

# SEMINOLE COUNTY WPA PROPERTIES

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
1.	Bowlegs School Campus	Bowlegs	x	
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5.	Butner School-Cromwell Campus	Cromwell	x	x
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9.	Konawa High School	Konawa	x	
10.	Konawa School Voc. Ed. Bldg.	Konawa	x	x
11.	Seminole Co. Maintenance Grg.	Konawa	x	x
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13.	Sasakwa High School	Sasakwa	x	x
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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

BOWLEGS SCHOOL CAMPUS

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Bowlegs, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Bowlegs Board of Education, Box 88, Bowlegs, OK 74830

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

The school campus at Bowlegs houses two WPA structures that constitute additions to pre-existing structures: a music and shop facility and a auditorium. Situated on the east end of an old classroom building, the music/shop addition is rectangular (97' x 47') and constructed of red brick. The roof is flat with brick capped parapets. Pilasters at the entryway and decorative brick work are important elements. Windows have been reduced in size with wood inserts.

The auditorium addition is rectangular (121' x 61') and constructed of red brick. It too has a flat roof with parapets, and window openings with brick sills. Some of the later have been bricked in.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; architect/builder: unknown

Within the rural community of Bowlegs, the school additions are architecturally significant in terms of type and nature of workmanship. Equally important is that the structures enhanced modern education in the region, facilitating the educational process. Also significant is that construction of the additions provided job opportunities for destitute workers long on the relief rolls of the state, enabling them to secure a measure of economic security for themselves and their families.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The structures are all located in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 22, T 8 N, R 6 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

BOWLEGS SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bowlegs, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Bowlegs Board of Education, Box 88, Bowlegs, OK 74830

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

Set into a hillside, the Bowlegs Football Stadium is rectangular (242' x 228') and is constructed of poured concrete and framed by walls of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The stands rise in five tiers and have entryways at either end. Centrally located in the stands is a rectangular dressing room with a concrete slab that serves as a roof and additional seating. Another dressing room is located at the east end of the stadium, its concrete roof serving as a bandstand. A recently added press box has not compromised the architectural integrity of the facility.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941-1942; builder/architect: unknown

The Bowlegs School stadium was one of at least three major construction projects on the campus. Two others constituted additions to pre-existing structures (a vocational education building and an auditorium). The stadium is the only facility that stands independently and demonstrates the full measure of WPA workmanship--destitute and unskilled laborers doing quality work on useful projects. Within the community the football stadium is unique in terms of type, style and materials. Statewide it demonstrates the broad range of construction activities sponsored by the WPA and acknowledges that agency's recognition of the importance of recreation in community life. Construction also provided jobs for destitute workers.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: 14 712590 3891650

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The stadium is on the edge of Bowlegs on property that begins 570 feet west and 429 feet north of the SW corner of Sec. 22, T8N, R6E, and goes east 292 feet, north 292 feet, west 292 feet, and south 292 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 69-a; 69-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OLD BUTNER SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Cromwell, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133; NW1/4, Sec. 16, T9N, R8E

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

OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morgal, Rt. 2, Box 186, Wewoka, OK 74884

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

There are two WPA-built structures on the Old Butner School grounds: a teacherage/bus garage and a shop. The teacherage/bus garage is a two-story, rectangular (91' x 36') structure with the garage below and teacherage above. It is constructed from untooled native sandstone laid in random fashion. The building has a gable roof, and external stairways lead to second story entries that are covered by gabled porch roofs supported by pedestals and wood shafts. Wood sash windows rest between pre-formed concrete lintels and cut stone sills. Seven garage doors on the lower level have continuous lintels and jambs of poured concrete. The doors have been enclosed with cinder blocks and covered with an awning of Spanish tile. Rather than compromise the architectural integrity of the structure, the alterations constitute a remarkable example of adaptive re-use of the original facility.

The shop is located about 32 feet south of the teacherage/garage. It is built from untooled sandstone with random rubble masonry. It has a gable roof. The garage door has a concrete lintel, and the windows have cut stone sills. A single door entry is on the south and is covered with a small porch roof supported by brackets. Windows have been filled with wood inserts, but the integrity of the structure has not been compromised.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

The town of Butner sits on top of one of the largest oil fields ever found in Oklahoma prior to 1940. The area boomed during the 1920s. The 1930s, however, brought economic depression, leaving many men unemployed when the oil fields shut down. The construction of the teacherage/garage and shop provided jobs for many of these unemployed workers. This allowed them to have the satisfaction of knowing that they were earning their living and saved them from the disgrace of the relief lines. Architecturally the buildings, especially the teacherage/garage may be one of the kind as a WPA project. Moreover, two story structures in non-urban settings are almost as rare. Within the community itself the structures are also notable in terms of materials and workmanship. The buildings, moreover, enhanced the ability of the district to provide quality education by providing living space for hard to recruit teachers and facilities for inaugurating a modern curriculum (vocational education).

