

KAY WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Blackwell Armory	X	X
Chilocco Indian School Campus	X	X
Newkirk Bathhouse and Pool	X	X
Newkirk Water Purification Plant	X	X
Oakview School	X	X
Ponca City Blaine Stadium/Fieldhouse	X	X
Tonkawa Armory	X	X
Tonkawa Public Library (CWA)	X	

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BLACKWELL ARMORY

LOCATION: Sixth and Doolin Streets, Blackwell, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

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

OWNER: The Oklahoma Military Department, 3501 Military Circle, N.E., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Blackwell National Guard Armory is a two-story, essentially rectangular (126' x 116') building constructed of red brick laid in a running bond. Extending north from the central drill floor is a unit of one and two stories. The roof over the drill floor is arched; elsewhere it is flat. Parapets capped by concrete blocks appear over both segments. The central entryway on the north is recessed, while individual windows are fixed and metal encased. Four garage doorways on the north have segmental arches. Pilasters with vertical insets are crowned with molded concrete, attributes of the building that give it an ornate appearance.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Blackwell Armory is an exceptional resources for the local community and the region. 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. The use of the building by the Oklahoma National Guard for the past 50 years underscores its significance. There 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 Blackwell. Construction of the armory poured wages from some 68,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy during a critical portion of the depression, materially improving the community's economic condition and 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: Blackwell, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 652440 4075080

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Sixth and Doolin Streets go

141 feet east, 150 feet south, 141 feet west and 150 feet north in Block 4, Northend Addition, Blackwell original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 10-a; 10-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHILOCCO INDIAN SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Choctaw and Comanche, and Creek and Cherokee Streets, Chilocco, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; restricted; present use--none

OWNER: The Department of the Interior, The Bureau of Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, Washington, D.C. 2000

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Chilocco Indian School Campus consists of two WPA buildings: The Government Employees Quarters Building and the Chilocco Print Shop. The Government Employees Quarters Building is a two-story, rectangular (71' x 35') structure constructed of rusticated and cut native stone arranged in a random coursed ashler pattern. The roof is hipped with new shingles, and a chimney is located at the northeast corner. The single entry west doorway is framed by stone pilasters on the sides and a stone awning above. Window openings, presently filled with plywood boards, rise from stone slip sills and reach to the eaves. The structure retains its architectural integrity.

The Chilocco Print Shop is a one-story, rectangular (90' x 64') structure constructed of cut native stone. The stone is laid in a random coursed ashler pattern with the lower half of the walls rusticated. The roof is hipped and contains new shingles. The single entry on the west is reached by one concrete step. Now boarded over, single placed window openings utilize stone lug sills. The building's integrity has not been impeached.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938 and 1941; builder/architect: unknown

Chilocco was one of the principal boarding schools operated for Native Americans in the United States and attracted Indian youngsters from across the nation. Its curriculum emphasized vocational training, with its most successful program being the training of print shop personnel. The school published a monthly magazine that circulated throughout the United States. Given the importance of Chilocco as an educational institution in the 1920s and 1930s, BIA and other government employees frequently visited the facility, but because of its isolation had no place to stay. The Quarters Building addressed that problem and symbolized the significance of Chilocco as a national institution. The Print Shop suggested the school's vocational emphasis and illustrated its national reputation in the field of Indian journalism. Both buildings, therefore, are exceptionally significant because of their relationship to Indian education. They are also exceptional in that they were built for a federal agency, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and by a labor force drawn primarily from Oklahoma's Indian population. WPA structures built by the government for the government with Indian labor are rare! Architectural style, type and materials also make them unique within the community. The two helped revitalize the depressed economy of northern Oklahoma and southern Kansas in

that construction of them provided wages from nearly 58,000 man-hours of labor that were spent locally. Given useful work and a paycheck, laborers salvaged their pride and prevented their family's further impoverishment.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: A-14 671930 4094860; B-14 671930 4094810

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Choctaw and Commanche Streets, go 98 feet north to a point of beginning, then 80 feet east, 90 feet north, 80 feet west, and 90 feet south to the point of beginning; then go 54 feet north from the northwest corner of the above described tract to a p.o.b., then 50 feet east, 75 feet north, 50 feet west, and 75 feet south to the p.o.b.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 11-a; 11-b; 11-c; 11-d

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OAKVIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ponca City, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071; SW 1/4, Sec. 20, T 26 N, R 3 E.

