

# OKMULGEE WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

<u>Property</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
Beggs Armory	X	X
Beggs Football Field and Grandstand	X	X
Beggs Gymnasium	X	
Dewar School Campus	X	X
Henryette Football Fieldhouse/Fence	X	X
Henryetta Tennis Courts	X	
West Lawn Cemetery Fence (Henryetta)	X	X
Nichols Park Bathhouse (Henryetta)	X	X
Hoffman School	X	X
Morris School and Gymnasium/Auditorium	X	X
Nuyaka School Campus	X	X
Okmulgee Armory	X	X
Harmon Athletic Field (Okmulgee)	X	X
Hawthorne Park Tennis Courts (Okmulgee)	X	
Okmulgee Lake Dam and Recreation Area	X	
Okmulgee Stock Pavilion	X	X
Okmulgee Woodland Park	X	
Osage Hill School	X	
Plainview School	X	
Preston School Campus	X	X
Rocky Hill School and Gymnasium/Auditorium	X	X
Schulter School Campus	X	X
Twin Hills School/Gymnasium	X	X
Watson 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

BEGGS ARMORY

LOCATION: Main and Osage Streets, Beggs, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Beggs, City Hall, Beggs, OK 74421

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This armory is a single-story, rectangular (141' x 112') building constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The front part of the armory has a flat roof, while the back part has an arched roof. Both parts have parapets. The pilasters framing the main entrance and located on the corners give this building an art deco flavor. Vertical lines made on the stone walls also display the art deco style. Some metal encased windows on the main entrance have green plastic inserts and a rain shelter has been attached to the east side of the structure. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA building, the armory is exceptional for its quality of workmanship. Few structures in Beggs were of comparable scale. It is unique within the community in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship. Construction of the armory provided job opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers at a time when there were few within the region. Through this project the WPA infused wages of some 50,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It is also significant that the building itself contributed to military readiness of the National Guard unit in Beggs. This armory still serves the city as the location of the city government and fire department.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 764930 3959200

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 15 through 21, Block 26, Beggs original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 81-a; 81-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BEGGS FOOTBALL FIELD AND GRANDSTAND

LOCATION: Sapulpa and Seventh Streets, Beggs, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; SE 1/4, Sec. 30, T 15 N, R 12 E.

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

OWNER: Beggs Board of Education, Box 690, Beggs, Oklahoma 74421

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This WPA grandstand has bleachers and a dressing room underneath. This room is no longer in use. The grandstand is a rectangular (111' x 26') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The risers are made of concrete and there are 12 tiers; all of which has been painted yellow. The doors and windows of the dressing room have been filled in with cinder blocks. Hand rails have also been added. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the field and grandstand. A newer grandstand has been added directly across from the WPA structure and is not a part of this nomination.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

The football field and grandstand at Beggs are significant because construction of them gave badly-needed employment opportunities to destitute workers in Beggs. This project also benefited the local community by infusing wages of some 41,400 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Recreational opportunities were enhanced and contributed to heightened morale among the people living in Beggs. Architecturally, the grandstand is unique within the area in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 14 764600 3959610

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: At a point 324 feet east and 208 feet south of the northwest corner of the SE 1/4, Sec. 30, T 15 N, R 12 E, go east 208 feet, south 416 feet, west 208 feet, and north 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 82-a; 82-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BEGGS GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Muskogee and Main Streets, Beggs, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: Beggs Board of Education, Box 690, Beggs, OK 74421

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Beggs gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (98' x 59') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is arched with stepped parapets on each end. The windows contain concrete lentils and sills. The entryway is covered by a concrete addition to the building. The window openings have been filled in with concrete. There is a smaller addition attached to the east side as well. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1934; builder/architect: unknown

In 1938, it was said that this gymnasium was the largest in Okmulgee County. Construction of this gym provided jobs for destitute workers badly in need of some type of economic security. It also enhanced educational opportunities and recreational facilities in Beggs. The structure is unique in terms of type, style, materials, workmanship, and most notably, scale.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Blocks 7 and 8, Grandview Addition to Beggs 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

