OKFUSKEE WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

Property	OLI	NR
Boley Football Field Fence/Grandstand	X	
Clearview School Campus	X	
Graham School Campus	X	X
Grant School	X	X
Mason School Campus	X	X
New Hope School	X	
Okemah Armory	X	
Okemah Athletic Fields and Stadiums	X	X
Okemah City Park/Tennis Court	X	
Okemah Library	X	
Okemah School Agricultural Building	X	X
Paden School/Auditorium	X	X
Rock School	X	
Weleetka Hillcrest Cemetery Fence & Pavilion	X	
Weleetka School Campus	X	X

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOLEY FOOTBALL FIELD FENCE/GRANDSTAND

LOCATION: Oak Street, Boley, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: Boley Board of Education, Box 348, Boley, OK 74829

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Boley football field fence is constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. It is 281 feet long on the north and south sides. The masonry is random rubble. The grandstands are concrete but are slightly deteriorated. A metal fence and backstop have been added, which slightly impeaches the integrity of the bleachers and the fence.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this fence and its bleachers is significant because it provided work for destitute laborers at a time when work opportunities were scarce. It is especially significant because the structure is located in a town with a predominantly black population. Recreational opportunities were enhanced, and the facility is still in use as a baseball field. It is also unique within the city of Boley in terms of scale, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres Quadrangle: Boley, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4 through 11 of Block 13 and Lots 1 through 12 of Block 14 of City View Addition to Boley original.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLEARVIEW SCHOOL CAMPUS (TWO STRUCTURES)

LOCATION: Clearview, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

use--private

OWNER: Weleetka Board of Education, Rt. 1, Weleetka, OK 74880

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Clearview school campus consists of a gymnasium and an agricultural building. The gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (68' \times 72') structure constructed of red brick. The masonry of the building is running bond. The roof is arched with parapets. Windows have been covered with white boards, and the entrances are covered by additions on the north and south sides of the building. These alterations impeach the integrity of the structure.

The vocational training and domestic science building has four rooms and is a single-story, L-shaped (72' x 41') structure constructed of cut, rusticated, and crudely coursed native stone of buff color. The roof is cross-gabled with a tent on the front part of the building. The front door is outlined in concrete. The windows reach to the eaves and have concrete sills. There is a concrete block addition attached to the north side of the building which impeaches the integrity of the structure. The WPA also constructed a rock fence around the entire school grounds, including the science building and gymnasium. This fence is constructed of uncut native stone in auburn and buff colors

SIGNIFICANCE: stone.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

These buildings are unique because they were constructed in a town with a pedominantly black population. Many black unskilled and unemployed laborers were given useful work and some economic security at a time when such opportunities were scarce. As a WPA structure in southeastern Oklahoma, the gymnasium is unique because of its red brick. No other building in Clearview can compare to this gymnasium's scale. It is also unique in terms of type, style, and workmanship. The second building, being specifically for vocational training and domestic science study, makes it unique within the region. Both projects greatly enhanced educational and occupational opportunities for children in the area. Quadrangle: Less than two acres

Clearview, Okla.

UTM: 1:24,000/7.5 min.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 6, Clearview original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GRAHAM SCHOOL CAMPUS (TWO BUILDINGS)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Weleetka, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SW 1/4, Sec. 22, T 10 N, R 12 E.

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

OWNER: Weleetka Board of Education, Rt. 1, Weleetka, OK 74880

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Graham School Campus contains two WPA buildings: a home economics cottage and a gym. The Graham Home Economics Cottage has two rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (50' x 38') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The masonry is beaded. The roof is gabled. The door is recessed behind a stairway and pediments. The windows in front are arranged in groups of three, and wood has been inserted. Smaller windows replace the older inefficient panes. Some of the other window openings have been completely filled with wood. There are small square windows near the eaves on the north and south sides. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

The gymnasium/auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (101' x 58') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff colors. The roof is gabled. The double-door entry is on the south end. The windows reach to the eaves and have concrete sills. Vertical lines on the wall on the building's north end give it a unique feature. Some windows on the south side contain wood inserts, but this does not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown; 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of these two buildings created useful work for the unemployed in the Graham community at a time when such opportunities were scarce. The projects also enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 36,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Completion of these structures enhanced educational and recreational opportunities in this area as well. Architecturally, both buildings are unique in terms of style, type, materials, and most notably, scale and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-14 769650 3912980; B-14 769680 3912960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east 6.5 miles from Weleetka on highway 84 to school site which begins in the northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 22, T 10 N, R 12 E, and goes 416 feet east, 208 feet south, 416 feet west, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 73-a; 73-b; 73-c; 73-d

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GRANT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Paden, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; NE 1/4, Sec. 26, T 13 N, R 7 E.

