MUSKOGEE WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

Property	<u>OL I</u>	NR
Boynton Armory	X	
Braggs School/Gymnasium	X	
Du Bois Grade School (Summit)	X	X
Elm Grove School	X	
Fort Gibson School/Gymnasium	X	X
Haskell Armory	X	X
Heff School	X	X
Keefton School	X	X
Lone Star School	X	X
Muskogee Armory	X	X
Muskogee Fairgrounds 4-H Club Bldg.	X	
Muskogee High School Athletic Field/Stadium	X	X
New Hope School	X	
Popes Chapel	X	X
Porum Town Hall	X	X
Sequoyah School	X	
Sims School	X	
Sunny Slope School	X	X
Wainwright School and Gymnasium	X	X
Webbers Falls Junior and Senior High Schools	X	
Valley Summit School	X	
Connor's State College Administrative Bldg.	X	X

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOYNTON ARMORY

LOCATION: Porter Avenue and Third Street, Boynton, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: Oklahoma Military Dept., 3501 Military Circle NE, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

This esentially rectangular (120'x 140') building is constructed of red brick laid with a running bond. Over the central drill floor unit the roof is arched, while elsewhere it is flat. Both segments have parapets. The main double door entry is recessed in an archway and framed by pilasters that extend above the roofline which are joined by a stepped cornice. The pilasters, cornice and side walls into the entrance are capped with rusticated native stone of buff color. The use of native stone is a motif also used on corner pilasters and at the roof line, the latter lending a crennelation affect. There is also decorative brickwork above the windows. There are four vehicle entryways on the west side, one of which has been enclosed with bricks. Elongated window openings, with a cut stone sill, have also been enclosed with red brick or cinder blocks. Unfortunately, the window and door alterations have impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This building is situated in the heart of the city of Boynton, which is a predominantly black community. It allowed this community to participate in Oklahoma's military prepardness during World War II. Architecturally, the armory is unique in terms of materials in that brick WPA structures are unusual in northeastern Oklahoma. Moreover, nothing in Boynton compares to the structure in terms of scale. This WPA project also gave work to those desperatley in need of it and infused wages from almost 75,000 man-hours of labor into Boynton's economy.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 5 and Lots 13 through 16, Boynton Original.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BRAGGS SCHOOL/GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Braggs, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; Sec. 28, T 16 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 567, Braggs, OK 74423

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular (85' x 170') structure of approximately eight rooms is constructed of uncut native stone of buff colors in a masonry of random rubble. The roof of the school is flat with parapets, while the gym's roof is arched. The two-door entryway contains a square arch and cut limestone pilasters on each side that extend beyond the roof. The windows are placed singly and in threes and have brick sills; some have been filled with brick. New energy-efficient windows were later added, the structure has been painted yellow, and several additions of metal and cinder block have been attached to the building. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This school/gymnasium is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for some 61,000 man-hours of labor for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy and helped to soften the blow for mainstreet. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. The educational significance of the school is apparent in that it has served for almost fifty years as an educational facility for children of the community. Architecturally, the structure is an excellent example of vernacular styles that symbolize a major historical epoch.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Braggs, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The building is situated on the northeast edge of Braggs, specifically in the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 28, T 14 N, R 20 E.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DU BOIS GRADE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma, 040, Muskogee County 101

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

use--educational

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 429, Rt. 2, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This rectangular (29' x 100') school building is constructed of uncut native stone of auburn color in a masonry of random rubble. The roof is flat with parapets. The doorway is recessed behind an arched entryway which contains a triangular arch above it that reaches beyond the roof. There is also lunette just above the entryway. The windows are very large or very small and were used to add decorative elements to the structure. All of these windows have concrete sills and all windows have partial wood inserts. The brick structure on its north side was the original Summit school building to which the WPA structure was attached. It and the window alterations do not impeace the original architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