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two

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

UTM: A-14 729770 3904660; B-14 729770 3904630

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go five and one half miles south of Cromwell on State highway 56 and 3/4 mile west to property, it begins at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 16, T9N, R8E, and running south 250 feet, west 175 feet, north 250 feet and east 175 feet

PICTURE REFERENCE: 70-a; 70-b; 70-c; 70-d

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BUTNER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Cromwell, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Cromwell Board of Education, Box 157, Cromwell, OK 74837

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

The Butner School is a ten-room, single story, rectangular (164' x 64') structure constructed of brick. It has a flat roof with parapets that have piers on the ends. Entry- ways are recessed and windows have concrete sills. Some window openings have enclosed with bricks. Unfortunately the entire front has been obscured by the construction of another building parallel to the WPA structure and joined to it at entryways.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

Including three structures nominated to the National Register and the ten room school building, the Cromwell campus of Butner School represents a complete educational unit. That completeness makes it unique, as does its quality masonry. Literally modern education came to Cromwell with the WPA. Construction also provided jobs to destitute workers.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated in Block 34, Cromwell 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

BUTNER SCHOOL (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Cromwell, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Cromwell Board of Education, Box 157, Cromwell, OK 74837

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The campus at Butler School (Cromwell) is home to four WPA-built structures, only three of which are included here. These are a shop, a garage, and a teacherage. The shop is a single-story, rectangular shaped (62' x 40') structure constructed of untooled sandstone with random rubble masonry and beaded mortar. The gable roof has lunette window openings in the gable. The main, double door entry, is covered with a small intersecting center gable roof supported by shafts. An additional single door entry is on the east end. The window openings, with cut stone sills on the north, east, and west sides of the structure have been filled with wood insets, and the windows on the south side are metal sash with stone sills. The integrity of this building is intact.

The campus garage is located 42 feet west of the shop. It is a single-story, rectangular shaped (23' x 19') structure constructed of untooled native sandstone with random rubble masonry and beaded mortar. Its gable roof has projecting eaves and an intersecting side gable on the east side. There are two large garage doors in front with a row of stones standing on end above them. There is one single door side entry, and the windows are all replaced with wood insets. The windows have stone sills.

The teacherage is located four feet west of the garage. It is a six-room, single-story structure constructed from untooled native sandstone with random rubble masonry and beaded mortar. Measuring 64' x 40', the teacherage is plains cottage in style, having a gable roof with two intersecting gables on the north side and one intersecting gable on the south side. There is a large arcade porch on the east end of the cottage. The building has wood sash windows with stone sills, stepped entryways with stone railing, and a stone exterior chimney on the north side.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The Butner School buildings in the community of Cromwell are significant because they are a remnant of a complete educational plant constructed by the WPA that also included a ten-room class facility. Literally modern education in the oil community had its genesis with the WPA. Construction also assisted the destitute worker who had been unemployed for months, giving him a measure of economic security. Architecturally the structures are notable for their excellent masonry and stone placement and for the uncut character of the rocks. Prominent elsewhere, uncut stones were used infrequently in southcentral Oklahoma.

They are also unique with reference to type and workmanship.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

**Acreage:** Less than two acres

**Quadrangle:** Cromwell, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

**UTM:** A-14 731170 3913320; B-14 731120 3913330

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** From the SE corner of Block 34, Cromwell original, go west 240 feet, north 200 feet, east 240 feet, and south 200 feet.

**PICTURE REFERENCE:** 71-a; 71-b; 71-c; 71-d; 71-e; 71-f



## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HAZEL AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Konawa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133; NW 1/4, Sec. 25, T 7 N, R 5 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Lloyd L. Fisher, Route 3, Konawa, OK 74849

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: poor; unaltered; original site

Constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone, the Hazel Auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (60' by 35') structure. The roof is gabled. The front, double-door entryway is set in an arch, while the windows have pre-formed concrete sills and lintels. On the front the wood sash windows are set by twos; elsewhere they are set singly. Its general state of neglect disqualifies it for the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

The little Hazel auditorium reflects an early stage of the WPA construction program where structures were crudely constructed and modest in scale. Construction of it suggested the varied nature of the WPA works program and provided jobs for destitute workers in the area who had been long without employment. Architecturally the structure is notable within the community in terms of materials, workmanship, type and style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located some seven miles north of Konawa on state highway 9A and two miles east, the Hazel Auditorium is situated on property that begins 12 rods due west from the NE corner of the west 1/2 of the NE, NW, Sec. 25, T 7 N, R 5 E, and goes south 50 rods, west 50 rods, north 50 rods and east 50 rods.

