

POTTAWATOMIE 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

ASHER CLASSROOM ADDITIONS

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Asher, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Asher Board of Education, Box 168, Asher, OK 74826

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Seminole, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

The classroom additions to Asher High School were placed on the north and south ends of the original school facility. They are rectangular (53' x 31') and are constructed of brick. The roof is flat with concrete capped parapets. Windows with concrete block sills are placed by threes; the entryways are recessed.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1938; architect/builder: unknown

These additions are interesting because they reflect that the Asher Public School system already had a reasonably good facility at the onset of the depression, but used the WPA to extend its plant. Also construction of the two additions provided job opportunities to long unemployed workers who had been forced to depend upon welfare to provide for their families.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Asher, OKla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The Asher school is located in Lots 13-24, Block 11, Highland Park Addition to Asher original.

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

BETHEL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; SW 1/4, Sec. 20, T 10 N, R 3 E

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

OWNER: Bethel Board of Education, Rt. 4, Box 402, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A fourteen room school, the Bethel school building is a single-story, essentially rectangular (159' x 50') structure constructed of red brick. The roof is flat with parapets capped with pre-formed concrete blocks. The two front entryways are recessed behind arcade-type enclosures. The casement windows, set by twos, have brick sills and continuous lintels of soldier bricks. Brick additions at the east end and the northwest corner, and enclosure of one side entryway, have not compromised the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The Bethel School is significant because construction of it provided employment for laborers, many of whom had been out of work for over a year. The value of the WPA in the promotion of learning is evident from the fact that the building is still being used as a school today. The school building is unique because of type, style, scale, and workmanship. The arcade-like entryways are particularly significant when compared to other WPA-constructed schools and within the community of Bethel.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Shawnee Reservoir, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 680310 3910100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located five and one-half miles west of Shawnee, the property begins at a point 208 feet west of the SW corner of Sec. 20, T 10 N, R 3 E, and goes north 208 feet, east 416 feet, south 208 feet and west 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 59-a; 59-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CENTERVIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Prague, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; NE 1/4, Sec. 16, T 11 N, R 6 E

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

OWNER: Prague Board of Education, NBU 3504, Prague, OK, 74864

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The old Centerview School is a single-story, five-room, rectangular (93' x 56') structure constructed of brick. The flat roof has parapets with a brick cap. The front entry is recessed behind an arch of cut limestone and framed by two pilasters and a stepped roof line cornice. The pilasters and the cornice are highlighted by limestone insets. End doors are also recessed behind brick arches that have decorative limestone insets. The window openings have continuous brick sills that wrap around the entire building. Wood insets in the windows have not compromised the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The schoolhouse served the Centerview community for many years. It is significant that construction of the building provided jobs for men without any other source of income. Although these workers were not highly paid or skilled, their workmanship was superb. It is to their credit that they were able to erect the Centerview School in such a way that within the community it is notable architecturally for its type, style, scale and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one and one-half acres

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

UTM: 14 711910 3923370

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go three and one-half miles south of Prague on paved road to school site, it occupying property that begins in the NE corner of Sec. 16, T 11 N, R 6 E, and runs 208 feet west, 300 feet south, 208 feet east, and 300 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 60-a; 60-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

EARLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Unmarked streets, Earlsboro, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Earlsboro Board of Education, Box 95, Earlsboro, OK 74840

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Earlsboro High School is a rectangular (143' x 104') single-story structure constructed of yellow brick. It has a flat roof, parapets, a concrete flood wall, and a basement. The windows placed by twos and threes, are sash and have concrete sills. The structure alludes to art deco style with an off-center main entry and curved corners. The recessed front door is framed by pilasters and a lintel of cut stone decorated with carvings and inscriptions. Decorative brickwork friezes add to the beauty of the structure, which is in itself unaltered.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Earlsboro High School is exceptionally attractive for a school district its size. The allusion to art deco style and the use of cut stone to decorate the front entryway sets the structure apart from most WPA buildings. The role of the WPA in constructing the high school and other buildings on the campus is significant because of the time period in which they were built. The year 1940 was one of economic depression, and the district could not afford to build a school with its meager resources. The WPA brought federal funds to help meet construction costs. Without this help Earlsboro would not have the facilities it has today. In constructing the buildings, the WPA hired unemployed residents of the area, thus providing them with an income to feed their families and allowing them to stay off the dole.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: 14 700270 3904800