DuBois School is located in a predominantly black city, which makes it particularly important in Oklahoma. This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy and help to minimize the impact of the financial crisis on mainstreet. Jobs generated by the construction of the school enabled previously destitute men to provide for their families and restored a sense of pride in their own manhood. The educational significance is apparent in that the school has served for many years as the only educational facility in the black community. Architecturally, the structure is notable for its vernacular style and its remarkable workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Quadrangle: Muskogee SW, Okla. Acreage: Less than one acre 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 280670 3949670

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 14 N, R 18 E, go 832 feet west as the point of beginning, then go north 416 feet, west 208 feet, south 416 feet, and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 54-a; 54-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ELM GROVE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; NW 1/4, Sec. 14, T 13 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Mrs. Ella Goff, Route 2, Box 306, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Elm Grove School is a two-room, single story rectangular (42' x 27') structure constructed of uncut huge rocks laid randomly but with some interest in an ad hoc design. The mortar is beaded. The roof is hipped with an intersecting center gable that extends beyond the front entrance and is supported by six wood shafts on rock piers. The single door front entry has a pre-formed concrete lintel; an identical side door is covered with a gabled awning and, like the front door, reached by a concrete stoop. Wood sash windows on the west front are singly placed, while window openings on the rear have concrete sills and reach to the eaves. The rear window openings have been reduced in size with cinder blocks and smaller, more energy efficient sash windows installed. This alteration impeaches the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education Pattern Book

This one room school is significant because it inaugurated an era of modern education in an isolated and rural community and because construction of it significantly blunted the impact of the national depression of the 1930s in the region. Wages for some 13,000 manhours of labor enabled previously destitute and unemployed men to provide for their families, and those same wages when spent helped save local commercial establishments from financial ruin. Moreover, the building is significant because of its vernacular architecture, especially the remarkably large building stone.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: 15 294510 3942800

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go ten miles south on U.S. 64 and five miles east on paved county road from Muskogee to the northwest acre (208 square feet) in Sec. 14, T 13 N, R 19 E.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FORT GIBSON SCHOOL/GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: South East Avenue and East Poplar Streets, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: The City of Fort Gibson, City Hall, Fort Gibson, OK 74434

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The school/gym is a single-story, E-shaped (171' x 124' at the outside edges), approximately twelve room building constructed of tooled native stone of buff and auburn colors in a random pattern. The roof of the school is gabled, has eyebrow gables as vents and has intersecting cross gables, while the roof of the gym is arched with parapets. The double sash wood windows of the classroom rest on continuous or slip sills, rise to the eaves, and are placed by twos or threes. In the gym the windows are metal encased. The double door front entry with fan lights is recessed behind an arch, the sides of which are constructed of interlaced brick and white stone and the voussoir and keystone of which are fashioned from pre-formed concrete. An identical theme is carried out on symetrically placed gabled facades. The gym has unique petruding pilasters topped with concrete.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school/gymnasium is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. For them WPA income was literally the difference between life and death. The school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community. Architecturally, the structure is a remarkable example of vernacular style, and the pattern masonry is unique for WPA structures.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Muskogee NE, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 297000 3963750

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The west 200 feet of block 72, Fort Gibson original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 56-a; 56-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HASKELL ARMORY

LOCATION: Spruce and South Creek Streets, Haskell, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: The City of Haskell, City Hall, Haskell, OK 74436

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This rectangular shaped (141' x 120') structure is made of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff colors laid randomly. The roof is flat over the garage section, while over the central drill floor unit it is arched. Parapets capped with oversized cut stones are associated with both. The front entry is framed by side walls as well as pilasters and a cornice that extend above the roof line. There are also pilasters at each corner. Elongated windows with cut stone sills are metal encased, above which on the front is decorative red brick work. Four vehicle entries are on the south side.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Haskell Armory was the first major WPA project within the community. It provided wages from some 71,000 man-hours of labor that were infused into the local economy in an attempt to buffer it from the ill effects of the depression and enabled unemployed, destitute workers to provide for their families. It also provided the city with the opportunity to engage young men in military training and prepardness during World War II. Architecturally, the building is unique within the Haskell region in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 258420 3966710