DEWAR SCHOOL CAMPUS (TWO BUILDINGS)

LOCATION: East Fifth and Roy Streets, Dewar, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: Dewar Board of Education, Drawer A, Dewar, OK 74431

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Dewar School Campus contains two WPA buildings. The school of eight rooms is a single-story, rectangular (158' x 52') building constructed of brick. The masonry of the building is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets. There is a three-door entrance with pilasters that hint at an art deco style. The windows contain concrete sills and have partial wood inserts. A small addition is attached to the north side. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

The gymnasium/auditorium is a rectangular (73' x 81') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is arched in the center and flat on both sides. All parts have parapets. Pilasters are used at the entrance to give the structure a decorative flavor. The windows contain wood inserts that have been painted pink; the concrete sills are also painted pink. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building. This gymnasium is attached to Dewar's first school building, which was not built by the WPA.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938 and 1941; builder/architect: unknown; "JNO" O. Bradley (gym)

Construction of the buildings at Dewar enabled unskilled and unemployed laborers to work at a time when such opportunities were scarce. It gave them an income that prevented starvation and infused wages of some 126,000 man-hours of labor into Dewar's economy. The project also created a new environment conducive to learning for children in and around Dewar. Architecturally, the school is unique because the use of brick as the building material rather than stone. The gym is unique in that the size and placement of windows and doors and pilaster strips display an art deco style. Both are important as WPA structures in terms of type, style, scale, workmanship, and especially materials.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-15 233340 3927630; B-15 233370 3927670

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 21, Dewar original; specifically, from the intersection of Roy and East Sixth streets, go 43 feet north and 30 feet east to a point of beginning for the school, and then go 52 feet east, 158 feet north , 52 feet west, and 158 feet south. From the intersection of Roy and East Fifth streets, go east 110 feet to a point of beginning for the gym property and then go 81 feet east, 73 feet south, 81 feet west, and 73 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 83-a; 83-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HENRYETTA FOOTBALL FIELDHOUSE/FENCE

LOCATION: Henryetta, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: Henryetta Board of Education, Box 130, Henryetta, OK 74437

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The field house at Henryetta has two dressing rooms, each measuring 36' x 22' that are connected by an arched entrance with two ticket booths. The total structure, including the archway, is 82 feet across and is constructed of poured concrete. The roof is flat with parapets. All doors are framed with concrete. There are small, square windows near the eaves. The front has been painted gold, and football players are painted on each dressing room. The back and sides are painted white.

The rock fence is attached to each side of the fieldhouse. One side measures 225 feet and is eight feet tall. It is constructed of cut and rusticated native stone of buff color that is randomly laid. A new grandstand and a new dressing room have been added to this football field. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structures.

SIGNIFICANCE: Fieldhouse-1938, Stone Fence-1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this recreational facility and stone fence provided badly-needed jobs for unskilled and unemployed laborers and miners who needed some economic security and infused wages of some 104,000 man-hours of labor into Henryetta's local economy. It also enhanced recreational opportunities in the area. Architecturally, the fence and fieldhouse are unique in terms of type, scale, and workmanship. The fieldhouse is particularly unique because of the concrete materials. This was the only WPA project in Okmulgee County constructed of poured concrete.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Three acres

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

UTM: 15 329780 3925470

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The fieldhouse and fence are located 1560 feet east and 1248 feet south of the northeast corner of the SW 1/4, Sec. 7, T 11 N, R 13 E, and goes east 312 feet, south 416 feet, west 312 feet, and north 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 84-a; 84-b; 84-c



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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HENRYETTA TENNIS COURTS

LOCATION: West Main and South Twelfth Streets, Henryetta, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Henryetta, City Hall, Henryetta, OK 74437

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This tennis court area measures 132' x 201' and is constructed of concrete. A stone fence of coursed and rusticated stone of buff color was constructed around the courts. Fences and lights were added, and a small addition constructed of concrete blocks is also attached to the southeast corner of the court area. The playing courts have been painted green.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of these tennis courts and the stone fence provided work for destitute laborers on relief, giving them an income that prevented starvation. Recreational opportunities were also enhanced. The stone fence constructed around these courts make them very unique within the community and in Okmulgee County.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 3 through 6 of Block 10, Keys First Addition to Henryetta 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

WEST LAWN CEMETERY FENCE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Henryetta, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; SW 1/4, Sec. 11, T 11 N, R 12 E.