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A 208 foot square tract in the SE corner of Block 28 or 29 in Earlsboro original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 61-a; 61-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

EARLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL SHOP BUILDING

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Earlsboro, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Earlsboro Board of Education, Box 95, Earlsboro, OK 74840

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered original site

The High School Shop building is a single-story, rectangular (50' x 32') structure constructed of brick. The roof is gabled, with an intersecting hipped roof extending over the recessed front, single door, entryway. Windows rest on pre-formed concrete sills, and a garage door is situated on the front. A 47 feet by 26 feet cinder block addition to the rear of the building and a different roof line has impaired the original integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1938; architect/builder: unknown

This building as well as the less disturbed high school building itself demonstrate the importance of the WPA to the Earlsboro school district. To it the WPA constituted the genesis of modern education. In addition the construction of the two structures certainly alleviated the unemployment problem produced by the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The shop sits NW of the Highschool in a 208 square foot tract in the SE corner of Block 28 or 29, Earlsboro 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

GARDEN GROVE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Prague, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; SW 1/4, Sec. 35, T 11 N, R 5 E.

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

OWNER: Board of Education, NBU 3504, Prague, OK 74864

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Seminole, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good; unaltered; original site

A two room classroom facility, the Garden Grove School is a single-story, rectangular (53' x 37') structure constructed of wood frame and clapboard siding. The roof is hipped with a central gable that rises above the two door recessed entryway. The windows, which rise to the eaves on the classroom side, are wood sash. Unfortunately the building is in a state of neglect.

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

This structure is relatively unique because of its wood frame and clapboard siding. The WPA constructed several such buildings, but not all that many are left. The construction of the school provided jobs for the destitute and ushered in a new era of education for the small rural community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

Quadrangle: Shawnee NE, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated south of Prague, the school building property is one and one-half acre tract in the SW corner of Sec. 15, T 11 N, R 5 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

HARJO SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Earlsboro, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; SE 1/4, Sec. 36, T 9 N, R 4 E

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

OWNER: Earlsboro Board of Education, Box 95, Earlsboro, OK 74840

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old school building at Harjo is a single-story, rectangular (84' x 30') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. It has beaded mortar, an arched roof with stepped gables on the ends only, and sash windows with concrete sills. The southwest side has been altered with sliding glass doors replacing the original garage door entry.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school building is most notable for its unique style (especially stepped gables), type, and materials. But more significant is its workmanship. Labor was furnished from the ranks of the unskilled and unemployed suffering from the economic depression. The construction of the building provided an income for these men and a fine building for the school. (Yet it is not absolutely certain that this is the WPA building on the Harjo school campus.)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Four acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning 33 rods north of the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 36, T 9 N, R 4 E; thence north 27 rods, thence west 23 2/3 rods, thence south 27 rods, thence east 23 2/3 rods to the point of beginning

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

McLOUD SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS COTTAGE

LOCATION: On the corner of Fifth and Oklahoma Streets, McCloud, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: McCloud Board of Education, 200 South Main, McCloud, OK 74851

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Home Economics Cottage at McCloud School is a single-story, rectangular (52' x 36') structure constructed of brick. The shingled, gabled roof has an intersecting side gable that opens to the front entrance. All of the windows have been altered by either bricking them over or filling them with wood insets. The structure has a brick exterior chimney, and brickwork friezes add decoration.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the cottage provided much-needed employment for many farmers whose farms had not produced due to drought. By helping themselves, these farmers were able to build facilities conducive to learning on the McCloud school campus. The structure is also notable for its type, style, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in a seven acre tract of land beginning at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 16, T 11 N, R 2 E; thence west 913 feet, south 333 feet, east 913 feet, north 333 feet.