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

OWNER: Quinton Brooks, Route 1, Paden, OK 74860

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school of two rooms is a single-story, rectangular (69' x 36') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled. The entrance has a center gable with the doors recessed behind two archways. A large window opening now filled with wood separates the two arches. The north, west, and south sides each have a round shutter at the eaves. The window openings, than reach to the eaves, have new aluminum-framed panes. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

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

Construction of this school provided work opportunities for unemployed and unskilled laborers in a rural and remote area where few previously existed and enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 20,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for children theretofore deprived educationally. The entrance to the school makes this building unique in this part of Oklahoma as a WPA structure. The type, style, materials, and workmanship also give it uniqueness.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 72310 3940050

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Paden on county road 5 miles then east on county road 1.5 miles to a tract of land beginning at the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 26, T 13 N, R 7 E; thence east 6.3 chains; thence south 3.37 chains; thence west 6.3 chains; thence north 3.37 chains to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 74-a; 74-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MASON SCHOOL CAMPUS (TWO BUILDINGS)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Welty, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SW 1/4, Sec. 27, T 13 N, R 9 E.

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

OWNER: Mason Board of Education, Rt. 1, Box 143B, Okemah, OK 74859

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Mason School campus has two WPA structures. A building of eight rooms or more, the Mason School class building is a single-story, rectangular (83' x 128') structure built with cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of auburn and buff colors. The roof is gabled in the center and is flat on each side. All parts of the roof have parapets. The recessed entry has a concrete lentil on the door. The windows are arranged in groups of three and extend to the eaves, but wood has been inserted so that new, smaller windows could be added. The school also has a beautiful WPA-built stone fence in front of it.

The teacherage has four rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (30' \times 48') structure constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors with beaded mortar. The masonry is random rubble. The roof is gabled. The main entrance is covered by a porch. The windows have concrete sills and reach to the eaves. The trim has been painted and new windows have been inserted. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is unique in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. No other buildings within the community can compare in terms of scale. Building the teacherage helped attract teachers to the area, which greatly enhanced educational opportunities in the area. These WPA projects enabled unskilled and unemployed laborers to do useful work and provide for their families during the depth of the depression. It also enabled the infusion of wages of some 22,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The construction of these buildings also created a new environment conducive to learning for students within the area that were previously deprived educationally.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

UTM: A-14 740050 3938920; B-14 740120 3938920

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of Welty on highway no. 48 some 4 miles, then go east on county road some 2 miles. From that intersection, go east 254 feet then north 50 feet to a point at which school begins, and go 83 feet north, 128 feet west, 83 feet south, and 128 feet east in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T 13 N, R 9 E. From that same intersection go east 254 feet then north 60 feet to the point at which the teacherage begins, and goes 48 feet north, 30 feet west, 48 feet south, and 30 feet east in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T 13 N, R 9 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 79-a; 79-b; 79-c; 79-d

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEW HOPE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Welty, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SE 1/4, Sec. 3, T 13 N, R 8 N.

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

OWNER: Pete and Vida Watts, Star Route, Castle, OK 74833

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This school of four rooms is a single-story, rectangular $(35' \times 64')$ structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled with a large center gable on the front. The main entrance is recessed behind a porch in the northwest corner with concrete steps leading to it. The window openings, that extend to the eaves, have been filled with concrete blocks and smaller windows added. This alteration impeaches the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this WPA school is significant because it created a new environment conducive to learning in this rural and remote area. It also gave useful work to those badly in need of some kind of economic security during hard times. Architecturally, the structure is unique in comparison to other buildings nearby in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two and one-half acres

Ouadrangle: Welty, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Welty on county road 2 miles, the school is on a tract of land beginning at the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec.3, T 13 N, R 8 E; thence north 314 feet; thence west 314 feet; thence south 314 feet; thence east 314 feet to the point of commencement.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKEMAH ARMORY

