

# OTTAWA WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

AFTON HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: 4th and Main Streets, Afton, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115

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

OWNER: Afton Board of Education, Drawer H, Afton, OK 74331

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This "T" shaped (192' x 98') structure is constructed of brick which has been painted yellow. The school consists of two units: a classroom unit which has a flat roof with parapets and a gym unit, which forms the stem of the "T" and has an arched roof with stepped parapets. The double door front entry is arched with fanlight, framed by pointed pilasters and topped by a stepped cornice. The paired metal sash windows have continuous brick sills and lintels. Brick friezes above the windows and front entry add decorative relief to the structure. A brick addition to the west side of the building has not severely impaired the integrity of the structure. Since the building was constructed in 1934, it could not have been built by the WPA. Since residents insist that it derived from government sponsored labor, it must have been the PWA or the CWA. Thus it has not been nominated to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1934; builder/architect: unknown

The Afton High School is most significant for its use of brick building material. Work relief programs used brick very infrequently due to its cost which suggests that the district had more funds with which to build than most districts at that time or that it used recycled brick from a previous structure. Economically, construction of the school provided jobs to many destitute farmers stricken by the depression and stimulated the local economy through the infusion of the laborers' wages back into the local business community. The school provided improved learning facilities and was a source of pride and encouragement for area residents. Its usefulness has continued for more than fifty years.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, go 416 feet east, 208 feet north, 416 feet west, and 208 feet south.

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

CHERRY GROVE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ouapaw, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NW 1/4, Sec. 30, T 29 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Raymond L. Neal, Rt. 1, Box 228, Ouapaw, OK 74363

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This one-room, rectangular (23' x 45') structure is made of uncut native stone. The gabled roof with projecting eaves is new. The front entryway has an awning and steps with wing walls. The metal, double-hung sash windows are placed in triples and have concrete sills; most of the panes have been painted brown. An addition to the east side of the structure has destroyed the integrity of the building.

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

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

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 7.5 miles east of Ouapaw on an unpaved county road, then .7 miles north to a point of beginning in the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 in Sec. 30, T 29 N, R 25 E. Thence east 6 rods, thence south 13 1/4 rods, thence west 6 rods, thence north 13 1/4 rods to place of beginning

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

COMMERCE HIGH SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Commerce and Cherry Streets, Commerce, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Commerce Public Schools, 420 D Street, Commerce, OK 74339

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Commerce High School building is rectangular (136' x 103') and constructed of red bricks. The roof over the classrooms is flat, while over the gym it is hipped with a deck. Parapets characterize both. The front entry is recessed and framed by poured concrete pilasters and a lintel that reaches the roof line. Window openings have brick sills and now contain new, fixed metal encased windows. The front entry has also been enclosed with glass doors and sidelights and covered by a new porch supported by steel pipe. The alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the structure. The structure, however, was initiated by the Oklahoma Emergency Relief Administration and finished by WPA labor.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

The significance of the building is in its economic contribution to the community of Commerce at a time when the lead and zinc mines of the region had fallen on hard times and miners were destitute and on relief. Construction of the building provided wages for more than 20,000 man hours of labor that were infused into the local economy and enabled workers to feed their families and maintain their self respect. Additionally, the building has been an important educational resource for the community, continuing with this service until the present time. Perhaps it is also notable that it is the building in which Mickey Mantle went to high school.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Cherry and Commerce streets go south 200 feet, east 240 feet, north 200 feet, and west 240 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

FAIRLAND HIGH SCHOOL/GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Fairland, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box C, Fairland, OK 74343

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This building generally rectangular building (120' x180') is constructed of cut and rusticated native stone as well as red brick recycled from a previous structure on the site. The roof is flat with parapets capped with concrete slabs as well as cross gabled with intersecting valleys. The double door entry way on the gym front is framed by poured concrete pilasters that rise to the roof line and a lintel of the same material. Wood sash windows are arranged by threes and are framed by concrete, continuous sills and lintels. A concrete frieze above the lintels and incising in the pilasters provide decorative detail. Similar design details are utilized on the remainder of the building. Most interesting is that rock walls and brick walls are used interchangeably, frequently joining at corners. New brick and cinder block additions on the north and east sides of the building, unfortunately, impair the integrity of this unique structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it is constructed of both rusticated native stone and recycled brick. At least one-half of the walls are stone; the other one half brick. This configuration is most unusual for WPA buildings; indeed any building. Fairland school also constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages for some 150,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Its educational significance is suggested by its continued use by the community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Southeast Miami, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4 and 5, Block 16, Fairland 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