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

KONAWA ARMORY

LOCATION: 625 North State, Konawa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Konawa Armory is one of the more attractive buildings in southern Oklahoma. The building is a single-story brick structure. It has a drill floor with a high arched roof and a wing on the east side with a lower flat roof. The main entry is recessed inside a concrete arch and framed by pilasters with concrete moldings. There are three garage doors. The casement windows have concrete sills, and the drill floor has arched parapets with concrete caps on the ends. Additional decoration is provided by stepped pilasters, framed by concrete mouldings on the corners and brick insets above the windows. One noteworthy piece of decoration is on the piers that sit on either side of the main entry. On the right pier is a native American thunderbird (reversed swatzika) and on the left pier is a true swatzika.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Konawa Armory is significant because of its brick construction, unusual for WPA armories in southcentral Oklahoma, and the extent of its concrete moldings. Stylistically it suggests intricate detail, complicated design, and skilled workmen. The use of the swatzika, a Native American emblem, as a decorative element also makes it unique, especially since the swatzika is generally associated with the hated Nazi that the unit stationed at the Konawa Armory and other Oklahoma National Guard units later battled during World War II. The armory, swatzika and all, helped prepare the guard for that major encounter. Construction of it, also, put to work hosts of unemployed oil field workers, giving them some economic security and providing a job skill that they could employ during better economic conditions.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: 14 705310 3871160

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract of land that begins 675 feet west of the SE corner of NW1/4 of Sec. 26, T6N R5E, and runs 416 feet north, 208 feet west, 416 feet south and 208 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 72-a; 72-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KONAWA CEMETERY FENCE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Konawa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133; SW 1/4, Sec. 22, T 6 N, R 5 E

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

OWNER: City of Konawa, City Hall, Konawa, OK 74849

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good; unaltered; original site

The Konawa Cemetery fence is constructed of untooled native sandstone laid in a random rubble pattern. Double walled, it rises some three feet high. It extends along the south side of the cemetery some 670 feet, east to west. It runs 264 feet from north to south on the west side.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Cemetery improvements were among the first construction tasks undertaken by the WPA. It was a way to get a lot of unemployed and unskilled workmen doing "useful" labor immediately. The Cemetery fence at Konawa is symbolic of this major undertaking. It is also notable for its extent, reaching some 1000 feet.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the NW edge of the community, the cemetery fence occupies property that encompasses a 15 foot strip that from the SW corner of Sec. 22, T 6 N, R 5 E goes north 275 feet and east 680 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

KONAWA HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two facilities)

LOCATION: West and South Streets, Konawa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Konawa Board of Education, Box 127, Konawa, OK 74849

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Two structures on this campus are being identified for the State Landmarks Survey: a gymnasium and two tennis courts. The Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (166' x 100') structure constructed from untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The building has an arched roof and parapets. The entryways are recessed and framed by pilasters and are reached by long stairways with blind stone rails. Windows are metal casement, although some have been replaced with wood inserts. Pilasters on the sides provide decorative relief. Unfortunately the exterior walls have been covered with stucco.

The tennis courts at the campus are situated some 85 feet north of the gymnasium. They measure 113 feet by 92 feet, and the original concrete court has been covered with asphalt. Retaining walls of stone and seating of concrete surrounds the court.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The significance of the Konawa campus is that it reflects the major relief program undertaken by the WPA and the willingness of the agency to support projects of different types (there is also a band room and a vocational agriculture building, both of which have been nominated to the National Register) at a single place. Construction also provided a host of jobs for the economically destitute at Konawa.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: In block 7, Shirley Townsend Addition to Konawa.

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

KONAWA SCHOOL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BUILDING

LOCATION: West and South Streets, Konawa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Konawa Board of Education, Box 127, Konawa, OK 74849

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Konawa School vocational education building is a single-story, rectangular (64' x 30') structure constructed from lightly tooled and barely coursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets on three sides; on the fourth side the roof extends as an eave. Window openings had metal encased panes, and above the opening on the end wood siding extended to the roof line. All but one of the windows have now been enclosed with wood inserts. The building was accessed by one garage door and single entryways on either side. The structure's architectural integrity has not been impeached.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

Unlike other school districts in the western part of Oklahoma during the 1930s, Konawa experienced an increasing enrollment. This increase strained the physical resources of the school which had a bonded indebtedness of \$5,000,000 and a declining property valuation. Only the timely assistance of the WPA enabled the district to meet this challenge, providing additions to the physical plant as well as facilities dedicated to an enriched and progressive education--vocational arts program. (A gymnasium and tennis courts were also constructed, but because their integrity has been compromised they are not a part of this nomination. An NYA constructed band room is not included either.) The Konawa vocational education building, therefore, is significant because it symbolizes the critical, educational assistance provided by the WPA construction program, and because architecturally it is unique in terms of type, style, workmanship and materials in the community. Construction also enabled jobless workers to find meaningful employment and a measure of economic security when it was not available within the private sector.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 704650 3870390