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

OWNER: The City of Henryetta, City Hall, Henryetta, OK 74437

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This cemetery stone fence measures 3/10 of a mile along its street front and has two entrances. It is constructed of rusticated, uncoursed and coursed native stone of buff color. The main entrance has white rock pediments. The fence goes across the front and along the east side of the cemetery. The west side of the fence has been taken down to enlarge the cemetery. A black iron gate and concrete pediments at the corner entrance have been added. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the stone fence.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this stone fence provided jobs for unskilled and unemployed workers in Henryetta and improved the quality of the cemetery. Through this project, the WPA infused wages of some 4,800 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It also enhanced property values in the area. Architecturally, the fence is a work of art. It is unique in terms of materials, scale, and quality of workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Three acres

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

UTM: A-14 771620 3925730; B-14 771160 3925720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Henryetta on highway no. 75/62 Bus., 1.5 miles to the cemetery site; the nominated property begins at a point 228 feet south of the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 11, T 11 N, R 12 E and goes 1600 feet west, 75 feet south, 1600 feet east, and 75 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 85-a

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NICHOLS PARK BATHHOUSE

LOCATION: Nichols Park, Henryetta, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; SW 1/4, Sec. 19,  
T 11 N, R 13 E

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

OWNER: The City of Henryetta, City Hall, Henryetta, OK 74437

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This bathhouse, adjacent to a man-made lake, is a rectangular (161' x 38') structure constructed of crudely cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The shower rooms are located at each end and a picnic area is in the "breeze way" center. The roof is gabled. Steps lead up the hill in the back of the structure, while a series of steps lead down to the water in front of the bathhouse. A rock fence extends to each side of the structure. The roof, portico, pediments, and center gable are newly constructed of brown wood. Concrete tables, seats, and grills have been added. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the bathhouse.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

The Nichols Park Bathhouse is a classic example of the type of project undertaken by the WPA immediately following its creation. Construction of the bathhouse and picnic area in Henryetta provided many jobs for destitute laborers who were badly in need of some type of economic security. It also enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 100,000 man-hours into the local economy in an attempt to soften the impact of the depression on main street. Completion of the building also enhanced recreational opportunities in the area, and this helped raise morale at a time when this was badly-needed. Architecturally, the bathhouse is unique in terms of type, style, scale, and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 229750 3922110

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated south of Henryetta, the bathhouse is located on property that begins 1456 feet east and 624 feet north from the southeast corner of Sec. 19, T 11 N, R 13 E, thus east 208 feet, north 208 feet, west 208 feet, and south 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 86-a; 86-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HOFFMAN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Fourth Street and School Road, Hoffman, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Hoffman, Hoffman, OK 74439

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school of four rooms is a rectangular (99' x 55') structure constructed of cut, uncoursed, native stone of auburn and buff colors. The strategic placement of the different colors of stone raises the masonry to the level of art. The roof is gabled. There is a center gable over the main entrance on the west side of the school. This entrance and the entrances on the north and south sides are recessed behind archways. There are large windows that reach to the eaves. The smaller windows and the larger windows have concrete sills. The large windows have brown wooden inserts and smaller, more energy-efficient windows have been installed. The small size windows also contain brown wooden inserts, completely obstructing their view. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This school is unique in terms of type, style, scale, and especially workmanship and materials. The use of auburn and buff colored stone is quite unique to Okmulgee County. It is also exceptional for its quality of workmanship. Moreover, construction of the school enhanced educational opportunities in Hoffman. It also gave jobs to those desperately in need, giving them an income that prevented starvation. The WPA also infused wages of some 11,000 man-hours of labor into Hoffman's local economy.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 241910 3930820