IRON POST SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Afton, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T 25 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Nellie Severs, Rt. 3, Afton, Oklahoma 74331

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This two-room school is rectangular (73' x 26') shaped and constructed of uncut native stone laid in cobweb fashion. It has a gabled roof with projecting eaves. The front facade of the building has two single door entrances at either end with gabled hoods. An unusual common double-door exit is centered on the rear facade of the structure. The original band windows with concrete sills have been replaced with wood insets and smaller energy efficient windows substituted. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education Pattern Book

Without a doubt the construction of schools constitutes a commitment to the future. The construction of Iron Post school is significant in that it is evidence of the commitment of the WPA to the future of the United States, even during times of economic recovery. Moreover it was economically important to the community. Wages from some 7600 man-hours of labor utilized in construction were infused back into the local economy, stimulating business growth. Jobs generated through the schools construction allowed destitute men to feed their families which maintained hope and pride in the midst of economic depression. Architecturally the Iron Post school is significant for its fine workmanship completed with unskilled labor and its unique configuration of entryways.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 330970 4061300

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 4.3 miles east of Afton on U.S. highway 59 and from the NE corner of Sec. 1, T 25 N, R 22 E, go west 208 feet, south 416 feet, east 208 feet, and north 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 114-a; 114-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MIAMI MUNICIPAL FAIRGROUNDS (Four buildings)

LOCATION: South Main, Miami, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NW 1/4, Sec. 31, T 28 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Ottawa County, Oklahoma

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Miami Fairgrounds contains six depression era structures: two livestock pavilions, an exhibit barn, a wall surrounding the race track, a stable, and a grandstand. The livestock pavilions are constructed of randomly laid, cut, colorful native stone. The 65' x 125' pavilions feature masonry which is in excellent condition. The buildings have arched roofs and two entries at either end. Windows have cut stone sills and a continuous lintel. Window openings have been filled with fiber glass panels. Pilasters on the front facade extend above the arched roof line, lending an crenellated effect.

The exhibit barn is rectangular (76' x 178') and constructed of uncut and randomly laid native sandstone. The roof is arched and parapeted. Pilasters extend above the roof line on either end. A concrete frieze also provides decorative detail. Windows have cut stone sills, while entries rest in archways. Window openings have been filled with fiber glass panels.

An eight-foot high wall surrounds the race track and field. It stands 8 feet high, measures 18 inches thick, and is constructed of cut native stone with beaded masonry. Every fifteen feet the fence is reinforced with a pier; along its entire length it is capped with cut stone.

The rectangular (90' x 70') stable is made of uncut native stone which is in fair condition. It has a gabled roof and an attic.

The fairground grandstand is a rectangular (78' x 205') structure constructed with a poured concrete superstructure enclosed with cut, rusticated and coursed native stone. It rises 26 tiers and is covered with a corrugated iron roof which is supported with steel trusses and purlins.

The Miami Municipal Fairgrounds complex is an excellent example of depression architecture and a public works program. It does not appear, however, to have been a WPA project. Probably it was constructed under a PWA contract.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Miami Municipal Fairgrounds provided important job opportunities



for unemployed workers whose families were destitute. Moreover, the wages paid to those workers were infused into the local economy, thereby enabling it to better weather the depression. Its economic effect has continued to the present in the form of annual fairs and agricultural exhibits and periodic horse races.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

Acreage: ten acres

Quadrangle: Miami Southwest, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** Just south of Miami in the NW 1/4 of Section 31, T 28 N, R 22 E

**PICTURE REFERENCE:** none

## NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE FENCE

LOCATION: North 1st and West 4th Streets, Miami, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115

