

WOODWARD WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Mooreland Community Hospital	X	X
Mutual Gymnasium/Auditorium	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

MOORELAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

LOCATION: Sixth and Krouth Streets, Mooreland, Oklahoma 040, Woodward County 153

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

OWNER: The City of Mooreland, Moreland, OK 73852

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woodward County Courthouse, Woodward, OK 73801

DESCRIPTION: good/excellent condition; altered; original site

The Moorland Community hospital is composed of a central, three-story unit and two-story units on either end of the building. A single-story segment on the north front constitutes the entryway. Taken as a whole, the hospital is essentially rectangular (180' x 55') and is constructed of poured concrete. The roof is flat with parapets. Symetrically placed, the front entryway contains double-doors with windows on either side. Metal sash windows are single spaced with concrete slip sills. A blue tile frieze encompasses the building above the third-story windows on the central unit and the second-story windows on the end units. A similar band follows the roof line, features that with the poured concrete construction material, vertical lines and some corner windows give the building an art deco flavor. An addition on the west end of the building, in the same architectural style, does not at all impair the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941-1942; builder/architect: Ed Hudgins

The Mooreland Hospital is a remarkable community resource. Although it has recently been forced to close, the hospital for 45 years ministered to the health needs of this agricultural and railroad center and the surrounding countryside. Indeed, the facility was one of only two general hospitals in the entire county. The hospital, of course, attracted health professionals and secondary health services that broadened the economic base of the region. Construction of the facility, moreover, infused the wages of some 80,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy at a critical time during the depression. It also offered employment and a way to salvage pride to a host of workers without jobs. Architecturally, the hospital is a resource locally in terms of its art deco style, concrete construction techniques, type and nature of workmanship. As a WPA building, it is unusual in its three levels and type. Three story buildings, much less hospitals, were not often constructed by the agency in Oklahoma or elsewhere.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 14 481280 4031920

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Blocks 4 and 5 in Matthews Addition to Mooreland original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 26-a; 26-b; 26-c

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MUTUAL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Near Broadway and Main Streets, Mutual, Oklahoma 040, Woodward County 153

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

OWNER: Mutual School Board, Box 1, Mutual, OK 73853

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woodward County Courthouse, Woodward, OK 73801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Attached to a previously existing school building, the Mutual Gymnasium/Auditorium is a rectangular (70' x 100') structure constructed of coursed red brick. The roof is arched with parapets. Windows are single spaced with concrete slip sills. An addition has been attached to the northwest side of the building. This addition and the attachment to an older building detracts from its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the gymnasium/auditorium saved unskilled and unemployed laborers in the Mutual area from economic deprivation by providing temporary jobs during the Depression. Also, it fostered a sense of identity and pride in the community by providing a building for school and community activities. The construction of the school provided an educational center still in use today. As a WPA structure, the building is notable for its scale, type, workmanship, and construction materials. Within the community, the structure is unique in terms of its style and scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 2, 4, 6, and 8, Block 2, Mutual original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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WOODWARD AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

LOCATION: Central Park, Texas and Ninth Streets, Woodward, Oklahoma 040, Woodward County 153

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

OWNER: Woodward American Legion Post, Woodward, OK 73801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woodward County Courthouse, Woodward, OK 73801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The American Legion Headquarters Building is a two-story, rectangular (108' x 55') structure constructed of uncut native stone laid in a random rubble pattern. The roof is flat with parapet and has mission tile near the eaves. The north entrance is recessed behind a stone round arch. Stone pilasters are located at the corners of the building. Wood sash windows are single spaced with concrete slip sills. Unfortunately, additions have been attached to the west and south sides of the structure that impair its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The Woodward American Legion Headquarters Building in Central Park is significant for it provided the American Legion a permanent home for its organization and gave the community a "meeting place for public gatherings, luncheons, and Chamber of Commerce offices." Moreover, the project created temporary jobs for unemployed workers during the Depression in addition to bolstering local morale. As a WPA structure, the building is important architecturally in terms of its type, scale, and construction materials. Within the community, the structure is unique in terms of its type, style, and construction materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 83, Woodward original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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WOODWARD CRYSTAL BEACH PARK

LOCATION: Jim Ben and Temple Houston Streets, Woodward, Oklahoma 040, Woodward County 153; SE 1/4, Sec. 31, T 23 N, R 20 W

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

OWNER: The City of Woodward, Woodward, OK 73801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woodward County Courthouse, Woodward, OK 73801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Crystal Beach Park is a multi-use recreational facility that consists of the following WPA structures: 1) a bandshell; 2) a bathhouse; and 3) a tennis court.