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

ROCK SPRINGS GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of St. Louis, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; NW 1/4, Sec. 8, T 7 N, R 5 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Alva Christian, c/o Ruth Barrow, Route 1, Maud, OK 74854

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated; altered; original site

The Rock Springs Gymnasium is rectangular (approximately 74' x 57') and constructed of wood frame with clapboard siding. The roof is gabled, and single entry doors are located on either end of the front. Windows are wood sash and are placed by twos. A lean-to animal shelter has been added to the east side of the gym. This and its state of general disrepair disqualify it for the national register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1938; architect/builder: unknown

This gym is significant primarily because it is one of two wood frame gyms constructed by the WPA that still stands. Also, it is a smaller structure than the one at Tecumseh, more suited for the demands of a very rural school. Within the community it is significant in terms of its type, scale and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: St. Louis, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The property begins 33 feet south of the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 8, T 7 N, R 5 E, and goes 70 yards south, 70 yards west, 70 yards north, and 710 yards east.

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

BEN FRANKLIN SCHOOL

LOCATION: 214 S. Pennsylvania, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Shawnee Board of Education, 306 N. Union, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Ben Franklin School is a two-story, rectangular (115' x 74') structure constructed of brick. The flat roof has parapets with a concrete cap. On the front, the entryway is recessed and the lower level contains two bays with six windows each. There and elsewhere the wood sash windows rest on brick sills. Curved walls in the rear, opaque glass, vertical lines achieved by stepped brick work and friezes of darker colored brick give the structure a distinct art deco style. The creation of a second story exit and the addition of a metal fire escape, needed to conform to federally mandated fire codes, constitute the only alterations, neither of which compromise the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: A.C. Davis and Son

Franklin School is significant because it is a classic example of urban school structures created by the WPA and stands in stark contrast with rural facilities. Here there is allusion to academic architecture; in the countryside there generally was none. Here there are two stories; outback there was almost always one. Indeed, two story school buildings constructed by the WPA were rare anywhere. The structure also enhanced elementary education in Shawnee by concentrating younger children in an area distant from the high school. Construction of Franklin also provided a host of job opportunities for unemployed oil field workers who had been relegated to the welfare rolls since the onset of the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 689460 3910840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 5 through 17 in Block 2 of the Seminole addition to Shawnee original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 62-a; 62-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOY SCOUT PARK

LOCATION: Pesotum and Main Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

CLASSIFICATION: structures; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted;  
present use--recreational

OWNER: The City of Shawnee, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK  
74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

WPA work in Boy Scout Park consists of a wading pool and bathhouse, four regulation tennis courts, and three picnic tables. The Bathhouse is a single-story, rectangular shaped (33' x 17') building constructed of untooled and uncoarsed native sandstone. It has a hipped roof and central dogtrot. Windows have been blocked in with cinder block and have stone sills. The wading pool, 48 feet in diameter, and the surrounding apron are constructed of poured concrete. Two tennis courts are located to the north and two to the south of the bathhouse.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The WPA work at Boy Scout Park had a twofold purpose: to provide the city of Shawnee with more recreational facilities and to create jobs for unemployed men of the area. The bathhouse is unique to Shawnee because of its materials, type, style, and the nature of the workmen who built it.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Ten acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point 700 feet north of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 10 N, R 4 E, thence north 620 feet, thence east 702.5 feet, thence south 620 feet, thence west 702.5 feet to the place of beginning

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

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY FENCE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; NW 1/4, Sec. 17, T 10 N, R 4 E

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

OWNER: City of Shawnee, P.O. Box 1448, Shawnee, OK 74802-1448

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

The Fairview Cemetery Fence at Shawnee is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. It is a double rock fence that measures two feet wide and some five feet high. The fence extends for some 1320 feet, although it is interrupted on two occasions by gates. Gate posts are thirteen feet high.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Cemetery improvements were among the first authorized and completed by the WPA. They constituted useful projects that could be undertaken immediately by unskilled labor, putting to work 1000s of unemployed laborers during the hard winter of 1935-1936. Such projects saved the lives of hundreds. The Fairview Cemetery Fence is symbolic of the social value of its construction. It is also significant because of its sheer length and the quality of workmanship displayed.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located on the north edge of Shawnee, the cemetery fence occupies the western 20 feet of the N 1/2, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 17, T 10 N, R 4 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

FARRELL PARK WADING POOL/BATHHOUSE

LOCATION: Bentley and Park Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: The City of Shawnee, City Hall, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Farrell Park has a wading pool and bathhouse that were constructed by the WPA. The bathhouse is a single-story, rectangular (33' x 17') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The structure has a central dogtrot with dressing rooms on each end. The hipped roof has projecting eaves. The windows have stone sills and have been reduced in size with cinder. The addition of blocks has not compromised the integrity of the structure.