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 25, Hoffman original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 87-a; 87-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MORRIS SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Fifth and Young Streets, Morris, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: Morris Board of Education, Box 1, Morris, OK 74445

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Morris School and Gymnasium/Auditorium combination contains eight rooms or more and is a T-shaped (146' x 276') structure constructed of red brick. The masonry of the brick is running bond. The roof on the school is flat, while the gymnasium/auditorium has an arched roof. The structure also has parapets. The entryways have new glass doors and concrete lentils. The window openings have wood inserted and smaller, more energy-efficient windows installed. These windows have brick sills. There is an addition attached to the south side of the structure, but it does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant because it provided job opportunities for destitute workers at a time when there were few in the region and infused wages of some 32,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students in Morris. Architecturally, this structure is unique in terms of type, style, scale, workmanship, and especially materials. Being red brick makes it very unique within Okmulgee County for a WPA building.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 15 241300 3943810

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated in a tract that begins 1040 feet south and 208 feet west of the northeast corner of Sec. 18, T 13 N, R 14 E, go north 416 feet, west 208 feet, south 416 feet, and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 88-a; 88-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NUYAKA SCHOOL CAMPUS (TWO BUILDINGS)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; NE 1/4, Sec. 33, T 14 N, R 11 E

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

OWNER: Nuyaka Board of Education, Rt. 4, Box 140, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Nuyaka School Campus contains two WPA structures. The Nuyaka Bus Garage is a rectangular (32' x 50') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled and is presently covered with red tin. The garage openings have been filled in with brown painted wood. Small windows and two doors have been inserted. Small rain awnings held up by poles were also added to the garage openings. The two small window openings, with concrete lentils and sills, on each end of the building have wood inserts with more energy-efficient windows added. These wood alterations do not impeach the basic architectural integrity of the structure.

The gymnasium/auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (75' x 84') building constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is triangular in the center and flat on each side. All parts of the roof have parapets. The entryway is recessed behind a square archway constructed of concrete. The doors are slightly recessed behind this. The window openings have been filled in with brown painted wood, and smaller, more energy-efficient windows have been inserted. All trim has been painted brown, including the concrete lentils and sills on the windows. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935 and 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of these buildings gave badly needed jobs to destitute laborers at a time when few such opportunities existed in this rural and remote area. It allowed the WPA to infuse wages of some 82,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Completion of these WPA projects created a new environment that enhanced educational opportunities in the area. Another WPA built school burned down and the gymnasium/auditorium was converted into classrooms and is now the main school building on the campus. The bus garage was later converted into classrooms and is still an important part of the school. Architecturally, these structures are unique in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-14 758940 3948920; B-14 758940 3948970

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Okmulgee on highway no. 56 some 10.5 miles then go north on county road 2 miles to the school site on Lots 1 through 31, Block 20, Nuyaka Original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 89-a; 89-b; 89-c; 89-d

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKMULGEE ARMORY

LOCATION: Second and Alabama Streets, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Okmulgee Armory is a three unit, single-story, rectangular (91' x 192') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone of buff color. The roof over the central unit is arched while elsewhere it is flat. All three sections contain parapets. Pilasters at the corners and framing the main entry provide decorative relief--as do vertical indentations in the rock work above the windows and below the parapets, which gives the structure a "fortress" appearance. Some of the elongated, metal encased windows have concrete sills. The armory also contains several garage doors.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure, this armory is exceptional for its quality of workmanship and its scale. Architecturally it is also unique within Okmulgee in terms of style, type, and materials. Construction of this armory provided jobs for destitute workers at a time when the oil and gas industry had problems and farming was at a low point. Okmulgee, a farm trading center, suffered an influx of unemployed people which made public work opportunities particularly important. The project enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 58,000 man-hours of labor into Okmulgee's economy and thus to ease the impact of the depression along main street.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Okmulgee North, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 230430 3946450

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4 and 5, Block 21, Okmulgee original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 90-a; 90-b



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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

### HARMON ATHLETIC FIELD

LOCATION: Twelfth Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; NE 1/4, Sec. 7, T 13 N, R 13 E.

