

ALFALFA WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

<u>Property</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
Cherokee Armory	X	X
Cherokee Public Library	X	X
Goltry School Gym/Aud	X	
Jet School Vocational Building	X	X

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHEROKEE ARMORY

LOCATION: Second and Kansas Streets, Cherokee, Oklahoma 040, Alfalfa County 003

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

OWNER: Oklahoma Military Department, 350 Military Circle, N.E., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Alfalfa County Courthouse, Cherokee, OK 73728

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Cherokee Armory is a rectangular (141' x 126') structure constructed of red brick. The central portion is two stories, while segments on either side are single storied. The roof is flat with parapets of concrete molding. Four garage doors in archways on the north side flank a recessed entryway under a brick archway. Elongated metal casement windows with concrete sills are singly spaced on both first and second stories. Stepped pilasters crowned with white stone moldings decorate the walls.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Cherokee Armory is an exceptional resource for the local community. Architecturally, as a WPA building it is unique in its use of brick construction materials, contrasting with armories in the state other than those in the northwest which were generally built of native stone. Locally it is outstanding for its extensive use of concrete moldings at the roofline and atop pilasters. The use of the building by the Oklahoma National Guard for the past 50 years underscores its significance. These units of the guard have prepared themselves for military action in World War II and Korea and for civil defense and disaster relief. In other ways the structure has also contributed to an improved quality of life in Cherokee. Construction of the armory poured wages from some 64,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy during a critical portion of the depression, materially improving the community's quality of life. Those same wages also enabled the laborers on the project, many of whom were agriculturalists driven to destitution by the drought, to provide for their own families and to tide themselves over the economic slump until better times returned.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14-557510-4067830

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 19 through 24, Block 26, Cherokee original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 1-a; 1-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHEROKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCATION: Grand and Sixth Streets, Cherokee, Oklahoma 040, Alfalfa County 003

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

OWNER: The City of Cherokee, Cherokee, OK 73728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Alfalfa County Courthouse, Cherokee, OK 73728

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Cherokee Public Library is a two-story, square (60' x 60') structure constructed of yellow brick. The roof is flat with parapets capped by concrete blocks. A concrete stairway leads to a second story entrance framed by concrete jambs and a lintel. Metal casement windows with concrete sills and brick lintels are singly spaced along the second story with a continuous concrete frieze running above them. Bottom floor windows have concrete sills and a continuous concrete lintel. A small stone addition protecting a lower level entryway has been added to the northwest side; however, the building retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

There is no resource more exceptional in a community than a library, especially when nothing existed previously and it was the only one in the county. That was and remains the circumstance of the Cherokee Public Library, a resource made possible by the WPA. For 48 years now the library has enhanced the community's quality of life with an array of services made possible only by its physical plant. In many ways the building is the center of Cherokee's cultural life. Upon its construction, by pouring some 16,000 man-hours of wages into the local economy, the library also helped to alleviate some of the distress of the dust bowl and the depression--both for the community and the destitute worker finding employment on the project. The building is also an important resource to Cherokee architecturally in that its vernacular style symbolizes a government work program designed as much to preserve the human spirit as the national economy.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14-557450-4067380

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 and the north half of Lot 2, Block 55, Titus Addition to Cherokee original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 2-a; 2-b

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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GOLTRY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Main and Broadway Streets, Goltry, Oklahoma 040, Alfalfa County 003

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

OWNER: The City of Goltry, Goltry, OK 73739

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Alfalfa County Courthouse, Cherokee, OK 73728

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Goltry School Gymnasium/Auditorium is a rectangular (90' x 62') structure constructed of red brick. The gable roof is covered with metal sheeting. Brick columns decorate the west side. Three entrances and two windows on the north side have been bricked over, and the entry into the gymnasium is through the addition to the east side. A concrete addition also is attached to the south side of the building. Fixed metal windows with brick sills are singly spaced. The additions and alterations affect the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Goltry Gymnasium/Auditorium created temporary jobs and financial relief for unemployed workers in this agricultural and railroad community. Community pride was enhanced by providing space for school and community athletic and social activities. As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its scale and use of brick for construction material. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, and scale.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 11, Block 30, Goltry original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JET SCHOOL VOCATIONAL BUILDING

LOCATION: Third and Chesnut Streets, Jet, Oklahoma 040, Alfalfa County 003

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

OWNER: Jet Board of Education, Box 188, Jet, OK 73749

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Alfalfa County Courthouse, Cherokee, OK 73728

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Jet School Vocational Building is a rectangular (74' x 41') structure constructed of red painted bricks with a bowed/rainbow roof. Pilasters at all four corners add decorative relief. A garage door with a concrete lintel on the west side is flanked by pilasters with concrete moldings. The entrance on the south side also is flanked by pilasters and has a concrete lintel. Beneath the concrete lintel, metal casement windows with brick sills stand singly spaced. Two windows on the west side have been boarded over, and a small metal addition has been added to the north side. Despite these alterations, the building retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

The Jet Vocational Education building is an exceptional resource in that it has materially affected the quality of life within the community. Specifically it has enabled the school district for almost 50 years to offer a curriculum tailored for non-college-bound students, a curriculum that equips students with practical skills suitable for physical labor and employment. By providing a place for such training, the building, therefore, has enhanced the job marketability of school graduates and contributed to a higher standard of living. But the structure has impacted the quality of life in Jet from its inception. Construction infused wages of some 14,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy during the worst of the depression, enabling previously destitute workers to provide for their families and regain a measure of self-worth. Had there been no vocational building the quality of life in Jet, in the 1930s and since, would have lessened. Architecturally the building is also something of a treasure in that WPA structures seldom had arched roofs.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14-573400-4058280

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: That area of Lots 13, 14, and 15, Block 15, New Jet original described as follows: from corner of Third and Chesnut Streets, go 99 feet south to

point of beginning; then 74 feet east, 41 feet south, 74 feet west, and 41 feet north to point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 3-a; 3-b