The wading pool is 48 feet in diameter and sits 12 feet behind the bathhouse. It is constructed of poured concrete and surrounded by an apron also of poured concrete.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Farrell Park is a good example of an early WPA construction project. The agency, to get thousands of unemployed in Oklahoma doing useful work as quickly as possible during the winter of 1935-1936, authorized construction of a large number of community parks. Surprisingly, most of these never materialized. Farrell Park, however, did, and in it we can see "what might have been" elsewhere had communities been able to provide necessary matching funds. Shawnee had resources that most other towns did not and could provide matching funds for projects other than just school buildings. Farrell Park wading pool and bath house also provides a glimpse of 1930 social life: it was deemed necessary to have dressing rooms for a wading pool!

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14-688400 3910270

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the SE corner of Lot 1 in Block 128, go south 208 feet, west 208 feet, north 208 feet, then east 208 feet in Shawnee original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 63-a; 63-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SHAWNEE FIRE STATION

LOCATION: Park and Federal Streets; Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Shawnee Industrial Authority, City Clerk, P.O. Box 1443, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old fire station in Shawnee is a single-story, essentially square (42' x 42') structure constructed of yellow brick. The shingled, hipped roof has an intersecting center gable in front. A garage door framed by curved pedestals, that was located under the center gable has been enclosed with wood siding, as have been adjacent doorways. The metal sash windows have concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

This fire station was built to meet a need of the city of Shawnee at a time when city funds were low. By cooperating with the federal government, the city of Shawnee was able to build the fire station at less cost to the city. It is significant that the construction of the fire station provided jobs for many men who were unemployed and unable to feed their families. The project created a structure unique in type, style, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 21 through 24 of Block 18 in Vermilion Heights Addition to Shawnee original

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

HORACE MANN SCHOOL ADDITION

LOCATION: Draper and Whittaker Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Shawnee Board of Education, 306 N. Union, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

The addition to Horace Mann School is two stories, rectangular (39' x 86') and constructed of brick. It runs perpendicular to the original building. The roof of the addition is flat with concrete capped parapets. Jambs and lintel of the front entryway are of cut limestone, as is the flat pediment above the door. The two door side entry is slightly subsurface and has transom lights. Window openings have cut limestone sills and continuous lintels of the same material, the latter having the effect of a frieze. Three different bas reliefs decorate the front. Other than different windows and the filling in of one-half of a small window, the building has not been altered.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

The addition to Horace Mann school is primarily significant because of its two stories, a feature that is rather rare on WPA buildings. The fact that the addition also symbolizes the social significance of the WPA program--putting destitute people to work--is also significant, as is its importance to the advancement of elementary education in Shawnee.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 45-50, Block 14, Whittaker Addition to Shawnee 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

JIM THORPE STADIUM COMPLEX (Two structures)

LOCATION: Pottenger and Wallace Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Shawnee Board of Education, 306 N. Union, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Jim Thorpe Stadium Complex features two WPA-built structures: a football stadium and a clubhouse. The stadium itself is rectangular (258' x 74') and is constructed of steel reinforced concrete and brick. Rising 24 tiers on the field side, the exterior of the concrete superstructure is enclosed with brick, the beams themselves remaining visible. Entry into the stadium is achieved via an internal, central passageway. Access to the space beneath the stadium's seats is through garage doors and single entry doors. Window openings at the lower level have brick sills, while at the upper level they have brick sills and concrete lintels. All windows have been filled with wood inserts, but this alteration as well as the addition of a press box atop the stadium has not compromised the integrity of the building.

The clubhouse is located 12 feet north of the stadium. It is a single-story, essentially rectangular (78' x 61') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets capped with pre-formed concrete blocks. Steel casement windows rest between sills and lintels of pre-formed concrete. Single door entries also have concrete lintels. Generally the structure is virtually vintage.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-39; builder/architect: unknown

The Jim Thorpe Stadium Complex is a magnificent example of WPA recreational architecture. The stadium is one of the largest constructed by the agency in Oklahoma, and the clubhouse is virtually one of a kind. The complex reflects the emphasis the WPA put on recreational facilities, not at all considering them frivolous despite the desperate economic conditions of the 1930s. Construction of the stadium and clubhouse provided a host of job opportunities for destitute workers and fostered a sense of community pride that is still seen in the winning athletic tradition of the Shawnee schools.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Approximately 6 acres