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract of land ten feet north, west, south and east of the north, west, south and east walls of the building centered upon the above referenced UTM,

in Block 7 of the Shirley Townsend Addition to Konawa original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 73-a; 73-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SEMINOLE COUNTY MAINTENANCE GARAGE

LOCATION: 301 E. 6th Street, Konawa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Board of Commissioners, Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, Oklahoma 74884

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The County Garage at Konawa is a two-story, rectangular (124' x 44') structure constructed from rusticated and coursed native sandstone. It consists of a garage below with five offices above. The roof is arched and has parapets with a concrete cap. Second story entries are reached by stairs (one concrete and the other metal). There are four garage doors below. The steel casement windows have concrete sills. The structure is extremely well-built.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this garage during the early months of the WPA helped to relieve the suffering of many families by providing men with employment. It also helped fulfill a need for such a garage when county funds were not sufficient to complete the task. The building has supposedly withstood a tornado which leveled many structures in the area. Architecturally, the building is significant for its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 705480 3871120

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located on the northeast edge of Konawa, the tract begins at a point 208 feet west of the southeast corner of the NW 1/4, of Sec. 21, T 6 N, R 5 E and goes 208 feet north, 208 feet west, 208 feet south and 208 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 74-a; 74-b



## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PRAIRIE VALLEY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Seminole, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133; SW 1/4, Sec. 7, T 10 N, R 6 E

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

OWNER: Strother Board of Education, Route 3, Seminole, OK 74868

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Prairie Valley School is single-story with five classrooms and a gymnasium/auditorium. A brick, L-shaped structure, the school measures 195 feet by 135 feet along the front and side. The gymnasium/auditorium has an arched roof, while the classroom section has a flat roof. The building alludes to an modernesque style with curved corners near the front entry and vertical lines elsewhere. The windows are now metal sash with continuous brick sills and lintels. The window openings on the gym have been reduced in size by wood insets. Friezes, pilasters, and curved entryways add a decorative element to the building. There is a metal addition on the west side of the building, but it and the window alterations do not impair the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

As a rural WPA-built school, this structure is significant for its allusion to art deco style and its brick construction. Architectural type, style and workmanship also make it notable within the community. Construction of it also provided jobs for workers left destitute by the depression and introduced an environment conducive to learning.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: 14 707560 3813900

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On State Highway 90 go eight miles north and on 99A two and one-half miles west of Seminole to school property that begins 2080 east of the SW corner of Sec. 7, T 10 N, R 6 E, then north 416 feet, east 208 feet, south 416 feet and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 75-a; 75-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TECUMSEH WATER PLANT/CHEMICAL HOUSE

LOCATION: Broadway and Cherry Streets, Tecumseh, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: The City of Tecumseh, City Hall, Tecumseh, OK 74873

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Tecumseh Water Plant/Chemical House is a single-story, rectangular (40' x 27') structure with a basement. It is constructed of brick and has metal casement windows with concrete sills and continuous concrete lintels. A high concrete watertable rises to a point level with the ceiling in the basement. The flat roof has stepped parapets with a concrete cap. The double main entryway door is located high above ground and is reached by poured concrete stairs.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

The water treatment chemical house at Tecumseh is notable architecturally within the community for its type, style, and workmanship. The plant was constructed by unskilled laborers taken from the ranks of the unemployed. Their labors not only allowed them to feed their families, but also kept them off the dole and contributing something to the community. Tecumseh, being in need of new water treatment facilities, was also short on funds to construct one. But with the help of the WPA, local and federal governments worked together on a project of continuing value to the community. The facility is symbolic of the wide variety of construction programs undertaken by the WPA.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 687740 3903940

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 13 through 18 in Block 10 of Outcelts Addition to Tecumseh original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 67-a; 67-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SASAKWA HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Unmarked streets, Sasakwa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Sasakwa Board of Education, Box 323, Sasakwa, OK 74867

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The 17-room Sasakwa School is a single-story U-shaped building constructed of brick. The structure is 148 feet wide and 178 feet long on the west wing and 158 feet long on the east wing. Both wings are 54 feet wide. The roof is flat and has parapets. Two main entryways on the front are recessed inside arcade-type enclosures that extend tower-like above the parapets and are covered with hipped roofs and Spanish tile. These and roof-line, scrolled cornices on the front and above rear entries suggest a Mission Revival style. Iron anchor beams run across the front facade of the building. Window sills and the vauissoirs of the front entries are of concrete. Enclosure of some window openings with wood or aluminum inserts and the addition of wood, storm porches on rear entries have not compromised the architectural integrity of the building. An 11' x 12' brick base for a water tower lies 25 feet east of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938, 1940; builder/architect: Albert S. Ross