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 63, Lots 7 through 12, Haskell original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 57-a; 57-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HEFF SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Webbers Falls, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; NE 1/4, Sec. 11, T 11 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Alfred Childers, Rt. 1, Webber's Falls, OK 74470

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This two-room rectangular (75' x 35') structure is constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors and is laid according to a criss-cross pattern. The roof is gabled with an intersecting center gable that extends over the recessed, two single door main entrance. On the front the sash windows are paired, reach to the eaves, and have concrete sills. On the rear the windows are larger, but like two of those on the front have been decreased in size with wood inserts and more energy efficient windows installed. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically and educationally important community resource. Its construction provided wages from some 17,000 man hours of labor for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Equally important is that the school enabled teachers to institute a modern educational curriculum for the community and continued to serve for many years as an educational facility for children of this rural and remote region. Architecturally, this WPA project is a remarkable example of vernacular styles and most notable for the rock work that rises to the level of an artistic expression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Holt Mountain, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 304840 3924720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of Webbers Falls 4 1/4 miles then west on county road two miles to the school site in the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 11, T 11 N, R 20 E, specifically running north to south 416 feet wide and east to west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 58-a

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KEEFTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; SE 1/4, Sec. 24, T 13 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Steve Syner, Rural Route 7, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This four-room shoool is a single-story rectangular (58' x 32') structure constructed of uncut rusticated native stone of auburn and buff colors in a mansonry of random rubble. The roof is gabled with an intersecting cross gable over the main entrance facade on the east side of the building, behind which the door is recessed in an archway. There are also two interior chimneys. Both end entrances are recessed behind arched entryways. Wood sash windows resting on cut stone sills reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This school is significant because its construction provided both educational and economic benefits to the community at a critical moment in the history of the nation and over time. Its construction enabled men made destitute by the depression to provide for themselves and their families, and the wages paid to them once spent on Keefton's mainstreet buffered the community from the disastrous consequences of the depression. Additionally, the school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community. Architecturally, the structure is symbolic of an enlightened government that placed the salvation of individuals above the salvation of an economic philosophy and is an excellent example of vernacular styles.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

Ouadrangle: Keefton, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 287920 3940410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of Muskogee on U.S. highway 64 some eleven miles to the property that is on the south edge of the Keefton Community, it beginning at a point 416 feet south of the northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24, T 13 N, R 18 E, then goes 208 feet west, 208 feet south, 208 feet east, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 59-a; 59-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LONE STAR SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Warner, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; SE 1/4, Sec. 5, T 12 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Mrs. Loreta Coyle, 9141 E. 26th Street, Tulsa, OK 74129

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Lone Star School is a single story, rectangular (63' x 29') structure constructed of uncut and randomly laid native stone of deep auborn colors. The mortar is beaded. The building has a hipped roof with an intersecting, center gable supported by wood shafts that extends over the recessed, two single door front entry. On the rear, wood sash windows rest on continuous concrete sills and extend to the eaves, the windows now being covered by fiber glass panels. One distinctive feature of the building is a five point star of white stone set in the the south wall.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education Pattern Book

The significance of this structure is that it stands as a mute symbol to a public works program that helped to preserve the the personhood of workers unemployed because of no action of their own by giving them jobs creating useful structures. In turn, the program helped to stimulate the local economy by infusing wages paid the WPA workers and helped to ungrade the quality of education available in Oklahoma's rural and isolated schools. The architecture of the school is exceptional for its vernacular style and the quality workmanship of the so-called reliefers.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

Ouadrangle: Keefton, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 289870 3934885

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Warner go three miles north and one-half mile west to a 208 square foot tract in the southwest corner of the SE 1/4, Sec. 5, T 12 N, R 19 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 60-a; 60-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MUSKOGEE ARMORY

LOCATION: Court and Callahan Streets, Muskogee, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: City of Muskogee, City Hall, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; barely altered; original site