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

UTM: A-14-687690 3912680; B-14-687690 3912510; C-14 687640 3912600

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The east 416 feet of the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Sec. 13, T 10 N, R 3 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 64-a; 64-b; 64-c; 64-d

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Louisa and Hayes Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Shawnee Board of Education, 326 N. Union, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Washington Elementary School is an exceptionally attractive brick building. It is a two-story, essentially rectangular (167' x 76') structure with a single-story wing on each end of the structure. The building has a basement that is completely above ground on the west end. The front of the wings extend out from the central portion of the building and have round walls. The building has a flat roof with concrete capped parapets which are significantly lower on the wings. The central front, three door entry is covered by a poured concrete porch roof, while the side, two door auditorium entrance is framed by three lines of darker colored brick. The windows, placed in various patterns, have continuous sills and lintels of the darker colored brick. Two bay-type windows are located on the rear. The vertical lines, the friezes and the rounded corners give the structure a distinct art deco flavor.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

Washington School is significant because of its clear reference to art deco style, and because it reflects the dramatic difference between rural and urban schools. One frequently draws upon academic schools of architecture, while the other almost always does not. Construction also provided employment opportunities for men made destitute by the depression and facilitated the educational processes by providing an environment more conducive to learning.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: 1.25 acres

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

UTM: 14 688350 3910280

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 5 in Block 66 and Lots 14, 15, and 16 in Block 101, A.P. addition

PICTURE REFERENCE: 65-a; 65-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WOODLAND PARK (Three structures, one building)

LOCATION: Between Union, Broadway, and Highland Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: The City of Shawnee, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The WPA did extensive work in Woodland Park. Structures still existing include a rock wall that runs 495 feet (1' wide, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2' high), several stone benches, two regulation-size tennis courts, and a 143' x 116' swimming pool with bathhouse and separate wading pool. The bathhouse is a single-story, rectangular (150' x 52') structure with a central wing (40' x 24') located in front. It is constructed of untooled and uncoarsed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The flat roof has parapets, but it is covered by a new aluminum roof. Entryways consist of double plate glass doors in the central wing, and single plate glass doors on the east and west sides of the wing. Windows are plate glass also. A pumphouse is located on the east end of the building. Its walls are rocked only partially, while the remainder of the wall is covered with wood clapboard. The wading pool is immediately north of the bathhouse, and the tennis courts are located east of the bathhouse. The rock wall runs along the east end of the park. The new aluminum roof unfortunately, impairs the integrity of the WPA architecture.

SIGNIFICANCE: Bathhouse-1936, tennis courts-1937; builder/architect: unknown

Prior to 1935 the city of Shawnee was badly in need of parks and recreational facilities. It is significant that the WPA was able to step in and help fulfill this need. Also significant is that the construction of Woodland Park facilities provided jobs for many men who were unemployed and desperately in need of money to feed their families. Woodland Park is a frequently-used area and is notable within Shawnee for its pool and bathhouse. These structures are unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Approximately eight acres  
Quadrangle: Shawnee, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Part of Blocks 11 and 12 in Shawnee original

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL ADDITION

LOCATION: Beard and Emmett Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Shawnee Board of Education, 306 N. Union, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

The addition to Woodrow Wilson School is two stories, rectangular (54' x 86') and constructed of brick. It is placed on the end of the original building. The roof of the addition is flat with concrete capped parapets. The front door is recessed behind an enclosed entryway that has jambs and a pediment of cut limestone. The two door side entry is slightly subsurface and has transom lights. Window openings in the upper level have cut limestone jambs and continuous sills and lintels, the upper part of which is filled with bas relief carvings. Jambs, sills and lintels on the lower windows are also of cut limestone. On the rear of the building visual relief is attained by decorative brickwork.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

The addition to Woodrow Wilson school is primarily significant because of its two stories, a feature that is rather rare on WPA buildings. The fact that the addition also symbolizes the social significance of the WPA program--putting destitute people to work--is also significant, as its importance to the advancement of elementary education in Shawnee.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 4, Belmont Heights Addition to Shawnee 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

SHAWNEE INDIAN SANITARIUM (Two structures)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; SW 1/4, Sec. 31, T 10 N, R 4 E

