

MURRAY 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

DAVIS GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Fourth and Ferguson Streets, Davis, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: Davis Board of Education, 400 E. Atlanta, Davis, OK 73030

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Davis Gymnasium is a single-story, high ceilinged and rectangular structure (108' X 120') that is constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native sandstone. Over the gym the roof is arched, although over the wings it is flat. Parapets are capped with pre-formed concrete slabs. Window openings have concrete sills and some of them have been filled with inserts. Addition of classroom facilities around the structure has pretty much destroyed the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Davis Gym provided jobs for destitute workers during the worst of the depression and provided a new dimension to the educational curriculum of the district. Architecturally it is notable for its scale especially, but also its style, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 5 and 6 in Block 149, Davis original

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DOUGHERTY Gymnasium

LOCATION: Unmarked streets, Dougherty, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: Dougherty Board of Education, Box 33, Dougherty, OK 73032

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The single-story Dougherty School is essentially T-shaped, with the gym forming the leg of the T. Horizontally it measures 108 feet and vertically it extends 123 feet. It is constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. Corners are curved, and on the front facade four elongated concrete panels that reach from the foundation to the roof line provide additional decorative relief. The gym has a high arched roof with concrete capped parapets, and the rest of the structure has a flat roof with capped parapets. Doors are recessed; sides of the entryways are constructed of concrete blocks. Window openings, with pre-formed concrete sills, are filled with original casements in the gym but with wood inserts and smaller sash windows elsewhere. On the gym slightly recessed concrete lintels rise to the roof. The minor window alteration has not impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The Dougherty school building and gymnasium is significant because of its architectural style. Its vertical lines, rounded corners and recessed entryways have an art deco allusion, all of which is enhanced by the high quality masonry. Unusual for a WPA school building, it is a most attractive building. Type, workmanship and building materials also make it notable within the Dougherty community. Construction of the building also provided work opportunities for destitute laborers, and it ushered in a new era of modern education. In an attractive facility, instruction is always facilitated.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14 678720 3808450

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A 208 foot square tract in the NE corner of Sec. 11, T 2 S, R 2 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 47-a; 47-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HICKORY GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Roff, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: A.L. Van Zant, Route 2, Box 52, Roff, OK 74865

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: poor; altered; original site

The Hickory School Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (110' X 80') structure constructed of tooled and barely coursed native stone. The shingled roof is gabled and has two stone chimney stacks. Wood sash windows, placed by twos and on concrete sills, rise to the eaves. Entryways are recessed. An addition to the east end of the building, now in decay, and boards on some of the windows have not impaired the integrity of the structure, although its general state of disrepair has.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; architect/builder: unknown

The gymnasium is significant in that its type, style, building materials and workmanship are distinctive within the community. Construction also provided jobs for the destitute during the depression, and the building itself helped to improve the quality of education within the Hickory school district.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: In lots 5-12, Block 63, Hickory original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HICKORY SCHOOL BUS BARN/TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Roff, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: A.L. Van Zant, Rt. 2, Box 52, Roff, OK 74865

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The old Hickory School bus barn/teacherage is a two-story (apartment above, garage below), rectangular (36' x 27') structure constructed of tooled and randomly laid native stone. The shingled roof is gabled with clapboard siding within the gable. The upper floor front is sided with wood shingles. It has garage doors on the front-bottom and an upstairs entry with a wooden porch and steps on the west side. The wood sash windows have concrete sills, and the roof has projecting eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Architecturally a bus barn/teacherage combination structure is most unusual, virtually one of a kind in terms of WPA-constructed facilities. Within the community it is most unique not only in type, but also in style, materials and workmanship. The building is also significant because construction of it and a now in ruins gymnasium virtually saved the school for the town of Hickory. Because of inadequate facilities the school had been selected for consolidation, but provision of new school structures by the WPA staved off that spectre. Literally, modern education came to Hickory with the WPA. Construction also helped to preserve the self respect and economic productivity of unemployed laborers left jobless by the depression by providing them an opportunity for useful and gainful employment.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14-696770 3825860

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go five miles south and one mile west of Roff to building site, it being situated in Lots 5 through 12 in Block 36, Hickory original plat, and includes a tract ten feet east, north, west and south of the east, north, west and south exterior walls of the building with the UTM identified above.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 48-a; 48-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JOY GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wynnewood, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099; SE 1/4, Sec. 36, T 2 N, R 1 E

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

OWNER: Joy Board of Education, Box 57, Wynnewood, OK 73098

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: excellent conditon; altered; original site

The Joy Gymnasium is a single-story, essentially rectangular structure (100' x 77') with high ceiling and with a small wing centered on the west side. It is constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native stone. The wing and the front section of the gym have flat roofs with capped parapets, and the gym has an arched roof. Two single door entryways at either end of the front facade have concrete lintels. The casement windows have cut stone sills. Small concrete block dressing rooms on either side of the rear wing of the building do not impeach the structure's architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Architecturally the Joy Gyumnasium is most unique in the community in terms of its scale. It is easily the largest structure in the community. Equally notable is its construction materials, its WPA style and the nature of its workmanship. Educationally the building is notable because it added an entirely new dimension to the educational curriculum of the Joy School in that it enabled students to participate in intervarsity sports. Adults within the community, moreover, saw it as a source of pride and community spirit--the Joy basketball team was relatively good. Finally, construction of the facility provided jobs and a sense of self worth to men left without income and spirit by the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14 670250 3829430