The original Sasakwa School burned down during the school year 1937-1938, leaving the town without a school. Not having adequate funds to rebuild a school that could meet the needs of its students, Sasakwa turned to the federal government for assistance. The WPA was the perfect solution. The WPA provided federal money and at the same time employed many unemployed Sasakwa area men in the construction of the school. In this case, the Sasakwa School is significant in that it met two pressing needs: the need for immediate school facilities in Sasakwa and the need for an income for many Sasakwa residents, some of whom had not been able to find employment for years. The building that resulted is unique to Sasakwa for its scale, style, type, and workmanship and its allusion to Mission Revival style makes it unique among WPA schools throughout the state.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: 14-726130 3870150

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 3 and Lots 13 through 21 in Block 4 of the Miller Addition to Sasakwa original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 76-a; 76-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SCHOOLTON CEMETERY CHAPEL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Cromwell, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Schoolton Community, Schoolton Route, Cromwell, OK 74837

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The chapel at the Schoolton Cemetery is a single-story, rectangular (36' x 24') structure constructed from untoolled and uncoursed native sandstone with beaded mortar. It has a gable roof now covered with tin. The main entry has double doors with a stepped concrete lintel above it. The windows have concrete lintels as well as sills. The windows on the front of the structure are fixed, while the other three sides have sash windows.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

Improvement of cemeteries was one of the earliest types of projects undertaken by the WPA. Generally those improvements consisted of fences and very modest shelters. The Schoolton Chapel is different in that there is no fence associated with it and the structure itself is rather substantial. Indeed the workmanship is impressive. Within the community the chapel is unique architecturally in terms of type, materials, and workmanship. Its construction provided job opportunities for unemployed workers and for farmers who, due to crop failures that were drought-related, needed an income in order to maintain their farms.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: 14 730160 3920950

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Cromwell go 3 and 1/2 miles north on state highway 56, then 1 mile north on section line, then 1/4 mile west to cemetery chapel, it being on a tract that begins at a point 416 feet east and 208 feet north of the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 21, T 11 N, R 8 E, go east 208 feet, north 208 feet, west 208 feet and south 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 77-a; 77-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHASE PARK WADING POOL/BATHHOUSE

LOCATION: Jefferson and College Streets, Seminole, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: The City of Seminole, Seminole, OK 74884

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Chase Park includes a WPA-built wading pool and bathhouse. The bathhouse is a rectangular (32' x 14') structure constructed of uncut and uncoursed native sandstone. The building has a gable roof with intersecting center gable and projecting eaves. The front entry lies under the center gable and is framed by a lintel and pilasters. A single entry doorway with concrete lintel is located on each end of the building. Three windows in the rear of the building have been bricked in, an alteration that does not compromise the integrity of the structure. The wading pool is constructed of poured concrete and is 161 feet in circumference. Surrounded by a concrete apron, it has adjacent concrete benches stamped "WPA 1939." Three additional benches are found elsewhere in the park.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The WPA work in Chase Park is significant because it was part of a program to employ unemployed workers on jobs that would benefit society. The workers who built the bathhouse and pool were drawn from the relief rolls and had lost their jobs due to the economic depression. Their labor supplied the city of Seminole with recreational facilities that have been of benefit to many children on the hot summer days of southern Oklahoma. The facilities are unique to Seminole for their type and materials. They also demonstrate the variety of construction undertaken by the WPA.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: A-14 711600 3800770; B-14 711600 3800730

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The west 1/2 of lots 5 through 16 and the north 90 feet of Lots 1 through 4 in Block 12 of the Southwick Addition to the Seminole original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 78-a; 78-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

### SEMINOLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: Seminole and Main Streets, Seminole, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: The City of Seminole, Seminole, Ok 74868

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Seminole Community Building is essentially a rectangular (138' x 75') structure with an auditorium in back of a two-story, front section. The building is constructed from lightly-tooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The auditorium has an arched roof with stepped parapets on the end. The front section of the building has a hipped roof covered with Spanish tile. The roof has eight modified dormer windows. The front entry is recessed within and framed by a clipped triangular arch. The first story front windows rest on concrete lintels. A garage door is located on the west end of the building. Windows on the sides of the auditorium have been filled with materials identical to that used originally, an alteration that does not seriously compromise architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The community building is significant primarily because of its architectural style. The clipped, triangular arch framing the front entry is wholly unique in WPA buildings. Equally notable is the two level front section of the structure. It is also significant because its construction provided employment for many men left without jobs because of the economic depression. The building has hosted dances, wrestling matches, Bob Wills concerts, and many other types of entertainment. The building has proven its value as a place where people could go for diversion from their troubles. Architecturally, the building is unique in type, style, scale, and materials.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 712170 3900550

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 14 in Block 9 in OT Seminole plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 79-a; 79-b