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

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

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is partially encompassed by a WPA constructed rock fence. This double rock, 4 foot high and 18 inch thick fence is constructed of uncut and uncoursed native sandstone. It extends north to south some 150 feet, and east to west some 470 feet. Support piers with stone caps are situated on 49 foot centers; end columns have stone caps and are taller, up to the top of which the fence curves. After fifty years there are few if any cracks in the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The NEO fence is significant because of the immediate economic impact it had upon the Miami community. One of the first projects approved in the county, the fence and other beautification activities put to work destitute agriculturalists and lead and zinc miners, enabling them to provide for their families through meaningful work. Moreover, wages from some 62,000 man-hours of labor were poured into the local economy so that mainstreet could better withstand the ill effects of the depression. Architecturally, the fence is significant for its length and exceptional workmanship. Most important is that the fence symbolizes an enlightened government policy that sought to put people to work when the private sector was unable to do so.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Five acres

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

UTM: A-15 330580 4082890; B-15 330690 4082980

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of First and 4th Streets, the property extends 200 feet south, 40 feet east, 160 feet north, 490 feet east, 40 feet north, and 530 feet west, in property described as the east 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 30, T 28 N, R 23 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 116-a; 116-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MOCCASIN BEND SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wyandotte, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NW 1/4, Sec. 34, T 28 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Gibbs F. Walls, Rt. 1, Box 356, Miami, OK 74354

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This two-room, essentially rectangular (76' x 30') structure is constructed from random ashlar masonry. It has a gable roof with one step. Single door entries are found on the north end, and east and west sides of the building. Windows are double-hung, wooden sash and grouped in singles, pairs and bands; on the rear they reach to the eaves; all windows have concrete sills. A concrete inset over the entryway labeled "Dist. No. 5" is a unique feature of this structure.

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

This school is significant because it symbolizes the commitment of the WPA to the future of America during the worst economic crisis this country has faced. It constituted an immensely important community resource by providing facilities for the education of children and by providing employment to destitute farmers and lead and zinc miners which enabled them to feed their families and maintain their pride. Money from construction wages, at least \$6000, were spent locally stimulating economic growth and offsetting the effects of a limited money supply. Architecturally the structure is significant for its high quality workmanship, especially considering it was completed with unskilled labor.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 347100 4081720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 5 miles north and 1 mile west of Wyandotte on State highway 10 to a tract of land 208 feet square in the northwest corner of Sec. 34, T 28 N, R 24 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 117-a; 117-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEOSHO VALLEY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Commerce, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NE 1/4, Sec. 9, T 28 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Jack McCoy, Rural Route, Commerce, OK 74339

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This two-room, rectangular (70' x 30') structure is constructed of uncut, dark red native stone. The roof is hipped and gabled and the entryways are recessed with stoop and wing wall. The windows have been covered with wood and smaller energy efficient windows installed. These windows have concrete sills. Iron fences in front of the windows and doors provide a decorative touch. A pink concrete addition has been built onto the west side of the building which destroys its integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-40; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Miami Northwest, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 3 miles west of Commerce on county road to a point beginning 208.7 feet south of the NE corner of Sec. 9, T 28 N, R 22 E; thence south 208.7 feet, thence 208.7 feet, thence north 208.7 feet, thence east 208.7 feet to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OSEUMA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Afton, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NE 1/4, Sec. 24, T 26 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Kenneth Boyd, Rt. 2, Box 39, Fairland, OK 74343

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This one-room structure is rectangular shaped ( 34' x 18') with a small wing section. It is constructed of cut random ashlar. The roof is gabled with projecting eaves and extends out over the wing section. The front entryway has a single door covered by a hood with brackets. The windows on the front facade of the structure are grouped into bands and are partially covered with boards. Windows have concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: unknown

The Oseuma school was a particularly significant community resource. Construction of this structure provided employment for local men suffering from the economic depression. The school served as an educational facility for generations of local children and fostered a sense of pride among community residents. Its continued existence as a structure serves to illustrate the commitment on the part of the WPA to the future of the United States. Its small scale makes the school unique as most WPA built buildings tended to be larger in scale.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 331040 4065420

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles east of Afton on U.S. highway 59, then 2.4 miles north on a county road and from the SE corner of the NE 1/4 in Sec. 24, T 26 N, R 22 E, go north 208 feet, west 416 feet, south 208 feet, and east 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 118-a; 118-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PICHER HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (Three Structures)

