone. Entryways are recessed and framed with stepped pilasters. The windows are metal casement with brick sills and dark red brick lintels. Window openings on the west have been filled neatly with wood inserts. A concrete block dressing room has been added to the rear of the building, but does not impair the integrity of the structure.

The auditorium is located east of the classroom building and north of the gym. It is a single-story, essentially square (121' x 125') structure constructed of yellow brick. The roof is arched and has parapets. The front parapet is stepped and rises to a point above the center of the building. Entryways are recessed and set inside pilasters. The pilasters in the front of the structure have stepped brickwork. Window openings have brick sills and are filled with metal encased panes except on the front where decorative wood inserts are utilized. The alterations do not affect the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: Auditorium-1935, gymnasium-1937, classroom building-1939;
builder/architect: J.B. White

The WPA worked on the Fox school campus for four years. This provided work opportunities for many unemployed farm workers and oilfield hands. The fact that the buildings form the heart of a fine school campus is testament to the importance of the WPA program. The buildings are architecturally unique because of type, style, scale, and materials used. Collectively they demonstrate the evolution of the WPA construction methods--from native stone to brick.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: five acres

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

UTM: A-14 638760 3803170; B-14 638830 3803200; C-14 638830 38033140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From SW corner of Sec. 23, T 2 S, R 3 W go 208 feet north and 208 feet east to a point of beginning, then go 208 feet east, 150 feet south, 225 feet east, 416 feet north, 225 feet west, south 58 feet, west 208 feet and south 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 5-a; 5-b; 5-c; 5-d; 5-e; 5-f

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HEALDTON ARMORY

LOCATION: Franklin and Fourth Streets, Healdton, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019

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

OWNER: The State of Oklahoma Military Department, 3501 Military Circle, NE, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Healdton Armory is a single-story, rectangular (148' x 122') structure constructed of red brick. Over the drill floor the roof is arched, but elsewhere it is flat. Parapets are capped with pre-formed concrete blocks. Modified, stepped pilasters decorate the walls and corners, their features accentuated by concrete moldings. A watertable and frieze on the front provide additional decorative elements. The main entryway is framed by pilasters and a stepped cornice at the roof line. Elongated window openings are filled with metal encased panes, although three of them have been enclosed with cinder blocks. The armory contains five garage openings. Very minor alterations have not affected the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Healdton Armory is significant as a WPA structure for its material and scale. Most WPA armories were constructed of stone, which makes the Healdton armory somewhat unique. The building also exhibits a high level of workmanship, especially in its decorative elements. The building of the armory provided work for many when this oil-boom area experienced the shutdown of the depression. It has certainly aided the military efforts of this country and is a beautiful addition to the city of Healdton.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 639330 3788890

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 49, Healdton City original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 6-a; 6-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LONE GROVE GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: State Highway 70, the vicinity of Lone Grove, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019; NW1/4, Sec. 36, T 4 S, R 1 W

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

OWNER: Lone Grove Board of Education, Box E, Lone Grove, OK 73443

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Lone Grove gym is a single-story, rectangular (100' x 67') structure constructed of cut and rusticated coarsed native sandstone. The roof is arched and has parapets. The front of the building, which is visible as an interior wall because of an addition to the front of the structure, is constructed with very large stones. Windows are metal casement over a lower portion of opaque panes. There is also an addition to the rear of the structure. The additions do impair the visual integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Lone Grove gymnasium is significant in that it has provided facilities for the physical development along with the development of leadership skills and pride in community for many Lone Grove children. Testament to the pride of workmanship of the WPA, the structure is still being used as a gym. Its construction provided much needed employment for many distressed laborers suffering from the economic Depression. Within Lone Grove the structure is distinctive for its cut stone walls and for its style and type.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

Quadrangle: Lone Grove, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 8 miles west of Ardmore on U.S. 70; the property is the south 330 feet and the east 264 feet of the NW NW NW of Sec. 36, T 4 S, R 1 W, and the west 12 feet of the NE NW NW of Sec. 36, T 4 S, R 1 W

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PLAINVIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ardmore, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019; SW1/4, Sec. 35, T 4 S, R 1 E

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

OWNER: Plainview Board of Education, Route 2, Box 316, Ardmore, OK 73401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Plainview School is a ten-room, single-story, rectangular (170' x 58') structure constructed from heavily rusticated and coursed native sandstone. It has a flat roof with parapets capped by cut limestone. Entryways are recessed; the front entry is covered with a pre-formed concrete porch and lintel, the latter extending to the roof line. Placed by threes, the windows are aluminum encased and rest on pre-formed concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: State Department of Education pattern book

The Plainview School is an exceptionally attractive structure, mainly due to the fine workmanship and materials that went into its construction. Built by what were originally unskilled laborers, this structure displays the fine job the WPA did in training its workers and giving them a skill. Many of the most significant aspects of the WPA are displayed in this structure: employing unskilled laborers left jobless because of the depression, giving those laborers a skill they could utilize later in life, and promoting learning through the construction of new schools. Within the community it is unique in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: 14 668010 3781050