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. 77 southeast of Wynnewood some three and one-half miles to Joy school gym, which occupys a tract that begins 430 feet west and 208 feet north of the SE corner of Sec. 36, T 2 N, R 1 E, and goes 208 feet north, 208 feet east, 208 feet south and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 49-a; 49-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKLAHOMA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FENCE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Sulphur, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services, Sequoyah Building, State Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, OK 73125

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

About four feet high, the fence on the grounds of the Oklahoma State School for the Deaf is constructed of uncut and uncoursed native sandstone. It extends throughout the grounds of the institution, and its colorful nature makes it a thing of beauty.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; architect/builder: unknown

The fence is particularly significant because of its extent and its workmanship. Stone work characteristic of the fence was not uncommon for WPA projects, but the length of the one at the deaf school was indeed unusual. Construction, at an early day in the work of the WPA, also provided jobs for those made destitute by the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Sulphur North, OK  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undertermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in Sec. 36, T 1 N, R 3 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

### SULPHUR ARMORY

LOCATION: West Wynnewood Avenue, Sulphur, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Sulphur Armory is a single-story, essentially rectangular (145' x 122') structure consisting of a drill floor with a wing on the south side. Constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone, the armory has a recessed main entryway framed with pilasters capped by molded concrete and a cornice at the roofline also of pre-formed concrete. The drill floor has a high arched roof with parapets; the wing has a flat roof with parapets. Elongated metal casement windows have concrete sills. Pilasters at the corners and concrete slab insets above the windows provide decorative relief. One of the four garage doors has been blocked in with cinder block, leaving a single door entry. This alteration does not impair the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The armory is significant in that it has contributed to the military defense of the nation, especially during World War II when the Oklahoma National Guard won distinction in Italy. Also significant is that its construction provided a means of livelihood for many distressed and jobless residents of the Sulphur area during the depression. The armory is readily noticeable within Sulphur because of its scale and materials. It is also notable for its style and high level of workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Sulphur North, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 686130 3820410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Lots 4 and 5 and the south 1/2 of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 94, Sulphur original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 50-a; 50-b



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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SULPHUR ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUM

LOCATION: West Wynnewood Avenue, Sulphur, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: Sulphur Board of Education, 1021 W. 9th, Sulphur, OK 73086

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Sulphur School Stadium is essentially rectangular (139' x 38') with a small extension on the back and is constructed of native stone, pre-formed concrete slab blocks and poured concrete. The super structure of poured concrete rises ten tiers to provide stadium seating. Walls enclosing the super structure are constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native stone above and below window openings, while between the stone they are constructed of slab concrete blocks. Single entry doors on the back side on either side of the rectangular extension are covered with a pre-formed concrete roof. Window openings have a decorative continuous lintel and were originally filled with metal encased panes, although presently four are filled with metal inserts. An original press box with a concrete roof is atop the stadium, while two small ticket booths with flat roofs are placed east and west of the stadium. A rock fence some 123 feet in length runs east of the stadium. The stylistic allusion of the building is distinctly art deco, the force of which is not impeached by the minor alteration of wood inserts in some window openings.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Of all the stadiums built by WPA in Oklahoma, the Sulphur stadium has the clearest reference to an academic architectural style, in this case art deco. That allusion makes this structure particularly significant. Within the community it is unique architecturally in terms of workmanship, materials and type. It is notable too because it reflects the wide range of "useful" projects undertaken by the WPA, suggesting the agency's willingness to see recreational facilities as needful and useful as a school building. Perhaps more important than anything else, the stadium stands mute testimony to the fact that the WPA provided jobs for the unskilled and unemployed at a time when they were not available elsewhere.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

Quadrangle: Sulphur North, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 686100 3820340

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 6 in Block 131, Lots 1 through 6 in Block

132, Sulphur original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 51-a; 51-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SULPHUR FIRE STATION

LOCATION: 12th Street, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: City of Sulphur, City Hall, Sulphur, OK 73086

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: fair; altered; original site

The old Sulphur City Fire Station is a single-story, rectangular (51' x 26') structure constructed of poured concrete materials. The roof, also of concrete, is flat with parapets. There are two garage doors, and singly placed windows have metal encased panes. A frieze on the front, "squareness" of the building, and horizontal and vertical lines give the building a hint of art deco style. Unfortunately cinder block additions to two sides of the building have impaired its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

Type, style, and construction materials make this structure notable. WPA fire stations are most unusual; the art deco allusion unique; and the poured concrete walls are distinctive. The building also aided destitute workers by giving them an important job opportunity.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Sulphur North, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 19, Block 184, Sulphur original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none