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

OWNER: Greg Husen, Rt. 2, Box 55, Ponca City, OK 74601

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Oakview School is a single-story, rectangular (45' x 30') structure constructed of rusticated native stone laid in a random coursed pattern. The gable roof has an interior chimney and a cross gable that forms a porch supported by four wood columns over the recessed front entry. Window openings with concrete slip sills reach to the eaves in the classrooms. Despite renovation into a private residence that enclosed the rear windows with wood inserts, the schoolhouse retains much of its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941-1942; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure in northwestern Oklahoma, the Oakview school is most unique in that it employs native stone as a construction material. Moreover, it is one of the few WPA-constructed, two-room school buildings remaining in the northwestern counties. The structure is also significant because its construction had a direct impact upon the rural community surrounding Oakview during and after the depression. Some 12,000 man-hours of wages were poured into the local economy; jobless agricultural workers earned a paycheck and salvaged their pride; and interest in education improved remarkably. Finally, conversion of the school into a private home demonstrates how suitable WPA buildings are for adaptive reuse.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Ponca City, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 677470 4065060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go three miles east of the Pioneer Woman Monument in Ponca City and one-half mile north to one acre of land located in the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 26 N, R 3 E, beginning at the NW corner of said 1/4 section, thence east 10 rods, south 16 rods, thence west 10 rods, thence north 16 rods to place of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 14-a; 14-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BLAINE STADIUM AND FIELDHOUSE

LOCATION: Fifth and Brookfield Streets, Ponca City, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

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

OWNER: Ponca City School Board, 31 Stoneridge, Ponca City, OK 74601

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Situated on the north side of the Ponca City High School athletic field, Blaine Stadium is a single-level, rectangular (640' x 55') grandstand constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. The masonry is excellent. The structure rises 15 tiers to meet the rear wall which steps up to a centrally placed cornice. The grandstand is entered via five walk-through passages.

The Blaine Stadium Fieldhouse is located just west of the grandstands. Constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone, the rectangular (ca. 74' x 29') structure has a roof with end gables sided with wood. There are one double and three single door entryways, while on the east end windows serve as concession stand counters.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The Blaine Stadium and Fieldhouse are significant for the immediate and long-range impact they have had upon the Ponca City community. At the depth of the depression and the onset of the Dust Bowl, construction of the facility poured wages for 32,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy, helping to revitalize the mainstreet hit hard by the decline of the oil industry and of the value of agricultural products. Construction also enabled jobless workers to find meaningful employment, which in turn prevented the total destitution of the family and revived self-pride. The facility also contributed to the social and educational life of the community. Architecturally, the structure was unique to the community in terms of type, construction materials and style. As a WPA facility it demonstrated the breadth of the agency's definition of a "useful" project, suggesting that recreation and athletic contests were critical to recovery from the depression. The lasting benefit of the Blaine Stadium and Fieldhouse is reflected by the fact that they are both in use one-half century later.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Three acres

Quadrangle: Ponca City, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A-14 671800 4065170; B-14 671700 4065150; C-14 671650 4065150

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at the intersection of Fifth and Brookfield Streets, go east 624 feet, south 208 feet, west 624 feet, and north 208 feet, all in Blaine Park, Cross Townsite.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 15-a; 15-b; 15-c; 15-d

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEWKIRK BATHHOUSE AND SWIMMING POOL

LOCATION: Peach and Tenth Streets, Newkirk, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

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

OWNER: The City of Newkirk, Newkirk, OK 74647

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Newkirk Bathhouse is a single-story, rectangular (51' x 26') structure constructed of poured concrete. The bathhouse roof is flat and the walls above the windows and around the front door are decorated with offsets and incising. Single spaced window openings have been filled in with concrete. Despite this, the building retains its hint of art deco style and integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The Newkirk Bathhouse and Swimming Pool are significant because they demonstrate the commitment of the WPA to the provision of facilities that would enhance the quality of life in a rural and drought stricken community. Recreational improvements were designed to lift the spirits of a people weighed down by the consequences of a national economic depression compounded by searing heat. Additionally, the facility impacted the community in a more tangible way: it poured wages from some 16,800 man-hours of labor into the local economy, helping to revitalize main street. These wages also lightened the burden of the depression for previously jobless workers, addressing the problems of hunger and self-pride. Architecturally, the facility is notable locally for its art deco style, poured concrete construction material, and recreational type.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 672500 4083000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 9 through 16, Block 16, Academy Addition to Newkirk original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 12-a; 12-b