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Ardmore go 3 miles west on U.S. 70 and 1 mile south to school, it being a 208 foot square tract in the SW corner of Sec. 35, T 4 S, R 1 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 7-a; 7-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

POOLEVILLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pooleville, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019; NE1/4, Sec. 3, T 2 S, R 2 W

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

OWNER: Fox Board of Education, Box 248, Fox, OK 73435

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Pooleville School is a single-story, essentially square (60' x 56') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The masonry is good. It has a flat roof with parapets. The front entry is recessed and framed with an extended facade. All the windows have been filled in with cinder blocks or plywood inserts; one has been altered to create a garage door. The alterations have affected the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: Date unknown; builder/architect: unknown

The Pooleville School is significant as a WPA project because it employed many unemployed workers on a project that was of benefit to the community of Pooleville. The structure is notable for its fine workmanship and distinctive in its materials, style, and type.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: five acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The west 1/2 of the NW SW NE NW of Sec. 3, T 2 S, R 2 S

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SPRINGER SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: U.S. 77 and Fox Street, Springer, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019

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

OWNER: Springer Board of Education, Box 249, Springer, OK 73458

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Springer School campus has two WPA structures: a school building and a gymnasium. The ten-room school building is a single-story, rectangular (137' x 60') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. For visual relief some stones are placed vertically. The structure has a flat roof with parapets. Entryways are recessed and the front entry framed with stepped pilasters and a pre-formed cut stone lintel. Windows are encased in metal and rest on cut stone sills. Several of the rear windows have been filled with wood inserts. The latter alteration does not affect the integrity of the building.

The gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular shaped (123' x 58') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Pilasters on either side of the building give visual relief. It has an arched roof with parapets. Most elongated windows have been filled with cinder blocks. A bus garage is located on the north end. A small wood addition has been built over the west entry, and a larger addition has been built on the south side, but the integrity of the structure is still intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1938; builder/architect: State Department of Education pattern book

The WPA buildings on the Springer campus were constructed to replace existing structures that were too small and were a hazard to the pupils. The buildings were built at a time when it would have been impossible for the District to build them without the help of the Federal Government. Their construction provided a means whereby many unemployed persons could earn their livelihood and stay off the dole. At the same time, these persons gained training that might help them obtain a job in construction in the future. Architecturally, the buildings are significant for their stone building materials, their scale, their style, and the quality workmanship that went into their construction.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-14 670970 3798150; B-14 671000 3798150

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at the corner of U.S. 77 and Fox Streets, go 155' south to a point of beginning, then go east 250 feet, south 160 feet, west 250 feet and north 160 feet to the point of beginning, all in Lots 1-7 of Block 3, Fox addition to Springer original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 8-a; 8-b; 8-c; 8-d

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TATUMS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tatums, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019; SE1/4, Sec. 12, T 1 S, R 3 W

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

OWNER: Tatums Neighborhood Trust/Board of Education, Box 248, Fox, OK 73435

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Tatums School is a ten-room, single-story, rectangular shaped (144' x 59') structure. It is constructed of red brick which has been painted white. It has a flat roof with limestone capped parapets. Entryways are recessed, while the front entry is framed with modified pilasters and a roof line cornice. A green sunscreen has been added to the upper portion of the aluminum sash windows, placed by threes, that rest on brick sills. A small wellhouse has been added to the north end of the building, and a courseway for the handicapped has been built for the front entry. These additions in no way impair the original integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: The Oklahoma State Department of Education pattern book

The Tatums School is distinctive to Tatums, a totally black community, for its type, style, scale, and workmanship. It is significant to note that its construction provided work for many unemployed oil field workers and agricultural laborers during the depression. For fifty years it has served the community well by promoting learning in an area with limited educational facilities.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14 640950 3816270

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the SW corner of SE 1/4 go 780 feet north to a point of beginning, then go 208 feet east, 208 feet north, 208 feet west and 208 feet south in Sec. 12, T 1 S, R 3 W

PICTURE REFERENCE: 9-a; 9-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WILSON SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 222 NE Third Street, Wilson, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019

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

OWNER: Wilson Board of Education, P.O. Box 730, Wilson, OK 73463

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Wilson School gymnasium is a single-story, essentially rectangular (125' x 95') structure constructed of dark red brick. A building with a roof of two-tiers, the upper tier covers the gym proper and is arched while the lower tier covers the front portion of the building which houses classrooms. The front entry is recessed. Curved corners and brick friezes give the structure a distinct art deco flavor. Windows are wood sash except on the front where they are metal encased. Both have pre-formed concrete sills. The parapets are capped with a concrete sill. Stepped pilasters on the side walls and concrete insets at the entry add a decorative touch.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: Paul Harris

The Wilson School project provided employment for the needy citizens of the area. It was undertaken at a time when school budgets were reduced to such an extent that it was impossible for the local district to accomplish the project with its own resources. The structure is an exceptionally handsome building, unique in its style, scale, and quality of workmanship. The art deco influence makes it particularly notable. It has done much to promote a sense of pride in the community of Wilson.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 645520 3781250

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 8, Hammons addition to Wilson original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 10-a; 10-b