

MAJOR WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Cleo Springs City Park Fence	X	
Fairview Fire Station	X	
Major County Exhibit/Livestock Bldg.	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

CLEO SPRINGS CITY PARK STONE FENCE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Cleo Springs, Oklahoma 040, Major County 093; Sec. 1, T 22 N, R 12 W

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

OWNER: The City of Cleo Springs, Cleo Springs, OK 73729

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Major County Courthouse, Fairview, OK 73737

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Cleo Springs City Park Stone Fence is an L-shaped fence (180' x 2' x 255' x 2') constructed of uncut and random native stone with a jagged top resembling battlements. The fence rises from a height of three and one-half feet to six feet on either side of the entrance located on the north side. The stone fence retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Significantly, construction of the Cleo Springs City Park and Stone Fence provided desperately needed employment to approximately 15 jobless workers of this agricultural community during the Depression. In addition, the project created a recreational area for the city which also stimulated local civic pride. As a WPA structure, the stone fence is notable in terms of its type, style, materials, and workmanship. Within the community, the fence is unique for its type and materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Cleo Springs, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Starting at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 22 N, R 12 W thence south 720 feet, thence west 320 feet, thence south 400 feet, thence west 260 feet, thence north 1160 feet to the point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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FAIRVIEW FIRE STATION

LOCATION: Broadway and Sixth Streets, Fairview, Oklahoma 040, Major County 093

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present
use--fire/police station

OWNER: City of Fairview, Fairview, OK 73737

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Major County Courthouse, Fairview, OK 73737

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original

The Fairview Fire Station is a two-story, rectangular (69' x 45') building constructed of poured concrete. It has a flat roof with parapets. Pilasters that extend above the roof line and a brick frieze on the west and north sides of the structure provide decorative relief. Three garage doorways are on the west. Second level windows are metal encased and are in single and double arrangements. Unfortunately, the first level window openings have been filled with buff colored bricks, an alteration that impeaches the architectural integrity of the original structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

The Fairview Fire Station is significant because of its art deco architectural style and because construction of it provided job opportunities for agricultural workers who had been made destitute by the depression and drought conditions on the plains. It is also a symbol of a national government committed to the preservation of a people instead of an economic system that was based upon self-help. The station has also provided important community services, fire protection, for almost one-half of a century.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 54890 4013650

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of 6th and Broadway streets, go south to the alley on the west side of 6th Street to a point of beginning, and then go 85 feet east, 50 feet north, 85 feet west, and 50 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MAJOR COUNTY EXHIBIT/LIVESTOCK BUILDING

LOCATION: Highland and Twelfth Streets, Fairview, Oklahoma 040, Major County 093; SW 1/4, Sec. 27, T 21 N, R 12 W

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

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Major County Courthouse, Fairview, OK 73737

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Major County Courthouse, Fairview, OK 73737

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Major County Exhibit/Livestock Building was constructed in two segments: the exhibit facility on the north in 1938, and the livestock annex in 1940. Together the two segments are rectangular (180' x 156') and were constructed of poured concrete. The exhibit unit is two story, contains a flat roof with parapets, and has a distinct art deco flavor--the latter suggested by rounded corners, fixed metal encased windows on brick sills, cube-like units, and vertical lines of opaque glass on the front. An entry of three double doors is recessed beneath a concrete awning. The exhibit segment is single story and has a flat roof of concrete that in three places is elevated above the main roof line the entire length of the building. The elevated portions of the roof cover window openings along its sides and provide ventilation for the building. There are three double doors on the north and one each on the east and west sides of this segment of the structure. Windows are filled with opaque glass and rest on brick slip sills. A small concrete block addition on the southwest corner of the building does not impeach its original architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938/1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Major County Exhibit/Livestock Building is of unusual significance because of its economic and social impact upon the local community. Constructed following the devastating droughts of 1936 and 1937 that wiped out crops for two consecutive years, the project was designed to put to work destitute but unskilled agricultural workers and to revitalize the local economy. It helped to do just that, pouring wages for some 56,000 man-hours of labor into the community and providing income for families previously destitute. The facility is also significant because it meshed so completely with the agricultural profile of the county, providing space to exhibit products of the farm and to learn techniques that would improve production. Architecturally, it is notable locally and statewide for its art deco style, poured concrete construction, and type. Few WPA agricultural buildings in Oklahoma paid as much attention to academic architecture.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14 547460 4013170

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From a point 1248 feet north and 208 feet west of the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T 21 N, R 12 W, go 208 feet north, 208 feet west, 208 feet south and 208 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 17-a; 17-b; 17-c