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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEWKIRK WATER PURIFICATION PLANT

LOCATION: Tenth and Elm Streets, Newkirk, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

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

OWNER: The City of Newkirk, Newkirk, OK 74647

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Newkirk Water Purification Plant is a rectangular (110' x 26') structure with second story rooms at the north and south ends of the filtration pool, all of which is constructed of poured concrete. The roofs on the second story rooms are gabled. A single door entryway in the second story is reached by a flight of stairs: the entry on the north end is reached by a catwalk over the filtration pool. Fixed metal windows are single spaced with concrete slip sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Newkirk Water Purification Plant was important in providing an efficient waterworks system to this community. It suggested the wide variety of useful projects undertaken by the WPA and the agency's commitment to addressing basic problems resulting from the drought plaguing the region. In addition, the project created temporary employment of jobless workers in the area during the Depression and improved civic morale. Wages for some 19,000 man-hours of labor helped to revive the local economy. As a WPA structure, the facility is notable for its type as well as its unusual style. Within the community, the water plant is unique in terms of its type, style, and construction materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 673700 4083000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 and 2, Block 50, Newkirk original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 13-a; 13-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TONKAWA ARMORY

LOCATION: Third and North Streets in Tonkawa, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

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

OWNER: Tonkawa School Board, Box 10, Tonkawa, OK 74653

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Tonkawa National Guard Armory is a two-story, rectangular (136' x 124') structure constructed of native limestone which has been cut, rusticated, and laid in a random coursed ashler pattern. The flat roof with parapets is built of concrete with coverings of asphalt and building paper, except over the drill hall, where an arched gable roof is constructed of steel. On the south side are located four garage doors under brick round arches. Centrally located is a single doorway recessed within an extended segment of the wall. Fixed metal windows are single spaced with stone slip sills. The armory retains its architectural integrity despite the attachment of a concrete block addition to the east side and a metal addition on the west side.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Bryan Nolen, State WPA architect, and K. Ahler, District Architect

Construction of the Tonkawa National Guard Armory was significant as being representative of the WPA concern for national defense. Until recently, the armory served as a training center for local National Guard units. Moreover, the project provided jobs for unemployed workers during the Depression. The building contractor, Robert Schwab, reported that the "outstanding feature" in the construction of the building was the conversion of the labor force into efficient and skilled workers. It also poured wages from some 68,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Schwab noted too that as a WPA project, the armory was impressive due to its "massive size, architectural beauty, and its sense of security and stability." The armory remains notable architecturally for its scale, style, type, workmanship, materials, and state of preservation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 651640 4061660

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Nominated property is described as follows: in the University Preparatory School Second Addition, Tonkawa original from the intersection of North and Third Streets, go 89 feet east and 44 feet north to point of beginning; then 124 feet

east, 136 feet north, 124 feet west, 136 feet south to point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 16-a; 16-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TONKAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCATION: Seventh and North Streets, Tonkawa, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

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

OWNER: The City of Tonkawa, Tonkawa, OK 74653

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Tonkawa Public Library is a single-story, almost square (59' x 56') structure constructed of rusticated and cut native stone laid in a random coursed ashler pattern. The roof is flat with parapet. The west entrance is a single doorway centrally located on a protruded segment of the building. The door is new and is shaded by a metal awning. Fixed metal windows with stone lintels and lug sills are spaced singly or in pairs. The upper portions of the walls are decorated with stone friezes, pilasters, and archways. The library retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

The Tonkawa Public Library is significant as an excellently preserved F.E.R.A. project, a predecessor of the WPA. The building also serves as an example of the national government's concern with aiding in the development of educational centers. Construction of the building provided a sense of optimism to the community in addition to creating short-term jobs for unemployed workers during the Depression. As a project associated with the WPA, the library is significant for its type, style, workmanship, materials, and state of preservation. Within the community, the structure is unique in terms of its type and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 30, 31, and 32, Block 7, Tonkawa original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none