

ADAIR WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

<u>Property</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
Baron School	X	X
Cave Springs School and Gymnasium	X	X
Christie School	X	
Elm Grove School	X	
East Peavine School	X	
West Peavine School	X	
Proctor School II	X	
Rabbit Trap School	X	
Rock Springs School	X	
Skelly School	X	
Starr School	X	
Stilwell City Hall	X	
Stilwell High School	X	X
Taylor School	X	X
Ward School	X	
Watts Community Building	X	X
Watts High School Addition	X	
Westville High School	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

BARON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SW 1/4, Sec. 26, T 17 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Baron Community Center and Church, Rt. 2, Westville, OK 74965

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This two room, rectangular shaped (45 x 75) building is constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone with beaded mortar. The hipped roof with projecting eaves forms a center gable. Front and side entryways are recessed behind cut stone arches with keystones. Two bands of double-hung, metal sash windows are located on both the front and the rear of the building. The windows have concrete sills and concrete lintels which reach to the roofline; a singly placed sash window rests on the rear of the structure. The building is fronted by a 249' rock wall. A concrete addition has been built onto the structure but it has not destroyed the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The Baron school constituted a remarkable community resource in that the wages earned by the laborers were infused back into the local community stimulating the economy. Its construction provided jobs for local residents stricken by the economic depression and helped to preserve a sense of pride in the community. Architecturally the building is significant in terms of its fine workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 354120 3976230

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 5 miles north of Stilwell on U.S. highway 59 to a point 416 feet east and 416 feet south of the northwest corner of the SW 1/4, Sec. 26, T 17 N, R 25 E, and go east 208 feet, south 208 feet, west 208 feet, and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 1-a; 1-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CAVE SPRINGS SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bunch, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SW 1/4, Sec. 3, T 14 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Cave Springs Board of Education, Rt. 1, Box 177, Stilwell, OK 74969

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This "Y" shaped building measures 112' by 135' and is constructed from cut and rusticated, randomly laid native stone. The roof is gabled with cross gables and arched over the gym. The main entry is centered between the forks of the "Y" and consists of double glass doors protected by an extension of the roof line. The windows are singly placed with concrete sills, most of which have been replaced with wooden inserts and smaller energy efficient windows. Windows on the gym have been covered with fiberglass panels. The walls of the gym were constructed of double rock of about 18 inches in width. Concrete inlays create false arches on the front facade of the structure. A cinder block addition to the west end of the building does not destroy the integrity of this structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The WPA's construction of this building has provided the community with an exceptional community resource. Economically the wages earned from its construction were put back into the local economy helping ease the difficulties created by the limited money supply. Construction of the building also generated employment for men hard pressed to supply their families with the necessities of life. Some 20,000 manhours of labor were generated by this project. Massive double wall construction and the use of false arch concrete inlays make this structure architecturally unique

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 341550 3953800

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 3 miles north of Bunch on a paved county road to a point 624 feet east and 220 feet south of the northwest corner of the SW 1/4, Sec. 3, T 14 N, R 24 E, then go east 208 feet, south 208 feet, west 208 feet and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 2-a; 2-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHRISTIE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Westville, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 12, T 17 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Christie Board of Education, Rt. 2, Westville, OK 74965

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single story rectangular shaped (45 x 75) structure, the Christie school is constructed of cut native stone with random ashlar masonry. The hipped roof has a center gable which forms a porch over the arched and recessed front entryway. The upper portion of the original windows are filled with cement blocks and smaller energy efficient metal sash windows installed. The windows are grouped into bands with concrete sills. A rock wall located east of the building stretches 205 feet. Concrete block additions to both sides of the building impair the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Christie school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those qualities were not widely in evidence.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 8 1/2 miles west of Westville on U.S. highway 62 to a 208 square foot tract in the NE corner of Sec. 13, T 17 N, R 24 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ELM GROVE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; NE 1/4, Sec. 15, T 15 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Elm Grove Baptist Church and Elm Grove Bible Mission, Inc., RR 5, Stilwell, OK 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This essentially rectangular shaped three-room building measures 70' x 40' and is constructed of uncut, slightly coursed native stone. The north 30 feet of the building is wider than the south 40 feet and the gable roof is consequently wider over the northern portion of the structure. The front entryway consists of two wooden doors with concrete lintels; the roofline projects to form a porch over the entries. Windows on the front are double-hung wood sash with concrete sills and lintels; windows on the rear are also wood sash with concrete sills and wooden lintels which reach to the eaves and are grouped into bands. Wooden insets covering the upper portions of the rear windows and a concrete addition to the south end of the structure disqualify this building for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Elm Grove school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. Architecturally the school is unique for its style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Stilwell East, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 6 1/2 miles east of Stilwell on a paved county road. Beginning at the SE corner of the SW SE NE of Sec. 15, T 15 N, R 26 E, go west 269 feet and north 198 feet to a point of beginning, thence north 197 feet, thence west 291 feet, thence south 197 feet, thence east 291 feet