LOCATION: Ottawa and A Streets, Picher, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115

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

OWNER: Picher Board of Education, Box 280, Picher, OK 74360

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Picher High School campus includes three WPA structures: the Hayman athletic field, a gymnasium, and a vocational education building. The massive (264' x 572') wall is constructed of coarse, uncut native stone on the interior and poured concrete on the exterior. Incorporated in the walls are two, pour concrete stands which on the west extends 240 feet and on the east 160 feet. Both stands rise six tiers. Unfortunately on the north end of the field the gym has been extended over and into the field area.

The gymnasium measures 100' x 95' and is constructed from random ashlar of an orange color. It has an arched roof with parapets capped with concrete. Concrete additions to the north and south walls have destroyed the integrity of this building.

The vocational education shop, located southwest of the gym, is a rectangular shaped (80' x 74') structure made of oversized orange concrete bricks. It has a monitor roof with wood siding covering the upper portion and projecting eaves. Single door entries are found at various places on the structure. Windows are singly placed and have concrete sills. A concrete block addition with a new roof has been built onto the west side of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

WPA constructions at the Picher school are significant because they constituted an economically important community resource early in the depression era. Their construction provided local families with wages from some 15,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction restored a sense of pride to many destitute and unemployed lead and zinc miners who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. The educational importance of the structures remains significant in that they are still being utilized by the school district.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 29 N, R 23 E, go west 208 feet to a point of beginning; then go west 416 feet, south 624 feet, east 416 feet, and north 624 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

TURKEY FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS BARN

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wyandotte, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; SW 1/4, Sec. 1, T 25  
N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Wyandotte Board of Education, Rt. 1, Wyandotte, OK 74370

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Turkey Ford school bus barn is a single-story, rectangular (23' x 30) building constructed of crudely laid native stone. Its gabled roof has wood siding within the gables. The two garage door entries, on the west side, have been enclosed with rock masonry similar to that on the rest of the structure. To this has been added a shed type porch roof supported by wood posts. The sash windows have concrete sills and moldings. A single entry doorway is on the northeast corner. The alterations destroy the garage's architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of the bus barn and other campus improvements are significant because they illustrate the commitment of the WPA to the future of the country. They have served as educational improvements for many local children, a large portion of which have been Indian. Money earned as wages for the construction allowed local men to buy food for their children and ease their suffering during the early days of the depression. The work allowed men to preserve their pride and faith in their country and helped stimulate the depressed local economy. The crude workmanship displayed on the bus barn reflects the progressive character of WPA workmanship, which improved over time.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 13.4 miles south of Wyandotte on State highway 10, then go 1.5 miles east on paved county road, then north .3 of a mile to a tract of land beginning at a point 335 feet north of the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 25 N, R 24 E; thence running east 208 feet; thence north 208 feet; thence west 208 feet; thence south 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

WYANDOTTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCATION: First and School Streets, Wyandotte, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115

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

OWNER: Wyandotte Board of Education, Box 360, Wyandotte, OK 74370

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular (60' x 120'), eight-room schoolhouse is constructed of crudely laid uncut coral-like stone. It has a gabled roof with projecting eaves. The front entryway is recessed and presently consists of double glass doors with sidelights and transoms. Steps leading up to the entry have stone sidewalls topped with concrete. The casement windows with concrete sills extend to the eaves on the sides of the building and to a protruding concrete freize which closes the gables on the roof. A brick addition to the rear facade of the building is not sufficient to destroy the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant as a community resource. The wages for some 31,000 man-hours of labor earned through its construction were infused back into the local business community which eased the economic affects of the depression on mainstreet. Furthermore the school provided more modern and improved facilities to meet the educational needs of the children of the community, a function it has continued to provide for more than fifty years. Architecturally it is unique for its small, coral-like stone building materials and high gabled roof design.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 345950 4073030

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the southeast corner of the NW 1/4 go west 416 feet and north 260 feet to a point of beginning, there north 156 feet, west 208 feet, south 156 feet, and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 119-a; 119-b