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

OWNER: Shawnee Indian Tribe, Shawnee, OK 74801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

This project involved the reconstruction of older structures associated with the Shawnee Indian Sanitarium. It consisted of removing the third floor and rebuilding the first and second floors. The structures are constructed of brick laid on top of a sub-wall of native stone. The roofs are flat with parapets; the windows are singly placed; the entryways are framed by jambs and lintels of cut limestone, further decorated by a pediment.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

This reconstruction is primarily significant because it involved the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a federal agency responsible for the welfare of Oklahoma's Indians. Other than the federal fish hatchery at Reagan, I know of no other building projects by the WPA that involved federal agencies. These two buildings are also excellent examples of three story buildings, common of the 1920s, cut down to two story structures.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The property is located in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 31, T 10 N, R 4 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

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL ADDITION

LOCATION: Vicinity of St. Louis, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; SW 1/4, Sec. 14,  
T 7 N, R 4 E

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

OWNER: St. Louis Board of Education, Box 128, St. Louis, OK 74869

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Seminole, OK  
74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1938; architect/builder: unknown

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: St. Louis, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

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

TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: West Park Street, Tecumseh, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Tecumseh Board of Education, 302 S. 9th Street, Tecumseh, OK 74873

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The old Tecumseh High School Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (94' x 69'), wood frame structure with clapboard siding and a gable roof. Sash windows are placed high on the walls of the structure, and the double door main entry has a stoop protected by a small gable porch roof. A large metal addition has been built onto the south side of the gym, but the integrity of the building is still intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

The Tecumseh gym is significant because of its wood frame and clapboard siding. The WPA built several similar structures, but this one is one of the few that remains. Because it is an example of a type of a building now virtually extinct, it is worthy of recognition on the National Register despite the fact that the metal addition that covers one entire side affects its architectural integrity. It is also significant in that construction were provided jobs for destitute laborers and in that it permitted students a physical education facility that encouraged interschool sports and community pride.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 687370 3903530

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract five feet north, east, south and west of the north, east, south and west walls of the gym centered upon the above referenced UTM, situated on the line between Blocks 20 and 21, Tecumseh original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 66-a; 66-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TRIBBEY SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS COTTAGE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tribbey, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; NE 1/4, Sec. 2, T 7 N, R 2 E

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

OWNER: Tribbey Alumni Association, Mickey Roberts-Trustee, Rt. 1, Macomb, OK 74852

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The WPA built the Tribbey Home Economics Cottage out of uncut, uncoarsed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The building is essentially square (34' x 33') with a shingled, gable roof with intersecting side gable. The main entry is located under a porch. Most of the wood sash windows have been removed and blocked in with cinder block, an alteration that compromises the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Home Economics Cottage is unique in type, style, materials, and workmanship. It is significant that construction of the building provided work opportunities for unskilled, unemployed laborers. Without federal help it is doubtful that the district could have afforded to build the structure at that time.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in the NW SE NE of Section 2, T 7 N, R 2 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

WANETTE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Sixth and Martin Streets, Wanette, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Wanette Board of Education, Box 161, Wanette, OK 74878

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A four-room building with a gymnasium, the Wanette School is rectangular (129' x 66') and constructed of brick, now painted yellow. The gym has an arched roof, although the remainder of the building has a flat roof with parapets capped with concrete blocks. The front doors are recessed and framed by two brick columns that set at the front of the entryway and by a slightly extended facade that rises to form a stepped cornice at the roof line. Side doors are also recessed but they are not framed as on the front. Window openings have brick sills and extend to the level of interior ceilings; they are now filled with aluminium cased sash windows and one-half window sun shields. Addition of a metal building to the rear of the gym has not compromised the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

The Wanette School is unique in the use of columns to decorate the front entryway. For an essentially rural school to use brick as the main construction component is also notable. Construction of it, as well as others on the Wanette campus, provided job opportunities to destitute farmers and oil field workers during the course of the depression. The facility also introduced modern education into the district, providing a new environment introduced modern education into the district, providing a new environment conducive to learning--an environment that continues to be utilized by the school.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 14 680000 3870760

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the SE corner of Block 12, Wanette original, go west 175 feet to a starting point, then north 385 feet, west 150 feet, south 385 feet, and east 150 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 68-a; 68-b