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

EAST PEAVINE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SW 1/4, Sec. 12, T 16 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Calvary Presbyterian Church, Rt. 4, Stilwell, OK 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular shaped (75' x 30') three-room structure is constructed of randomly laid uncut native stone with beaded masonry. The roof is gabled and tied on the end with a pent. There is an arched and recessed entryway on the southwest side of the structure. The Windows are altered with wood insets which allow for smaller energy efficient windows; sills are concrete. Unfortunately a concrete block addition to the west side of the structure destroys the integrity of this attractive building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the East Peavine school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of pride and achievement at a time when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. Architecturally the building is unique in style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: East Stilwell, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 2 miles north of Stilwell on State highway 59, then north on a paved county road 1 1/2 miles, then east 1 mile to a tract that begins 104 feet north and 104 feet west of the southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 12, T 16 N, R 25 E, and goes west 208 feet, north 208 feet, east 208 feet, and south 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PROCTOR SCHOOL II

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 16, T 19 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Benjamin Mott, Rt. 1, Watts, OK 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This rectangular (55' x 30') building is made of light-colored uncut and randomly laid native stone with beaded mortar. The gable roof is covered with tin and has projecting eaves. The main entry is recessed behind an arch with keystone; an additional single wooden door entry on the rear of the building is protected by a hood with brackets and is accessed by a stoop with wing walls. Windows are singly placed or grouped into bands. The single windows have concrete sills and lintels, unfortunately they have been enclosed with concrete block; the upper portion of the band windows is covered with wood inset and smaller metal sash windows installed. The building is distinctive in its use of rather large and irregular shaped stone masonry. Unfortunately the window alterations and a wooden addition to the west side of the structure destroy its integrity and disqualify it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Proctor school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing 12,250 manhours of work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. The school is most unusual in its use of irregular shaped and somewhat large stone.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Commencing at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, T 19 N, R 25 E, running south 3 chains and 62 links, thence west 3 chains and 58 links, to the NE corner of the Proctor School lot, thence south 208 feet 8 inches, thence west 208 feet 8 inches, thence north 208 feet 8 inches, thence east 208 feet 8 inches back to the starting point

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

RABBIT TRAP SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; NW 1/4, Sec. 13, T 16 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Emmit Nolan, 437 Mission Drive, Camerillo CA 93010

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated condition; unaltered; original site

This rectangular (50' x 35'), two-room school is constructed of randomly laid uncut native stone with beaded masonry. The roof is hipped with projecting eaves and a projecting center gable supported by crude wooden columns. The double door front entryway is recessed with an open porch. Double-hung wood sash windows are arranged in pairs and have concrete sills and lintels.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Rabbit Trap school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. Architecturally the building is unique for its projecting gable on hipped roof.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acres

Quadrangle: Stilwell West, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Stilwell on State highway 51 approximately 7 1/4 miles, then north 1/2 mile to a tract of land beginning 416 feet south of the NW corner of Sec. 13, T 16 N, R 24 E, then east 208 feet, south 208 feet, west 208 feet, and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROCK SPRINGS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 7, T 15 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Bible Way Full Gospel Church, Rt. 5, Stilwell, OK 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Built of uncoursed, cut native stone with beaded masonry, this essentially rectangular shaped (25' x 59) building has a small wing centered on its front. The roof is hipped with projecting eaves and an intersecting hip over the wing unit. The front entryway is arched with cut stone keystone and has double wood doors and a wood inset above the doors. Singly placed windows on the front of the building are altered with wood insets and smaller energy efficient windows installed; elsewhere double-hung wood sash windows are grouped into bands with cut stone sills. The window alterations are minor and have not damaged the integrity of the structure. Its integrity has been compromised by a hole in the west wall which along with the consideration that it was probably constructed by the CWA disqualifies it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1934; builder/architect: OKla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school constituted a significant community resource both presently and when it was built. The wages earned by the construction workers went back into the local business community thus stimulating the economy. Today the structure serves as a spiritual center for area residents. Actual construction provided employment for farmers struggling to support their families during this nation's worst economic depression. Architecturally the building is unique for its hip on hip roof.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: East Stilwell, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 3 miles east of Stilwell on State highway 100 to the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 7, T 15 N, R 26 E, thence running south 10 rods, thence west 16 rods, thence north 10 rods, thence east 16 rods to the point of origin