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

OWNER: Okmulgee Board of Education, P.O. Box 1346, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Harmon Field contains a fieldhouse, concession stand, grandstand, rock fence, and a football/track field. These buildings and structures were all erected by the WPA. The fieldhouse consists of two structures connected by an entryway with a ticket booth on each side. The fieldhouse as a whole is a rectangular (73' x 39') structure. Its bottom half is constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone of buff color. The top half is made of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors in a beaded masonry of random rubble. The strategic placement of the darker stone raises the masonry to the level of art. The workers used the darker rock to make the letters "W P A" across the front of the fieldhouse. The roof is gabled. The main entrance is defined by an archway made of steel. The window openings are small and square with concrete sills and are located near the eaves of the structure.

The concession stand is a rectangular (16' x 22') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled. There are no windows. The serving area has a wood insert that can be put in place, covering the serving counter. This stand has an addition of a concrete block structure attached to the west side. The addition does not impeach its integrity.

The huge grandstand (99' x 239') is constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone of buff color. The seats are made of concrete and there are 32 tiers. A pressbox in the back is a later addition.

The football/track field is surrounded by a stone fence that measuring 278' on one side and being eight feet high. The fence is constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. Its masonry is random rubble. A portion of the fence on the north side has been taken down and a dressing room has been built there, which is not a part of this nomination.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935-1936; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA project, Harmon Field is unique mainly due to its size. The fieldhouse is most unique in workmanship. The placement of the letters "WPA" in rock within the wall makes it most notable. The grandstand is the largest in this part of Oklahoma. Construction of Harmon Field provided many jobs that were badly-needed in Okmulgee. An increase of unemployed workers was reduced by WPA projects like this one and it infused wages of some

104,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The field also greatly enhanced recreational opportunities in the city of Okmulgee and inaugurated a winning tradition in athletic activities.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Three acres

Quadrangle: Okmulgee South, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A-15 231520 3945360; B-15 231510 3945410; C-15 231630 3945470; D-15 231460 3945500

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of 12th and Creed Streets, the property begins at a point 416 feet west from the southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 7, T 13 N, R 13 E, and then go north 624 feet, west 624 feet, south 624 feet, east 624 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 91-a; 91-b; 91-c; 91-d

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKMULGEE HAWTHORNE PARK TENNIS COURTS

LOCATION: Okmulgee Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

These four tennis courts were constructed of concrete and measure 143 feet on one side. New nets and a fence have been added. They are particularly unique in scale as a WPA project.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of these tennis courts provided work for unskilled and unemployed laborers at a time when such opportunities were scarce. The courts are also unique in terms of type, materials used, and especially in scale. This WPA project also enhanced recreational opportunities in the area and therefore contributed to better moral among the people of Okmulgee during the depths of the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: North Okmulgee, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Lagonda and Okmulgee Streets go south 312 feet, east 208 feet, north 312 feet, and west 208 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

OKMULGEE LAKE DAM AND RECREATION AREA (Two structures)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The dam was constructed of cut rock and a very unique fountain was built in front of it. The smaller shelter measures 21' x 15' and has a new brown gabled roof. It is constructed of crudely-cut and crudely-coursed stone from the lake.

The larger shelter measures 32' x 49' and has a gabled roof. It is also constructed of crudely-cut and crudely-coursed stone that was taken from the lake by WPA workers. This shelter also has a cross gable supported by wooden poles. Stone has also been used to create pediments.