## 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 GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 116 Gale Street, Seminole, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Indian Baptist Church, 116 Gale Street, Seminole, OK 74868

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The old Washington School Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (103' x 66') structure. It is constructed of untooled and uncoursed stone. The roof is arched with arched parapets on the ends of the building. The front entry is recessed and framed by pilasters, and a square arch. An additional wooden entry is located on the southwest side. All the casement windows except for the rear window are currently covered with green fiberglass insets. The integrity of the building has not been compromised.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The gymnasium at the old Washington School, a segregated black school, is unique to its setting because of its type, scale, materials, and workmanship. Most of those who worked on the project were black laborers. Construction of the gym provided jobs for many men who were on relief rolls because there were no jobs available in the private sector. The gymnasium also provided educational and recreational facilities for black youths and contributed to their sense of identity and self-esteem, qualities that would have been slow to develop had it not been for the WPA facility.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 711900 3899750

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract 10 feet north, east, south and west of the north, east, south and west walls of the structure centered upon the above referenced UTM, in Block 6 in the Southwest Addition #2 to Seminole original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 80-a; 80-b



## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

### SEMINOLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

LOCATION: State Highway 99 and Bluff Avenue, Seminole, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: The City of Seminole, Seminole, Oklahoma 74868

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74484

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Seminole Water Treatment Plant is a single-story structure with a rectangular shaped garage and a wing on the north side. This building measures 60' x 45' and is constructed of rusticated and randomly laid, native stone. The roof is gabled with an intersecting gable over the wing. Windows are metal casement with concrete sills and continuous lintels. The garage has one long door with a concrete lintel and a recessed wooden door on the opposite side. The roof has been extended south in catslide fashion to provide a sheltered area for city vehicles and a 24 foot brick addition has been attached to the wing. The integrity of the structure is still intact..

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

The Seminole Water Treatment Plant is significant because its construction satisfied two needs. One need was the necessity for employment for many unemployed residents of Seminole. This need was met by using labor drawn from the relief rolls to build the treatment plant. The other need was the necessity for a water treatment plant in Seminole, since the city could not afford to build one because of the high costs involved and the shortage of funds to meet those costs. Therefore, the city applied for federal aid in the form of a WPA project to build the needed plant. The building is still used by the city and is readily noticed because of its unique type, style, and choice of materials.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 712160 3899850

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract of land 10 feet north, west, south and east of the north, west, south and east walls of the structure centered upon the above referenced UTM, in Sec. 27, T 9 N, R 6 E, that part of the NW, SW, SW lying north of Wewoka Creek

PICTURE REFERENCE: 81-a; 81-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

VARNUM SCHOOL SHOP

LOCATION: Vicinity of Seminole, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133; NE 1/4, Sec.5, T9N, R6E.

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

OWNER: Varnum Board of Education, Route 4, Box 148, Seminole, OK 74868

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The WPA built a single-story, rectangular shaped (51' x 34'), one-room shop on the Varnum School campus. It is constructed from rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled; a single doorway faces south while a double entry door is located on the west side. The metal casement windows rest on concrete sills. Enclosure of some windows by wood inserts has not compromised the integrity of the building. A small gabled roof supported by two wood shafts covers the single entry door.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The school building at Varnum is significant in that it was constructed by unskilled laborers drawn from the relief rolls. Many of these men had been out of work for several years. They could either receive handouts from the dole or they could be allowed to work on government-sponsored and financed projects and thus remain productive. The shop that they produced at Varnum is notable for its type, style, and materials. It also demonstrates the willingness of the WPA to sponsor projects fostering innovative curriculum changes- here vocational education.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 710100 3906970

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles north on State Highway 99 and one mile west of Seminole to vicinity of school property, a tract 10 feet north, east, south and west of the north, east, south, and west wall of the structure centered on the above referenced UTM, in the NE, NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T 9 N, R 6 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 82-a; 82-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WEWOKA ARMORY

LOCATION: Seminole and First Streets, Wewoka, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

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

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Wewoka Armory is a single-story, brick structure measuring 213 feet by 130 feet with a central drill floor and wings on either side. The drill floor has a high arched roof, and the wings have lower flat roofs. Arched entryways of pre-formed concrete are located on the east and west sides of the structure and are framed by pilasters capped with molded concrete and a stepped cornice at the roof line. There are eight garage doors (four on each wing) on the north side of the building, and one on the south side. Parapets, brick insets above the windows, and pilasters capped by concrete moldings decorate the building. Enclosure of elongated windows with wood insets has not compromised the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Wewoka Armory is especially significant because of its scale. Armories with wings on either side of the drill floor, so-called two unit armories, are relatively rare, especially in southcentral Oklahoma. The structure is also unique in the predominance of molded concrete caps on its pilasters. That feature is not unknown, but it seldom appears as frequently as on the Wewoka Armory. The building is architecturally distinctive within the community in terms of type and style. Especially significant is that the armory helped to prepare units of the Oklahoma National Guard for service in World War II and during the Korean War and that its construction provided job opportunities for destitute laborers in 1935 and 1936 who had long been on relief rolls.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: 14 727950 3893320