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SKELLY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 20, T 19 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Skelly Board of Education, Rt. 1, Watts, OK 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular shaped building measures 25'x 40' and is constructed from uncoursed and irregular shaped native stone with beaded mortar. Its gable roof has projecting eaves and is stepped. Two recessed entryways are located on the east and west behind arches with cut stone keystones; the west entry has a hood with brackets. Two bands of metal sash windows reach to the eaves on the west and have concrete sills. Additions to both sides of the structure have destroyed its integrity and disqualify it for inclusion on the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Skelly school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. Architecturally the building is unique for its stepped roof design.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow highway 59 south of Watts 2 1/2 miles, then go west 10 1/2 miles on paved county road to a tract of land beginning at the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 19 N, R 24 E, thence north 90 yards, thence west 105 yards, thence south 90 yards, thence east 105 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STARR SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 8, T 15 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: George Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 29, Stilwell, OK 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This single story, rectangular shaped (35' x 43') building is constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone with beaded mortar. The new gable roof has a roof overhang and wood siding under the gable. The original doorway and windows in the front have been filled with stone. Elsewhere the singly placed windows have been modified and replaced with new metal sash windows. There is a porch on the front of the building. Alteration of the doorways and windows combined with stone and concrete additions to the rest of the structure destroy the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Starr school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing 6898 manhours of work for depression stricken farmers. These wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those qualities were not widely in evidence. The masonry exhibited on this building is exceptional and of a quality rarely found in modern structure of like kind.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than an acre

Quadrangle: Stilwell West, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 2 miles west of Stilwell on State highway 100, then south 1.7 miles, then west 1/10 of a mile to a tract of land that begins at a point 728 feet east and 208 feet north of the southwest corner of the SE 1/4, Sec. 8, T 15 N, R 26 E, and goes 208 feet north, 208 feet east, 208 feet south, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STILWELL CITY HALL

LOCATION: 10 West Oak, Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: The City of Stilwell, Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This essentially rectangular shaped (50' x 78') building is constructed of uncut native stone laid in a cobweb pattern with beaded mortar. The roof is flat with parapets capped with concrete. The front entryway is framed with stone pilasters and lintel capped by a stepped cornice evocative of Mission style. The metal sash windows are singly placed with concrete sills. A single garage entry on the front is framed with pilasters. Unfortunately an addition to the side of the structure has destroyed its integrity and disqualifies it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant for its encompassing design. It houses city offices, a storage garage, an ambulance garage, fire equipment, the police department and the city and county jail. Architecturally it is unique for its faint Mission style and the quality of its workmanship. Its importance to the community is suggested by its continued use by the city fathers. Construction of the City Hall generated 76,000 manhours of labor which gave many persons an opportunity to regain their self respect and a measure of economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stilwell West, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 8, Block 38, Stilwell original

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STILWELL HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Second and Ash Streets, Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: Flaming Rainbow University, Mabee campus, Second and Ash Streets, Stilwell, OK 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The old Stilwell High School is a single story "L" shaped structure measuring 175' along the west front and 94' on the north side. It is constructed of cut and rusticated, most colorful native stone laid in a random pattern. The roof is flat with parapets capped by pre-formed concrete blocks. Modified stepped pilasters provide decorative relief on the front, while entryways are recessed and covered with a pre-formed, curved concrete awning. Windows are arranged by twos and threes with continuous lintels and generally with continuous sills. The building was apparently attached to a pre-existing gym on the south and a classroom section on the northeast. These structures do not impair the integrity of the WPA building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant as an economic resource for the community. Approximately 112,500 manhours of labor were spent in completing the building. The wages from the labor were infused back into the local community helping to fuel the economy and counteract the problems of a limited money supply. Its size also suggests that large numbers of men were employed in the actual construction of this structure, many of these men might otherwise have not been able to feed their families given the dire economic conditions of the time. Educationally the structure has served and continues to serve the educational needs of the area. As a high school the structure provided for consolidation of several districts into a single district with improved facilities. Today the school houses Flaming Rainbow University a largely Indian facility.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stilwell West, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 353020 3964880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the northwest corner of Block 11, Stilwell original plat go south 225 feet, east 150 feet, north 225 feet, and west 150 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 4-a; 4-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TAYLOR SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; NW 1/4, Sec. 5, T 18 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Taylor Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Watts, OK 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The old Taylor school is a single story, rectangular shaped (76' x 30') building constructed of randomly laid, uncut native sandstone with beaded mortar. It has a stepped gable roof with projecting eaves. The front entry is arched with cut stone keystone and a single wooden door. Two pairs of double-hung wood sash windows with concrete sills and lintels are located on the front facade while two bands of double-hung wood sash windows that reach to the eaves and have concrete sills are located on the rear of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school is significant because the wages earned during its construction were infused back into the local community and helped fuel local business during the depression. It provided jobs for farmers suffering from drought and the depression. As an educational facility the structure provided modern facilities and an environment conducive to learning. The pride in community engendered by the construction of this facility is evident in the high level of care exhibited in the masonry.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 349715 3993300