The Muskogee armory is a huge two-story, essentally rectangular shaped (260' x 160) building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff colors. The masonry is of exceptional quality. The roof is flat with parapets capped with cut stone, except over the central drill floor unit where the roof is arch and parapets are absent. Two door entryways are situated on three sides of the building, but they are hardly noticed compared to the twelve vehicle entrances included in the building that are situated in segmental archways. Elongated metal encased windows rest on cut stone sills on both levels, and on the upper level stone work above the windows and to the roof line is slightly recessed. With the exception of a very few of the windows on the lower level being enclosed with cinder blocks, this structure's architectural integrity is wholly unaltered. These minor changes certainly do not affect the integrity of the armory.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of this armory provided work for those desperately in need of it during the worst part of the national depression, while it infused wages of some 216,000 man-hours of labor into the Muskogee community. This economic assistance did much to blunt the disastrous effects of the depression in 1936 and 1937. It also contributed to the military prepardness of units of the Oklahoma National Guard, which during World War II would distinguish themselves in the battlefields of North Africa and Italy. Architecturally, the armory is unique as a WPA structure for its massive size, quality of workmanship, and its vernacular style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 286300 3958400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4, 5, 10, and 11, Block 392, Muskogee original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 61-a; 61-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MUSKOGEE FAIRGROUNDS 4-H CLUB BUILDING

LOCATION: Vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--agricultural extension

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Muskogee County, County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The 4-H Club building on the Muskogee County Fairgrounds is a single story structure that is composed to two intersecting units. It measures 210 feet from north to south and 96 feet from east to west. The structure is constructed of colorful uncut native stone laid randomly with beaded mortar. The roof consists of intersecting cross gables and valleys. To the east and west gables are attached smaller gables that extend to cover entryways and are supported by uncut stone piers at either corner. Window openings with concrete sills have all been enclosed with brick inserts. This major alteration has compromised the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The 4-Club building is an excellent example of the interpretation the WPA gave to "useful." The building was used by 4-H Club members during fair time as a dormitory and exhibit hall. Thus its educational and commercial purpose fit well with WPA guidelines. Of course construction also provided needed jobs for unemployed workers whose wages also helped to stimulate the local economy. The structure is also an excellent example of WPA vernacular architecture.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Muskogee SW, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the northwest corner of the fairgrounds go 416 feet south to a point of beginning, and then go 208 feet east, 312 feet south, 208 feet west, and 312 feet north, all in Block 303, Muskogee original.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MUSKOGEE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUMS

LOCATION: North S and Elmira Streets, Muskogee, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

CLASSIFICATION: structures; public; public acquistion--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--athletic

OWNER: Board of Education, Muskogee Public Schools, 507 N. 6th, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Couthhouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Muskogee High School Athletic Field and Stadiums consists of a football field, a track and two grandstands. The football field and the track are identifiable by definition, but the grandstands are rectangular. The west stands extends 286 feet, while the east stands extends 178 feet. Both are constructed from poured concrete which fashions a superstructure and risers. Each stands rises 25 tiers, the interiors of which are accessed via two "tunnels" and walkways at either end. Beneath the stands the superstructure was exposed, although portions betwen the "tunnels" were enclosed with tile blocks to form concession outlets. To the rear of each stands are two ticket booths constructed of poured concrete, even the curved and incised roofs. The exposed superstructure of the west stands has been partially enclosed to form rooms suitable for storage, training, and toliets. These and the addition of a press box atop the west stands have not impeached the integrity of the structures.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Muskogee High School Athletic Field and Grandstands were quickly dubbed the "Indian Bowl." The name came from the fact that Muskogee set in the center of a large concentration of Native Americans and the facility itself was impressive enough to be a "bowl." The community put the complex to immediate use, and the highschool became one of, if not "the" football power in the state of Oklahoma. Graduates of the team went on to the University of Oklahoma where they contributed to a establishing a football powerhouse second to none. If nothing else, the Indian Bowl is significant because it as much as anything else was responsible for the football tradition in Oklahoma. Of course, construction of it put destitute and unemployed laborers to work during the depths of the depression, activity that also infused into the Muskogee mainstreet wages for some 50,000 man-hours of labor. Architecturally, the Indian Bowl constituted the largest football complex built in Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: six acres