The bathhouse area is located within the entrance area. The bathhouse itself is gone, but the entryway down to the water is still used. It contains a boat dock and stone steps that lead down to the water. It is 238 feet across and is constructed of crudely-cut and coursed stone from the lake.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of these recreational facilities provided jobs for destitute, unskilled and unemployed laborers at a time when such opportunities were scarce. It is unique as a WPA project because of the use of stone from the Okmulgee Lake. These buildings are also unique in terms of type, style, and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than five acres

Quadrangle: Okmulgee Lake, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated west and south of Okmulgee, the Lake and Recreation area are in the NW 1/4 of Sec. 8, T 13 N, R 12 E.

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

OKMULGEE STOCK PAVILION

LOCATION: Lagonda and Okmulgee Streets, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Stock Pavilion is a single-story, rectangular (142' x 100') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone of buff colors. The roof is flat on the west with parapets, and the remaining part of the roof is arched. All garage openings have been made into doors, with the exception of one on the south side of the structure. The windows have been filled with sheet metal and have concrete lentils. And a small concrete block addition is attached to the north side. This does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA project, this stock pavilion is very unique. It is the only stock pavilion found in the county, but this demonstrates that the WPA also recognized the importance of agricultural commerce and exhibits. Construction of this building improved farming conditions by providing a new place to trade and associate. Architecturally, it is unique in terms of style, materials, workmanship, and especially scale. It is also significant because this project enabled unskilled and unemployed laborers to do useful work and gain some economic security, while it also allowed the infusion of wages of some 10,680 man-hours of labor into the local community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Okmulgee North, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 230640 3947590

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Lagonda and Okmulgee Streets go north 312 feet, east 208 feet, south 312 feet, and west 208 feet in the NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 6, T 13 N, R 13 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 92-a; 92-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKMULGEE WOODLAND PARK

LOCATION: Parkview Road, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Woodland Park contains two ponds and one shelter house built by the WPA. The ponds are framed with stone walls and have a small stairway in between them.

The shelter house is a rectangular (28' x 25') structure of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. A new brown gabled roof is attached. Two privies are located next to the structure. Newer shelters, concrete tables, and cookers have been added to the park.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the ponds and the shelter house, very early in the life of the WPA, provided work for unskilled and unemployed laborers in and around Okmulgee where jobs were desperately-needed. The project allowed the agency to infuse wages of some 28,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The park is also unique in terms of type, scale, and workmanship. Completion of the park provided recreational opportunities which helped to increase morale in the area, then and now.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Okmulgee South, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 7, Country Club District of Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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

OSAGE HILL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Beggs, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; NW 1/4, Sec. 33, T 15 N, R 11 N.

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

OWNER: First National Bank and Trust Company, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Osage Hill School contains at least twelve rooms and is a two-story, rectangular (107' x 118') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is triangular in the center and flat on each side. All parts of the roof have parapets. The roof also has a ventilator. The slightly recessed entryway is lined with concrete. Small windows were arranged above the entrance as decoration. It has a four-door entrance. Some sashed windows have sheet metal inserts. The teachers lived in the upper story of this structure. Garage doors have been made in the wall on the east and west sides. An addition is attached to the south side. Steel bars are also attached to the school.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this school provided work for unskilled and unemployed laborers who needed some kind of economic security. The building is unique in terms of type, style, materials, workmanship, and especially scale. No other structure in the area compares in size. This school is also significant because it enhanced educational opportunities in this rural area.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west on highway no. 16 some 5 miles to school site located on three acres in a square in the NW corner of said NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of Sec. 33, T 15 N, R 11 E.

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

PLAINVIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Henryetta, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; NE 1/4, Sec. 26, T  
11 N, R 12 E.

