

ELLIS WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Bishop School Gymnasium/Auditorium	X	
Gage School	X	
Gage Swimming Pool	X	
Shattuck Water Works Plant	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

BISHOP SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Arnett, Oklahoma 040, Ellis County 045; NW 1/4, Sec. 26, T 18 N, R 26 W.

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

OWNER: Murry and Brooks Eggleston, Rt. 1, Box 73, Shattuck, OK 73858

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Arnett, OK 73832

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Bishop School Gymnasium/Auditorium is a large, rectangular (79' x 55') structure constructed of planed lumber with a gabled roof in poor condition. An enclosed wood porch and entrance with gable roof is located on the north side. Wood sash windows are double spaced, and the southwest corner of the building contains an exterior brick chimney. Besides the installation of a garage door on the south side of the building, the building retains its architectural integrity although it is rapidly deteriorating.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of the Bishop School Gymnasium/Auditorium near the Texas border provided employment to an area especially hard hit by the dust storms and Depression. In addition, the local area benefitted from the establishment of local educational facilities. In particular, the auditorium/gymnasium provided the opportunity for increased community activities. As a WPA building, the Bishop School Gymnasium is unique in terms of its style, workmanship, and wood construction materials. Within the community, the Bishop School is unique as being representative of the rapidly disappearing country school. It is the only one of three WPA buildings remaining.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Five acres

Quadrangle: Antelope Hills, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Five acres of land, unsurveyed, in the extreme southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 26, T 18 N, R 26 W.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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GAGE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Main and Church Streets, Gage, Oklahoma 040, Ellis County 045

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

OWNER: Gage Board of Education, Box 128, Gage, OK 73843

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Arnett, OK 73832

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Gage School is a one-story rectangular (184' x 40') building constructed of red brick. The building has a flat roof with parapets. The entry facade contains a recessed door under a brick archway framed with pilasters and a scrolled cornice at the roof line. Above the entry is a concrete frieze. Metal encased windows are triple spaced with concrete sills and are located beneath a concrete frieze.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

By providing employment during the Depression for destitute workers near the agricultural and railroad community of Gage, the construction of the Gage School provided an additional service to the community, besides the athletic and educational events it housed. As a WPA building, the school is exceptional in its brick construction materials, quality of workmanship, and state of preservation. Within the community, the building is especially notable because it was the genesis of an unusual enthusiasm for education that continues today.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14-432230-4019140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 1, School House Addition to Gage original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GAGE SWIMMING POOL

LOCATION: East of Gage, Oklahoma 040, Ellis County 045; NW 1/4, Sec. 2, T 21 N, R 24 W.

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

OWNER: The City of Gage, Gage, OK 73843

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Arnett, OK 73832

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Gage Swimming Pool is a rectangular shaped pool (234' x 101') with three sides constructed of poured cement sloping from the south end. The bottom of the pool is earth filled. The sides of the pool have been refurbished and a concrete diving platform is placed at the north end of the pool. A new concrete slab surrounds the pool. The original bathhouse/concession stand on the west side of the pool had been altered by the addition of a partial wood facade.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The WPA constructed swimming pool is an outstanding resource to the community inasmuch as it is, and has been for almost fifty years, the only recreational facility of its kind in Gage and the surrounding area. Authorized and completed when the depression and the dust bowl had blighted the quality of life in general and individual aspirations in particular, the swimming pool and other WPA projects infused money and pride into the community. The pool alone permitted the agency to employ approximately 38,000 man-hours of labor, employment that alleviated destitution and created a resource that improved the quality of life in Gage.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Fargo SE, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All that part of the north half of the SW 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 2, T 21 N, R 24 W, lying south of the A.T. & S.F. Railway, except on a strip forty feet wide on the north side along the railroad.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SHATTUCK WATERWORKS

LOCATION: West First Street, Shattuck, Oklahoma 040, Ellis County 045; SW 1/4, Sec. 20, T 21 N, R 25 W.

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

OWNER: The City of Shattuck, Shattuck, OK 73858

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Arnett, OK 73832

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Shattuck Waterworks consists of two structures: a pumphouse (23' x 17') constructed of red brick and an adjacent round water storage tank (65' in diameter) constructed of poured cement. The pumphouse roof is flat with parapets and false sides. The single door front entry extends from the building on the south side and is crowned by an inscribed concrete frieze. Fixed metal encased windows are singly spaced; two windows are filled with wood inserts. The water storage tank is unaltered. The architectural integrity of the structures is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1942; builder/architect: unknown

In a land parched by successive droughts and plagued by wind driven dust storms, a constant supply of fresh water is a significant resource. The WPA-constructed pumphouse and water storage tank at Shattuck is exceptionally significant because it provided just such a resource during the dust bowl era and continues to supply it to the frequently water-deficit community. Moreover, the waterworks project permitted the employment of destitute agricultural laborers for some 24,000 man-hours, generating revenue that provided a measure of individual economic security and that helped keep mainstreet businesses alive. The Shattuck structures are also significant because they represent a large number of water projects with which the WPA was involved in northwestern Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14-420320-4014720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located on West First Street, the property is the southeast one acre in the SE 1/4, SW 1/4 in Sec. 20, T 21 N, R 25 W.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 4-a; 4-b