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

UTM: A-15 287920 3957950; B-15 287990 3957950

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From a point 104 feet south and 208 feet east of the NW corner of the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, of Sec. 25, T 15 N, R 18 E, go 624 feet north, 416 feet west, 624 feet south, and 416 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 62-a; 62-b; 62-c; 62-d

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEW HOPE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Oktaha, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; SW 1/4, Sec. 21, T 13 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: John H. Robinson, Rt. 1, Box 76, Oktaha, OK 74450

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This one-room, single-story, rectangular (24' x 35') school is constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a masonry of random rubble with beaded mortar. The roof is both gabled and hipped and encompasses a chimney. The windows are placed by threes, reach to the eaves and contain concrete sills. There are small windows on the west side of the structure. What appears to be a pre-existing wooden structure is attached to the northwest side of the school. The general deterioration of the building and the fact that is but an addition to the original school building makes it unacceptable for nomination to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource to the largely black population. Its construction provided wages for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of this school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. The school served for many years as an educational facility for black children of the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Okatah, Okla.
1:24,000.7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles west and one north of Okatah to the school site in a two acre tract in the northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 21, T 13 N, R 18 E.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

POPES CHAPEL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Warner, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; SW 1/4, Sec. 24, T 12 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Bradley Harris, Route 2, Box 75, Warner, OK 74469

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This four-room, single-story, rectangular (49' x 55') school is constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a masonry of random rubble. Placement of the rocks, however, suggest an ad hoc design. The roof is gabled with an intersecting center gable that extends only to the front facade. Beneath the gable in an archway that accesses the front door. Window openings, with both concrete sills and lintels, extend to the eaves. These as well as the front entry have been filled with wood inserts and more energy efficient windows and doors installed. There is a lunette window with shutters near the gable. Alterations have not impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically and educationally important community resource at the time of its construction and since. Its construction provided wages from some 24,000 man-hours of labor for local families which were then infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school enabled unemployed workers to provide for their previously destitute families and restored a sense of worth to their personhood. The school signaled the genesis of modern education in the community, a tradition sustained for many years. Architecturally, the school is unique within the area for its vernacular design and remarkable workmanship suggested by the design built into its rock walls.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Holt Mountain, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 295970 3929890

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Warner on highway 64 for 3.25 miles to the school site on a one acre tract in the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 24, T 12 N, R 19 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 63-a; 63-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PORUM TOWN HALL

LOCATION: West Seminole and N. Second Streets, Porum, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: The City of Porum, City Hall, Porum, OK 74455

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This town hall is a single-story, rectangular (47' x 34') structure constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. Lighter colored stones serve as quoins at the corners. The roof is both gabled and hipped with intersecting valleys. The front and rear entrances are single door and have stoops; only the front entrance is protected with a small lean-to like covering, and are protected. On the east front the wood sash windows are paired and rest cut stone sills. On both sides the window openings have cut stone sills below and flat arches above. These openings have been enclosed with wood inserts, as has a garage entrace on the front.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This building is significant because it provided employment for destitute workers and enabled the infusion of wages of a large number of man-hours into Porum's economy. It is also unique architecturally in terms of type, style, materials, and workmanship. In addition the building enhanced and continues to enhance the operation of town government in Porum.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Porum, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 294160 3914830

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 9 and 10, Block 10, Porum original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 64-a; 64-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SEQUOYAH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; SW 1/4, Sec. 1, T 13 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Farris Brown, Rural Route #2, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This one-room, rectangular (31' \times 56') building is constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. The mansonry is random rubble. The roof is gabled, contains a chimney on the south side, and has a cross gable on the north end that extends as a porch to cover the main entryway. The porch is enclosed with the exception of an archway. The side door is also recessed behind an arch. The sashed windows reach to the eaves and have concrete sills. A concrete addition has been added to the north side of the building; it unfortunately impeahes the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men in that they were able finally for their families. Architecturally, the school is an exceptional of WPA vernacular styles and construction provided long-lasting educational opportunities for children in this rural area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Keefton, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go nine miles south and one-half east of Muskogee on U.S 64, the property being the southwest one acre in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 13 N, R 18 E.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SIMS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Webbers Falls, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; SW 1/4, Sec. 4, T 11 N, R 20 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquistion--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--social welfare