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

OWNER: Lloyd Dean Peoples, Box 387, Henryetta, OK 74437

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

A building of two rooms, the Plainview School is a single-story, rectangular (48' x 28') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone. The roof is gabled with a center dormer over the double-door entrance. Some windows are located above the two-door entryway. This front part of the structure has no other windows. The back of the building has no windows, while the south side has two sets of windows placed in groups of three with wooden frames, lentils, and sills. The north side has one window of the same style. The stone has been painted white and a garage opening has been made in the north side wall, all of which impeaches the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This school is unique in terms of materials, scale, workmanship, and especially style and type. No other WPA school found in this part of Oklahoma looks like this one; it is most unique. Construction of it provided some economic security to destitute, unskilled, and unemployed workers in this rural and remote area. It is most significant because it created a new environment conducive to learning for children theretofore deprived educationally.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of Henryetta on county road 2.5 miles then east on county road 1/2 mile then south on county road 1/2 mile to the school site on property beginning at the SE corner of the SE 1/4, NE 1/4, thence north 382 feet, thence west 320 feet, thence south 382 feet, thence east 320 feet to the point of beginning, in NE 1/4 of Sec. 26, T 11 N, R 12 E.

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

PRESTON SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Preston, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: Preston School Board, Box 418, Okmulgee, OK 74456

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Preston campus contains two WPA buildings: a home economics cottage and a shop building. The cottage has two rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (50' x 48') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled with a catslide roof attached to the north side of the school. All doors have concrete lentils. There are large windows on the east and west sides, and three smaller windows on the north and west. All of these sash windows have concrete sills.

The shop building is a single-story, rectangular (28' x 32') building constructed of crudely-coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled. The main entrance contains concrete lentils. Windows on each side of the door also have concrete lentils. The north and south sides of the structure have four sashed windows with concrete lentils. The trim and lentils on both the shop and the cottage have been painted white and the main entrance has a new wooden door installed.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of these two buildings created new environments conducive to learning, which increased educational opportunities in Preston. It also provided jobs for those desperately seeking economic security in the depths of the depression when work was scarce for unskilled laborers. The buildings are unique within the town of Preston in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and quality of workmanship. The catslide roof is particularly unique for WPA structures in Oklahoma.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Okmulgee North, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A-15 229450 395570; B-15 229430 3955570

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property begins at a point 1664 feet east and 832 feet south of the northwest corner of Sec. 12, T 14 N, R 12 E, go 416 feet east, 208 feet south, 416 feet west, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 93-a; 93-b; 93-c; 93-d

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROCKY HILL SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; SE 1/4, Sec. 13, T 13 N, R 11 E

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

OWNER: Leslie Reese, Route 4, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school and gymnasium/auditorium combination has at least four rooms and is a T-shaped structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled on both sections. The doors have small triangular attachments. The windows in front on the lower level are arranged in groups of three and have decorative attachments. Some windows have been left in their original form, and all have concrete sills. The second level windows contain wood inserts.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This WPA project is unique in terms of style, type, scale, materials, and workmanship. No other structure in this area compares to it in size. This project provided job opportunities to unskilled and unemployed workers in this rural area and infused wages of some 24,680 man-hours of labor into the local economy during the depth of the depression. It also greatly enhanced educational opportunities. Children who were educationally deprived now had a new environment conducive to learning.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Okmulgee Lake, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 763640 3942860

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Sec. 13, T 13 N, R 11 E, go north 416 feet, east 208 feet, south 416 feet, and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 94-a; 94-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SCHULTER SCHOOL CAMPUS (Four buildings)

LOCATION: Schuler, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: Schuler Board of Education, Box A, Schuler, OK 74460

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Schuler School campus features four WPA buildings: one classroom building, one privy, a Home Economics Cottage, and a gymnasium/auditorium. The gymnasium/auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (89' x 56') building constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is arched and has parapets. A rain shelter has been added to the doorway. Some windows have been filled with concrete cinder blocks and others with green plastic. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

The Home Economics Cottage has one or two rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (33' x 49') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled. The entrance is recessed behind a cross gable supported by poles and contains pediments. The sash windows in front are arranged in groups of three and reach to the eaves, smaller windows on all other sides have concrete lentils and sills. Many of these windows have been made smaller by inserting wood or completely filled in with wood.

The classroom building is a single-story, T-shaped (92' x 100') building constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. Red brick was used to make designs on the front. The roof is flat with parapets. Two of the front windows were arched. The recessed entryway is framed by pilasters that give the school an art deco flavor. The window openings have white painted wood inserted, and smaller windows have been installed.