LOCATION: Sixth and Columbia Streets, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: Oklahoma Military Department, 3501 Military Circle NE, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This armory is a single-story, rectangular (109' x 130') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff colors. The high ceiling central portion of the building has an arched roof, while on either side the roof is flat. Parapets are on all sections. Modified stepped pilasters over square segments with a stepped cornice enhance the doorways. There are also pilasters with decorative inserts at the corners. The building's workmanship displays a faint art deco style architecturally. The entrance is recessed behind a segmental archway. There are several garage entrances located at various locations on the armory. The metal encased windows have wood inserts and/or painted white.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This armory is notable for its art deco style, but especially for its scale. Few structures in Okemah can compare to it in size. It is significant because construction of this building gave some economic security to unskilled and unemployed laborers when it was needed most in the winter of 1935-1936 and infused wages of some 29,000 man-hours of labor into Okemah's sick economy. The building itself contributed to the military readiness of a National Guard unit that distinguished itself during the course of World War II.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 744430 3924460

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 6 and 9 through 12, Block 13, Dill Addition of Okemah original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 75-a; 75-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKEMAH ATHLETIC FIELDS AND STADIUMS

LOCATION: Seventh and Dewar Streets, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: Okemah Board of Education, Box 186, Okemah, OK 74859

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This remarkable WPA-built structure included a fence, a football field and stadium, and a baseball field and stadium. The stone fence surrounds both fields and is 257 feet long on one side. It is constructed of uncut, rusticated native stone of auburn and buff colors. The masonry of the fence is random rubble. Concrete seals the top and metal bars were added later to this concrete seal. The outside of the fence, near the baseball stadium, contains blind acades. There are two small ticket booths—one on the north wall and one on the east.

The baseball stadium grandstand is a wide, U-shaped (27' x 177') structure with dressing rooms underneath it. It is constructed of uncut and rusticated native stone in random rubble. On the outside of the curving part of the stands there are open arches, but they are closed off from the baseball field. Concrete has been used to make a unique zig-zag design on each end of the structure. A wire fence has been added to the grandstand, as well as a metal roof for shelter. This structure also has concrete seats and dugouts built on the lower level.

The football grandstand is constructed of uncut, rusticated rock of auburn and buff colors in random rubble. Dressing rooms are underground within the structure. It has concrete seats and "Pecan Bowl" engraved on concrete on the front of it. The structure is rectangular (27' x 187'). A small portion of the stone fence to the south has fallen down and a metal fence is there now. A dressing room and concession stand have been added to the west wall and new stands were constructed on the east wall across from the WPA-built football grandstand, and are not a part of this nomination. The alterations on all three parts of the stadium do not impeach their integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

These fields and stadiums are significant because construction of them meant useful work for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the area. This project infused wages of some 21,000 man-hours of labor into Okemah's economy. After completion, this WPA project provided a place for recreational activities that helped to raise morale in Okemah. During World War II the Pecan Bowl served as a P.O.W. camp for some German prisoners. Bars were added to the archways on the outside wall of the baseball grandstand and the dugouts of both grandstands, while the prisoners were kept in these areas and in tents out in the fields. These structures are now used again for recreational purposes. Additionally, the grandstands and the

surrounding fence are very unique within this part of Oklahoma in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: A-14 744350 3924660, B-14 744370 3924520, C-14 744410 3924730, D-14 744410 3924500

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 12, Dill Addition to the city of Okemah.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 76-a; 76-b; 76-c; 76-d; 76-e; 76-f

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKEMAH CITY PARK/TENNIS COURT

LOCATION: Ash and Birch Streets and Third and Second Streets, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: The City of Okemah, Oklahoma, City Hall, Okemah, OK 74859

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This city park was developed by the WPA. A small ditch was constructed and runs through the middle of the park. A small bridgeway, picnic tables, and playground equipment have been added to the park. The tennis courts are also located on the park grounds, and were also constructed by the WPA. The courts are made of concrete and are 95 feet wide. Fences have been placed around them.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

The park and tennis courts are significant because construction of them provided employment for destitute, unskilled workers at a time when jobs were scarce. After completion, these recreational facilities helped to increase morale within the city of Okemah.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Ouadrangle: Okemah, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 4 and 7 through 10, Block 31, Mahala Addition to Okemah original.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKEMAH LIBRARY