OWNER: Sims Community, Rural Route, Webber Falls, OK 74470

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Sims School building is a single story, rectangular structure constructed of tooled but uncoursed native stone blocks. The mortar is beaded. The roof is hipped with an intersecting cross center gable that extends to cover a recessed front entryway of two single doors. A rear on the north end of the west wall is reached by steps lined by sidewalls. On the rear window openings extend to the eaves. Unfortunately those windows have been enclosed with cinder blocks and smaller, energy efficient windows installed. This alteration has compromised the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education Pattern Book

The Sims school is another example of a structure that had a two fold purpose: to improve the quality of education in a rural and remote area and to provide jobs for unemployed and unskilled workers so that they could provide for their families and in so doing stimulate the depressed economy of the local business community. The Sims school did both. Architecturally it is notable for its cut but unrusticated stone blocks and for its portrayal of WPA vernacular styles.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

Quadrangle: Holt Mountain 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles west and three miles south of Webbers Falls, the school property being a 208 square foot tract in the southwest corner of Sec. 4, T 11 N, R 20 E.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SUNNY SLOPE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Warner, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; NE 1/4, Sec. 35, T 13 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: W.E. Fulston, Rt. 1, Box 45, Warner, OK 74469

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: very good condition; unaltered; original site

This single-story rectangular (26' x 45') structure contains two rooms. It is constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff and auburn colors. The mortar is beaded. The roof is gabled. At either end of the front facade there are two entries recessed behind archways that have arched lentils made with strategically placed stones. The wood sash windows are placed in fours; the openings reach to the eaves and contain concrete sills. The top one-half of the windows have been covered with wood panels which serve as sun screens.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: unknown

This building is significant because it is an outstanding example of a small rural school that was able to provide a more modern educational curriculum as a consequence of the work of the WPA. Equally important is that its construction provided job opportunities during the depths of the depression for unemployed and destitute workers, enabling them to provide for their families and to purchases goods and services that stimulated the local economy. Architecturally, the buildings stands as a remarkable and virtually untouched example of vernacular styles associated with the WPA building program.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 286300 3938140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles north and 2.5 miles west of Warner to a tract 208 feet east to west and 416 feet north to south in the northeast corner of Sec. 35, T 13 N, R 18 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 65-a; 65-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WAINWRIGHT SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Second and Walnut streets, Wainwright, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 188, Wainwright, OK 74468

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This school of eight or more rooms is a rectangular (225' x 67') constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff and auburn colors laid randomly. The roof is hipped with intersecting valleys and gables. The gable ends have stepped parapets; over the gym the roof tails off into a cat slide. On the front facade, the double door main entry with side and transcom lights is located beneath a centrally placed gable and is accessed by steps with sidewalls. Facades that extend down from gables on the ends of the north front have three vertical insets filled with brick. Most of the windows are placed by threes; the windows at the entrance are paired. All windows contain cut limestone sills. The windows of the attached gymnasium are placed in threes and are arched; some have been filled with wood inserts. Elsewhere new energy-efficient windows have been added, but these do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941-42; builder/architect: unknown

The Wainright School and Gymnasium was one of the latter educational complexes constructed in Oklahoma by the WPA. As such it is important architecturally for the maturity of workmanship the structure demonstrates and the sophistication of educational design. It suggest, too, that as late as 1941 the disastrous consequences of the depression were still being felt in southwestern Muskogee County, for the Wainwright project infused wages for some 92,000 man hours of labor into the local agricultural economy. At the same time the project permitted the employment of hard core reliefers who continued out of work despite some general improvement of economic conditions nationwide. Educationally the building is significant because at one stroke the WPA permitted Wainwright to have totally new facilities for every grade level. In Wainwright, the WPA meant educational reformation and academic excellence.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Four acres