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract 280' x 300' between Blocks 17 and 18, Wewoka original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 83-a; 83-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WEWOKA CITY PARK (Four structures, one building)

LOCATION: Jackson and Ninth Streets, Wewoka, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: The City of Wewoka, City Hall, Wewoka, OK 74884

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

WPA work within the Wewoka City Park includes a stone wall that completely encircles the park, a swimming pool and bathhouse, native stone footbridges, a stone bandstand, and a park office. The swimming pool measures 135' x 60' and has a single-story, rectangular shaped bathhouse that measures 80' x 54'. It is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. There is a sense of play in the style of masonry. The roof is gabled with an intersecting center gable in front. The windows and gables have slanted wood plank insets to provide ventilation and privacy. The main entry is recessed within an arcade-style entryway. There is stone seating on the north and west sides of the pool. Addition of a shade roof along the side pool of the bathhouse has not compromised the integrity of the structure.

The park office is located about 50 feet southwest of the bathhouse. It is a single-story rectangular (15' x 12') building constructed of untooled and uncoarsed native sandstone. It has shingled gable roof and arched entry with keystone.

The bandstand is located about 125 feet southeast of the admission office. It measures 50' x 27' and is constructed from untooled and uncoursed native stone. It has four tiers and a curved back wall that is in need of some repairs.

Footbridges made of native stone and high piers on the rock wall are found at various places throughout the park.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Park construction was some of the first work done by the WPA, permitting as it did the immediate employment of large numbers of unskilled laborers. The Wewoka City Park is a good example of one of these earliest projects and is unusual in its completeness; bandstand, foot bridges, pool and bathhouse all encircled by the ever present stone fence. Planned to put large numbers of unemployed to work as rapidly as possible, the park also produced a useful facility that enhanced the recreational opportunities of a depression plagued population. More than most WPA projects, this one symbolizes a compassionate government responding to the needs of its people. Architecturally, it is classic WPA: Native stone materials, unskilled masons learning on the job, bathhouse, admissions office and footbridges.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: four acres

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

UTM: A-14 728900 3892300; B-14 728890 3892280; C-14 728930 3892240

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract beginning 650 feet east of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 20. T 8 N, R 8 E. Then north 550 feet, east 350 feet, south 550 feet, and west 350 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 84-a; 84-b; 84-c; 84-d; 84-e; 84-f

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WEWOKA HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

LOCATION: Okfuskee and 12th Streets, Wewoka, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Wewoka Board of Education, Box 870, Wewoka, OK 74884

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

The Wewoka High School Addition is a two-story, L-shaped structure constructed of red brick. On the front it measures some 100 feet from the point it blends into the original structure, while along the side it extends 176 feet. The roof is flat with parapets capped with cut limestone. Entryways are framed by stepped, limestone arches that extend forward from five sided columns on either side that reach above the roof line to form turrets joined by a scrolled cornice, the latter two features both of limestone. Friezes, four vertical insets on windowless walls that reach almost to the roof line, concrete window sills and a water table provide additional decorative detail on the front. On the south auditorium wall three large window openings--including "meeting rails" and "muntins" in the lower one-half--are fashioned from cut limestone. Where the wall rises to accommodate storage of stagesets, four vertical lines of inset limestone rise to the frieze. This same pattern is followed on the rear wall of the auditorium. Replacement of original windows with fixed, metal encased panes on the front and with wood insets on the auditorium has not compromised the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

Additions to pre-1935 structures are not ordinarily considered as worthy examples of WPA architecture. The Wewoka High School Addition, however, is different. It is especially significant because of its elaborate, decorative detail and its scale. Structures similar to the one at Wewoka are most often associated with the construction program of the Public Works Administration, an agency that employed a contractor and skilled labor rather than destitute and unskilled workers and had sizeable budgets. But that is obviously not the case with this addition, for it is both elaborate and large. Because it varies so widely from the normal WPA structure, it deserves to be a part of this nomination--even though it is merely "an addition." Incidentally, the addition is larger than the original building, but the architectural style of the latter is so faithfully reproduced in the former that it is virtually impossible to determine where one ends and the other begins. To that extent the Wewoka High School Addition is a remarkable example of how well unskilled WPA labor could be trained to perform complicated tasks. The structure, moreover, certainly contributed to a more rounded and modern educational curriculum at the High School, and its construction materially affected the well being of destitute workers who found employment opportunities when none were to be found in the private sector.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

**Acreage:** less than two acres

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

**UTM:** 14 728120 3892070

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** From the intersection of Okfuskee and 12th streets go 235 feet south, 225 feet east, 235 feet north and 225 feet west, all in Block 123, Wewoka original plat.