The privy is a rectangular (23' x 20') building constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled with an attached entryway that has a gabled porch. This entryway has an arched window, and the door is recessed behind an archway. The windows have concrete sills. Four windows have been filled in--three with wood, and one arched window with cinder blocks. Alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937 and unknown; builder/architect: unknown

These buildings are significant because construction of them provided many jobs for unskilled and unemployed workers in and around the town of Schuler. These projects enabled the infusion of wages of some 40,000 man-hours of labor into the local community. Educational opportunities were greatly enhanced in this small community through this WPA project. Architecturally, these buildings are unique in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. This major project of four structures is significant to the town of Schuler

in that these buildings provide the basis for educational opportunities throughout the area. In addition, the WPA eight-hole privy was the largest in Oklahoma.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

**Acreage:** Less than two acres

**Quadrangle:** Okmulgee South, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

**UTM:** A-15 231660 3933860; B-15 231720 3933860; C-15 231720 3933830; D-15 231680 3933790

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** Block 4, Burgess Addition to Schuler original.

**PICTURE REFERENCE:** 95-a; 95-b; 95-c; 95-d; 95-e; 95-f; 95-g; 95-h

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TWIN HILLS SCHOOL/GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; NE 1/4, Sec. 29, T 15 N, R 14 E

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

OWNER: Twin Hills Board of Education, Rt. 2, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school and gymnasium combination of eight rooms or more is a single-story, T-shaped (180' x 87') structure constructed of cut, uncoursed, native stone of auburn and buff color and red brick. The red brick has been used to make small pilaster strips between the windows. The school roof is flat and the gymnasium's is arched. Both have parapets. There are three original door openings which are recessed behind square entryways lined in concrete. The entrances are framed by pilasters that give the building an art deco flavor. Most of the window placement is by threes. Many of the metal encased window panes have been filled in from the inside. The gymnasium has a rain shelter attached to it on the south side. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936 - 1937; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is unique within this part of the county in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. Construction of this WPA project created a new environment conducive to learning for children in this rural and remote area. It also gave employment to unskilled and unemployed workers desperately in need of some type of economic security, while the project enabled the infusion of wages of some 20,000 man-hours of labor into the local community, helping to blunt the impact of the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Concharty Mountain, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 243420 3959890

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at the southeast corner of the NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Sec. 29, T 15 N, R 14 E, go 416 feet north, 208 feet west, 416 feet south, and 208 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 96-a; 96-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WATSON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hoffman, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; NE 1/4, Sec. 23, T 12 N, R 13 E

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

OWNER: Leon Gaston, Route 3, Box 562, Henryetta, OK 74437

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

This school is found in a valley that has stone steps leading down to it. It has four rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (71' x 36') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled. The enclosed entrance extends out from the school and contains a cross gable with concrete steps. The door is recessed behind an archway. There is also a door with an arch over it on the west side of the building. A square doorway is on the east side. There are three small windows on the west, and two sets of windows that reach to the eaves placed in groups of six on the east side. There is a lunnette window near the eaves at the entrance of the building. All the windows have concrete sills. Some of the windows contain wood inserts.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

The Watson School is totally unique in this area in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and especially workmanship. It is significant because this WPA project provided jobs to many black, unskilled, and unemployed workers who needed some type of economic security. The project enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 9,340 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Public work opportunities became particularly important to these laborers in this rural and remote area. Completion of the school greatly enhanced educational opportunities for black children in this area.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Okmulgee South, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 237590 3932840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Hoffman on county road 1 1/4 miles to highway no. 266 and then west 2 miles; continue west on county road 1 mile to school site on a tract of land in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 23, T 12 N, R 13 E: beginning 1.5 rods south and 1.5 rods west of the NE corner thereof; thence south 313.5 feet; thence west 417.4 feet; thence north 313.5 feet; thence east 417.4 feet to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 97-a; 97-b