1) The Crystal Beach bandshell is a rectangular (90' x 30') structure constructed of poured concrete and uncut native stone laid in a random rubble pattern. The shell itself, constructed of concrete, is a series of semi-circles that diminish in size from its front to its rear. The floor of the shell sits on a raised foundation of cut stone and is a slab of poured concrete. On the sides of the shell are small, one-story rooms fashioned from uncut native stone that are accessed from the rear via single-door entryways. Over these the roof is flat with parapets. Window openings with concrete sills have been filled with wood inserts.

2) Situated just northeast of the bandshell, the Crystal Beach Bathhouse is a single-story, L-shaped (80' x 32' with a 48' x 32' extension) structure constructed of uncut native stone laid in a random rubble pattern. The roof is flat with parapets capped with cut native stone. At the external corner of the "L" the entrance to the structure is covered by a circular porch of poured concrete supported by nine concrete columns. The columns lend the building a Roman-spa quality. Beneath the porch is a circular counter where bathers pay admission charges to the bathhouse. Metal encased windows are encompassed by cut stone sills, jambs, and lintels. Doorways through which bathers once exited to the beach of Crystal Lake have been filled with concrete blocks. These inserts and the construction of a swimming pool just north of the bathhouse have not impaired the architectural integrity of the building.

3) The Crystal Beach Tennis Court is just west of the bandshell. Lined for two courts, it is a rectangular concrete slab that measures 112 feet by 109 feet. Iron posts supported the nets. Backstops of wire and iron poles sit on the north and south sides of the court. A two court slab just to the west of the nominated facility appears to be of more recent construction; it does not, however, impair the integrity of the original courts.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Louis Williams for the bathhouse; for other structures it is unknown

The Crystal Beach Park is an exceptionally significant resource for the Woodward community. Indeed, it has been and is an integral part of the cultural, social and economic life

of the town and the region. The bandshell fostered cultural events; the bathhouse and tennis courts promoted recreation. And these contributions have continued for almost one-half century. Construction of the different facilities themselves was a particularly important event. One of the so-called "Dust Bowl" counties of Oklahoma, the Woodward region was economically devastated by the extreme droughts of the mid-1930s compounded by the increase in population between 1930 and 1940. The WPA construction program poured some 50,000 man-hours of wages into the local economy, a sum that softened the impact of the depression in the business community. The destitute agriculturalists that found employment on the projects had their poverty eased and their morale raised. The facilities are also significant resources architecturally. As WPA structures the bandshell and the entrance to the bathhouse are unique. Locally, of course, nothing compares to the different types of structures, their architectural styles, and the nature of workmanship. Even building materials are unique.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: A-14 466450 4030990; B-14 466510 4030980; B-14 466470 4031030

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the southeast edge of Woodward, the property begins at a point 416 feet west and 208 feet south of the northeast corner of the SE1/4 of Sec. 31, T 23 N, R 20 W and then goes 416 feet west, 208 feet south, 416 feet east and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 27-a; 27-b; 27-c; 27-d

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ELMWOOD CEMETERY FENCE

LOCATION: On West Downs Street, Woodward, Oklahoma 040, Woodward County 153; NE 1/4, Sec. 2, T 22 N, R 21 W.

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

OWNER: Briarwood Investors, Inc., c/o City of Woodward, Woodward, OK 73801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woodward County Courthouse, Woodward, OK 73801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Woodward Elmwood Cemetery entrance and fence is an L-shaped fence (1221' x 3', 371' x 3') constructed of uncut native stone and an iron grated archway entrance. The wall rises from about two feet high to five feet high near the main entrance on the west side and near the secondary entrance at the northeast corner of the fence. The stone wall has a random rubble masonry pattern with jagged rock battlement parapets and turrets. The fence and entrance retain their architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Woodward Elmwood Cemetery entrance and fence created desperately-needed employment for jobless workers of this agricultural and railroad community during the Depression. Additionally, the project provided a much-needed civic improvement to the community. As a WPA project, the entrance and fence are significant as examples of the cemetery improvements aspect of the WPA program. The structures are notable architecturally for their type, scale, style, workmanship, and construction materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-14 462720 4030300; B-14 463110 4030300; C-14 463110 4030080

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the southwestern edge of Woodward, Elmwood Cemetery is located in the NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 2, T 22 N, R 21 W.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None