LOCATION: Second and Birch Streets, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: Board of Okfuskee County Commissioners, County Commissioners, Okemah, OK 74859

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This library is a two-story, rectangular (40' x 48') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is flat with parapets. The single-door entrance is recessed behind a concrete lentil entryway. The windows are paired with concrete lentils and sills. At the entrance, a new glass door has been added, as well as a ramp for the handicapped. The windows are a new aluminum framed type. There are stone additions attached to the north and west sides of the structure. These alterations impeach the architectural integrity of the building. There are remnants of a stone wall on the south side of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this library provided useful work for unskilled and unemployed laborers at a time when such opportunities were few. The project infused wages of some 21,000 manhours of labor into the local economy. The completion of the building also enhanced educational and recreational opportunities to everyone in Okemah and the surrounding area. The structure is unique in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship within the city of Okemah.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 of Block 40, Mahala Addition to the city of Okemah.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKEMAH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

LOCATION: Date Street, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: Okemah Board of Education, Box 186, Okemah, OK 74859

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Okemah agricultural building has two rooms and is a V-shaped (91' \times 91') structure constructed of cut native stone with a random ashlar-type masonry. The roof has intersecting gables with new shingles. The entryway facade extends above the roof at the point of intersection. The windows are singly spaced and reach to the eaves. They have concrete sills. The east end of the building has a chimney. New doors have been added. The alteration in no way impeaches the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this building gave jobs to those desperately in need of economic security. The high level of unemployment made public work opportunities particularly important. It also enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 17,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It facilitated a more modern educational curriculum in Okemah by providing a "vocational" workshop. The building is unique in terms of its style, type, scale, materials, and workmanship. The V-shape of the agricultural building makes it very unique within the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

UTM: 14 744100 3923490

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: In the SE corner of Block 2, McIntosh Addition to Okemah original, specifically, from the intersection of Third and Date Streets, go east 485 feet and north 35 feet where the property begins; then go 91 feet north, 31 feet west, 91 feet south, 31 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 77-a; 77-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PADEN SCHOOL/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Oak Street, Paden, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SE 1/4, Sec. 16, T 12 N, R 7 E.

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

OWNER: Paden Board of Education, Box 218, Paden, OK 74860

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Paded School/Auditorium combination of eight rooms is a single-story, T-shaped (137' x 93') structure constructed of cut and rusticated rock of auburn and buff colors. The rock is coursed at the base, but uncoursed on the top portion. The random rubble at the top is divided from the bottom by a concrete horizontal frieze. The roof is flat with parapets. The window openings have wood inserts and smaller, energy-efficient windows have been attached. The doors are new and are slightly recessed. Newer red brick has been placed in between the windows, and they look like pilaster strips. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

The building of this WPA project is significant because it provided jobs for unskilled and unemployed oil field laborers desperately in need of some type of economic security to preserve their pride and health. It also infused wages of some 46,000 man-hours of labor into Paden's economy. And it created a new environment conducive to learning for children of Paden and the surrounding area. The building is unique in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and especially workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres Quadrangle: Paden, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 720250 3931900

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: In the northwest corner of Paden, the property begins 624 feet east of the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, T 12 N, R 7 E, and goes north 312 feet, east 208 feet, south 312 feet, and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 78-a; 78-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROCK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Welty, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; Sec. 9, T 13 N, R 9 E.

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

OWNER: Dale and Bonnie Smart, Rt. 4, Okemah, OK 74859

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This WPA school is a single-story, rectangular (64' x 36') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled with a large center gable that extends over the entryway. The main entrance is on the southeast corner and is recessed beneath a cross gable and has concrete steps. The windows contain partial wood inserts. The roof has wooden shingles and some tin. These alterations and general deterioration impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Building this school meant greater educational opportunities for children in this remote and rural area that did not exist before. It gave employment to destitute laborers badly in need of some type of economic security. Architecturally, the school is unique in scale as a rural school and in terms of type, style, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of Welty on highway no. 48 one mile, then east on county road 1 mile to the school site on a 2 acre tract: beginning at the SE corner of Sec. 9, T 13 N, R 9 E, go north 3 1/3 chains, west 6 chains, south 3 1/3 chains, and east 6 chains.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WELEETKA HILLCREST CEMETARY FENCE AND PAVILION

LOCATION: Fourth Street, Weleetka, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; Sec. 15, T 10 N, R 11 E.