**PICTURE REFERENCE:** 85-a; 85-b; 85-c

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SEMINOLE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (Five buildings, one structure)

LOCATION: South Jackson Street, Wewoka, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

WPA projects at the Seminole County Fairgrounds include a stadium, three animal barns and two exhibit buildings. Of these structures the stadium is the least imposing. It is rectangular (210' x 23') and is constructed from poured concrete. Consisting of nothing more than a superstructure and a stands, the stadium rises nine tiers and is surrounded by a metal railing.

The three animal barns are located south of the stadium. The most northeastern of these barns is rectangular (83' x 47') and is constructed of tooled and randomly laid native sandstone. It has a gable roof with concrete capped parapets on the ends. Two garage doors with flat arches are located on the south end. On either side of the building, window openings with continuous concrete sills run its entire length and are covered by ten wooden windows that swing up and out on hinges. There are pilasters on the corners.

Southwest of the above cited structure is another barn. This building also is rectangular (84' x 61') and is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sand stone. The tin roof is gabled and has two ventilators. Each end of the structures has a central garage door one of which is framed by pilasters, with single doors on either side. Both garage and side doors have concrete lintels. The sides of the structure have 18 wooden windows (10 east; 8 west) that swing up and in. Filling of single entry side doors on one end by cinder blocks has not compromised the integrity of this building.

The third animal barn is located 21 feet west of the above reference building. The two are virtually identical. This structure, however, has no framing pilasters on one of the garage doors and none of the single entry doorways have been altered.

The two exhibit buildings are located a short distance northwest of the barns. The southernmost building is a single-story, rectangular (97' x 67') structure constructed from rusticated and barely coursed native sandstone. The roof is arched with stepped gables. Garage doors with shaped concrete lintels are located on the north and south sides. Small windows high on the walls have cut stone sills and shaped concrete lintels. Pilasters add a decorative element to the building. Enclosed, rectangular entryways extend out from either side of the structure, the doors of which have been filled with cinder blocks. The latter has not compromised the integrity of the building.



The second exhibit building lies just north of the one previously described. It is a single-story, rectangular (63' x 44') structure constructed of untooled and uncut native sandstone. The masonry is excellent. It too has an arched roof with stepped gables. The small windows with pre-formed concrete sills and the garage openings have shaped lintels. Doorways have been covered by enclosed porches constructed of wood siding and to the north garage door has been added a wood frame room. These alterations have not impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The Seminole County Fairgrounds is significant in that it contains so many WPA structures dedicated to a particular purpose: agricultural exhibits. Constructed at different periods of time, the buildings also demonstrate the evolution of skills by WPA laborers, i.e. from crude to quality masonry. They also reflect the wide variety of work done by the agency, whose building program is most usually associated with schools and community buildings. Architecturally, the fairgrounds structures are unique within the community in terms of type, style, workmanship and materials. Construction of them also provided a host of jobs for destitute laborers long without economic security because of the devastation of the national depression.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: three acres

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

UTM: A-14 729070 3892500; B-14 729070 3892400; C-14 729060 3892360; D-14 729040 3892360; E-14 728970 3892480; F-14 728960 3892560

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Tracts 10 feet north, east, south and west of the north, east, south and west walls of the structures centered upon the above referred UTM's, in Sec. 20, T 8 N, R 6 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 86-a; 86-b; 86-c; 86-d; 86-e; 86-f; 86-g; 86-h; 86-i; 86-j; 86-k

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WOLF SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bowlegs, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133; NE 1/4, Sec. 16, T 7 N,  
R 6 E

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

OWNER: Bowlegs Board of Education, Box 88, Bowlegs, OK 74830

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This four-room school is a single-story, rectangular (125' x 73') structure constructed of red brick. The roof, is flat with parapets. The main entryway is recessed, and framed by pilasters and a stepped cornice at the roof line. Window openings have brick sills on the front and sides and concrete sills in the rear. While original metal casement windows are retained on the back, on the front they have been replaced with wood inserts and smaller, aluminum sash windows. On the sides window openings have been filled with cinder blocks. These alterations have not compromised the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This school is unique within Wolf because of its scale, type, and style. But more significantly, its construction provided jobs for many unemployed workers, thus reducing their suffering. The school served many years as a learning center for the children of the community. It is symbolic of the role of the WPA in promoting learning and easing the suffering of those who were struck by the economic depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: ????

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

UTM: 14 712250 3884870

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated four miles south of Bowlegs on old highway 99, the property begins at a point 260 links west of the NE corner of Section 16, T 7 N, R 6 E; and goes west 8 chains, south 5 chains, west 8 chains, and north 5 chains.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 87-a; 87-b