Ouadrangle: Wainwright, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A-15 267630 3943750; B-15 267570 3943720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the north edge of Wainwright, the property begin 624 feet north of the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 12, T 13 N, R 16 E, then goes east 416 feet, north 416 feet, west 416 feet and south 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 66-a; 66-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WEBBERS FALLS JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Commercial and Gibson Streets, Webbers Falls, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 188, Webbers Falls, OK 74470

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This H-shaped building is the result of two WPA projects and along the front measures some 136 feet, while along the west side it measures 91 feet. It is constructed of very large uncut native stone of deep auburn colors laid randomly. The roof is flat with parapets. The two front entryways are recessed behind archways, the facades of which extend to triangular arches above the roof line. For decorative effect a second arch extends from the facade of the first. The windows are arranged in threes or in pairs with concrete sills on the front. On the sides they are in bands that extend to the level of interior ceilings. There is a concrete block addition on the south side of the structure, and on the east side there is a pre-existing (1907) auditorium. These alterations and additions have impeached, although not seriously, the general integrity of the building. There is a splendid WPA built fence along the north front of the school grounds.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937 and 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages for more than 40,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally, the school is unique in terms of it vernacular style and the large size of the rock used in its construction. It also provided educational opportunities for children theretofore deprived educationally, opportunities that are still available almost one-half a century later.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Quadrangle: Webbers Falls, Okla. Acreage: Less than one acre

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 24, Lots 1, 2, and 3, Webbers Falls Original.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

VALLEY SUMMIT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Warner, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; NW 1/4, Sec. 28, T 12 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Ronnie Shanks and Cindy Clayton Shanks, Rt. 1, Webbers Falls, OK 74470

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This single-story one room school is rectangular (34' x 46'), and is constructed of cut and crudely coursed native stone. The roof is gabled. The entrance is centrally placed on the front facade and contains a concrete lentil. The windows are singly placed on the west side and reach to the eaves on the east side. All the windows have concrete sills. The north end of the building contains a louver near the roof. Windows on the east side contain wood inserts, and the south wall has been open to create a hugh opening to facilitate loading and storing of hay. This unfortunate "wound" destorys the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State. Dept. of Education Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages from some 6200 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who for the first time in many years were able to provide for their families. Architecturally, the structure is an excellent example of vernacular styles and demonstrates the immaturity of craftmanship that later WPA buildings demonstrated.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Holt Mountain, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Warner on highway no. 64, 6 miles then south on county road 1 mile to the school site, specifically in a one acre tract in the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 28, T 12 N, R 20 E.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CONNOR'S STATE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Warner, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; NW 1/4, Sec. 29, T 12 N, R 19 E

Board of Regents, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, CLASSIFICATION: Student Union Building, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078

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

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Connor's State College Administrative Building is a single story, rectangular (45' x 116') structure constructed of cut and rusticated native sand stone randomly laid. The roof is hipped, with an intersecting central gable that is supported by an extended portion of the front facade. In this facade the principal single door entry is recessed behind an archway. There are other recessed entries at either end. Double hung wood sash windows are singly placed, resting on cut stone sills. Placing a sliding glass doorway on the north end has not impaired the integrity of this structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Conner's State College Administrative Building is a major cultural resource for the Warner community. Its construction poured wages from more than 46,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy, helping mainstreet to withstand some of the ill effects of the depression. Construction also meant jobs to individuals who were on relief rolls and enabled them to provide for their own families. The structure is an exellent example of vernacular architecture, notable also for its remarkable workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Quadrangle: Warner, Okla. Acreage: less than one acre

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 289460 3929960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the west edge of Warner, the property beginns 624 feet west and 104 feet south of the northeast corner of the NW 1/4, Sec. 29, T 12 N, R 19 E, then goes 208 feet west, 208 feet south, 208 feet east, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 67-a; 67-b