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

OWNER: The City of Weleetka, City Hall, Weleetka, OK 74880

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Hillcrest Cemetary features a pavilion and a fence. The cemetary fence is constructed of uncut native stone of buff color. The mortar is beaded, except at the entrance. One side of the fence is 542 feet long. The entrance contains a stepped pediment on each side and the masonry throughout is random rubble. The part of the fence on the north side has been knocked down.

The Hillcrest Cemetary pavilion is constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors and is a rectangular (22' \times 31') structure. Masonry is random rubble. The roof is gabled and is supported by stone pediments on all sides. A concrete addition has been added to the corner.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the cemetery stone fence and the shelter is significant because it provided employment for those badly in need of it early in the depression. Employment opportunities were scarce, and any useful work helped to increase morale at Weleetka. The project also improved the appearance and quality of the cemetery in Weleetka.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The cemetery property is at the east end of Fourth street or the SE, NE, and 14.5 acres in the west 1/2 of the NE, SE of Sec. 15, T 10 N, R 11 E.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WELEETKA SCHOOL CAMPUS (THREE BUILDINGS)

LOCATION: Sixth Street in Weleetka, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SW 1/4, Sec. 15, T 10 N, R 11 E.

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

OWNER: Weleetka Board of Education, Box 278, Weleetka, OK 74880

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

There are three WPA structures on the Weleetka Campus. The first is the classroom building which has eight rooms and is a single-story, T-shaped (87' x 111') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The masonry is beaded. The roof is gabled. The back section of the school has two stories and a driveway leading down to the lower floor with a garage entry. The front entry is recessed behind a semi-elliptical arch made of concrete and is painted white. There are two large windows, one on each side of the entryway, that reach to the eaves. All the doors are new and made of glass. Window openings, except for those at the entrance and the back, contain concrete cinder blocks that are painted. The front has two large windows, one on each side of the entryway, that reach to the eaves. One entrance on the north side of the building has been adapted for handicapped students. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

The auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (94' x 56') building which is stepped on the south side and is constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color with beaded masonry. The roof is flat with parapets. The entrance has an art deco flavor. The double-door entrance is recessed behind a square entry. The window openings have cinder block inserts that are painted and new doors have been added. The native stone on the north and east sides of the building are being covered with concrete blocks, smoothed down, and painted. There is an addition attached to the south side of the structure. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

The gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (51' x 78') building constructed of cut, coursed, rusticated, and beaded native stone of buff color. Some stonework above the entrance is uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. The roof is arched and has parapets. The double-door entrance has pilaster strips, as do the two front corners, which give the building an art deco style. The building contains much decorative detail on the pilasters, freizes, and above the entryway. In particular, the decorative features above the entrance are very unique and consist of colorful, uncut and cut, rock placed as panels and framed with red brick. Some windows have cinder block inserts which are painted, but this alteration does not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937, 1940, 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The school is unique within this area of Oklahoma because of its T-shape and the semielliptical concrete entrance decoration. The auditorium is unique for its art deco entrance. The entrance to the gymnasium is very unique because of the designs made using cut and uncut rock of many colors and red brick. All of the structures show exceptional beauty in terms of style, scale, materials, and workmanship. These WPA projects are significant because building them gave unskilled and unemployed people the chance to work at a time when such opportunities were scarce and infused wages of some 76,000 man-hours of labor into Weleetka's economy. It also created enhanced opportunities for education and recreation in the Weleetka community which were badly-needed.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Weleetka, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A-14 760390 3914190; B-14 760430 3914160; C-14 760430 3914300

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: School: From the intersection of Sixth and Seminole streets, go east 200 feet then north 75 feet to a point of beginning; then go 111 feet north, 87 feet west, 111 feet south, and 87 feet. Auditorium: From the same intersection go east 305 feet to a second point of beginning, then go 95 feet east, 56 feet north, 95 feet west and 56 feet south.

Gymnasium: Go east 1/10 of a mile from the intersection of Fifth and Seminole streets, then north 30 feet to a point of beginning, then go 78 feet north, 51 feet west, 78 feet south, and 51 feet east; all in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 in Sec. 15, T 10 N, R 11 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 80-a; 80-b; 80-c; 80-d; 80-e; 80-f