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south from Watts 3.2 miles on U.S. highway 59, then west 4.9 miles, then north .8 of a mile to a 208 foot square tract of land in the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 5, T 18 N, R 25 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 5-a; 5-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WARD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 33, T 19 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Geraldine Whitten, Rt. 1, Box 201, Westville, OK 74965

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This three-room, T-shaped building measures 124' x 30' and is constructed of uncut and randomly laid multicolored native stone. The roof is gabled and stepped with projecting eaves. It has an arched front entryway with cut stone keystone and a single wooden door. The windows are singly placed with concrete sills and lintels. Unfortunately an addition has been added which destroys the architectural integrity of the structure and disqualifies it for inclusion on the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Ward school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two and one-fourth acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south from Watts 2.3 miles on U.S. highway 59, then west 3.2 miles on unpaved county road, then north .2 of a mile to a point of beginning at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 33, T 19 N, R 25 E, thence west 315 feet, thence north 315 feet, thence east 315 feet, thence south 315 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WATTS COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: Main and Second Streets, Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: Community of Watts, Watts, Ok 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This rectangular shaped (87' x 48') structure is constructed from uncut random rubble with crude masonry. It has a gambrel-like roof with wood siding in the gable. There is only one entryway located on the south end of the structure having double doors and transom. Windows are singly placed 6/6 wood sash.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This structure was built in the early days of the WPA's existence. This is reflected in the crude masonry and simple design of the building. Construction of this building and a surrounding park provided 62,000 manhours of labor for depression stricken residents of Watts and the surrounding area. These wages were infused back into the local economy helping to ease the problems of the limited money supply. Employment preserved a sense of pride for many men who might otherwise have been unable to adequately feed and clothe their families.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 358295 3996725

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Main and Second Streets, go north 110 feet, east 65 feet, south 110 feet, and west 65 feet, in Block 12, Watts original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 6-a; 6-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WATTS HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

LOCATION: Unmarked streets, Watts, Okla. 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: Watts Board of Education, Box 10, Watts, OK 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; builder/architect--unknown

This rectangular shaped (31' x 52') addition to the west end of the pre-existing structure is constructed from brick and consists of two stories. The roof is flat with concrete capping on the parapets. The main entryway is accessed by stairs enclosed with sidewalls having concrete capping. The double glass doors are framed by pilasters and a triangular cornice. An additional entry is located on the sublevel and is protected by a rock retaining wall. The sash windows are grouped into triples with concrete sills. A raised brick beltcourse surrounds the building near the level of the roofline. The fact that this work constitutes only an addition to a pre-existing structure disqualifies it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of this addition to the Watts High school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. The building is also significant for its fine quality workmanship exhibited in its brickwork.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of block 18 in Watts original

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WESTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Chincapin and Park Avenue Streets, Westville, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: Westville Board of Education, Rt. 2, Westville, OK 74965

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This two-story, "T" shaped (196' x 120') building is constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone. The flat roof has Mission style parapets with concrete coping. The front entryway is recessed behind an arcaded brick portico with balcony. Windows are placed in singles, pairs and triples. They are sash with concrete sills and framing. Hoods supported with brackets and covered with spanish tile cover the upper level windows and the front of the portico. Concrete friezes on the front facade and decorative brickwork on the portico add distinction to this structure. A concrete addition to the north end of the building is not significant enough to impair the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant for its Mission style architecture which is in many respects unique for WPA buildings in Oklahoma. It is exceptionally beautiful and has no equal in the area in terms of size and quality of workmanship. Many man hours of labor went into its completion. The money earned by the laborers went back into the community helping to stimulate the economy during the depression. The structure continues to serve as an economic resource for the community as teacher and other school personnel salaries are infused back into the local economy. The degree to which such a structure helped foster a sense of pride and achievement is hard to understand out of the context of the depression times during which it was built.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 15 358220 3983590

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 57, Westville original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 7-a; 7-b