

ROGERS WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

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Bushyhead School and Gymnasium/Auditorium	X	
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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

BUSHYHEAD SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bushyhead, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; NW 1/4, Sec. 21, T 23 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Romaine E. Sellmeyer, Rt. 5, Claremore, OK 74017

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This WPA project has eight rooms or more and is a single-story, rectangular (122' x 108') structure constructed of red brick. The masonry is running bond. The school roof is flat, while the gymnasium roof is arched. Both have parapets. The school entrance has pilasters that reflect an art deco style. The gymnasium's entrance has been made into a garage door. The windows on the school have white board inserts. The gymnasium windows, which have brick lintels, have been knocked out.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant because it gave educational opportunities to children in a rural area and provided work for destitute laborers when they most needed it. Nothing in the area can compare to this structure in scale. It is also unique in terms of style, type, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The school and gym are within a 2 acre tract in the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 21, T 23 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CATOOSA GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: East Oak and South Bluff Streets in Catoosa, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

OWNER: Catoosa Board of Education, Drawer A, Catoosa, OK 74015

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This gymnasium/auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (135' x 88') structure constructed of brick. Its masonry is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets. The entrance is of an art deco flavor with pilasters. The building has since been painted red. The windows have partial wood inserts and more energy-efficient windows have been inserted as well. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA project, the construction of this gymnasium provided work for destitute laborers. In March of 1938, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners stated that construction of the gym "benefitted merchants and enhanced property values" in the area. It enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 99,100 man-hours of labor into Catoosa's economy. The gymnasium/auditorium is unique in terms of type, style, and scale. The structure also enhanced recreational opportunities in the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 253050 4007690

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 in Block 32, Catoosa original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 126-a; 126-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CATOOSA SCHOOL

LOCATION: South Cherokee Street in Catoosa, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

OWNER: Catoosa Board of Education, Drawer A, Catoosa, OK 74015

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This school of ten rooms or more is a single-story, rectangular (214' x 60') structure constructed of brick in running bond. The roof is flat with parapets. The door is recessed behind an art deco-style entrance with pilasters. The brick has been painted red. The windows are new and have been partially filled in. Additional buildings have been added to each side except the front. The alterations impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The Catoosa School is unique within the city of Catoosa in terms of its art deco style, type, scale, and workmanship. The construction of the school provided jobs for those desperately in need of work and enhanced educational opportunities in the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Block 32, Catoosa original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHELSEA CEMETERY FENCE

LOCATION: Fourth Street and a road west of Rogers Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; SE 1/4, Sec. 24, T 24 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: The City of Chelsea, City Hall, Chelsea, OK 74016

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Chelsea Cemetery's double rock fence is three feet high and encompasses a tract measuring 563' x 1610. It is 18 inches thick and is constructed of uncut rock in masonry of random rubble. The fence entrance contains rock piers with stone caps that add a decorative quality to this WPA project.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of this rock fence provided jobs to those who desperately needed work during the depths of the depression. It enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 20,900 man-hours of labor into Chelsea's economy. The fence is quite unique in type, style, masonry, and especially in scale. The fence is still an important part of the cemetery in Chelsea

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than five acres

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

UTM: A-15 281900 4046830; B-15 282060 4046830; C-15 281880 4047100; D-15 282080 4047100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Starts at a point 1664 feet north of the SE corner of Sec. 24, T 24 N, R 17 E, and goes west 416 feet, north 936 feet, east 20 feet, and south 416 feet, east 396 feet; then in Sec. 19, T 24 N, R 18 E, continue east 188 feet, then north 916 feet, east 20 feet, south 936 feet and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 127-a

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLAREMORE ARMORY

LOCATION: Patti Page Boulevard and Lynn Riggs Boulevard in Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

OWNER: The City of Claremore, City Hall, Claremore, OK 74017

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

This armory is a single-story, rectangular (121' x 142') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The central portion of the roof is arched, while the remainder of it is flat. Parapets are on all sections. The strategic placement of light and dark buff colors in square shapes makes a beautiful design and raises the masonry quality to an artistic level. The pilasters at the doorways and along the walls and corners provide decorative variation. These variations and the elongated metal encased windows give the structure a "fortress" appearance. Garage door openings have continuous concrete lentils and contain new garage doors. Concrete flower beds have been added to the entrance, but does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA building this armory is exceptional for its quality of workmanship that reaches the level of artistic expression. It is unique within the city of Claremore in terms of type, materials, style, and most notably workmanship. This project provided work for destitute laborers and infused wages of some 57,000 man-hours of labor into Claremore's economy. It also contributed to the military readiness of a National Guard unit that was very important during World War II. The armory is now used as a recreation center for the people of Claremore.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 265170 4021500

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 19 and 20 of Block 112, Claremore original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 128-a; 128-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLAREMORE LIBRARY

LOCATION: North Weenonah and West Fourth Street, Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

OWNER: The City of Claremore, City Hall, Claremore, OK 74017

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This single-story, rectangular (61' x 50') structure is constructed of tan brick. Masonry of the building is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets and contains a continuous concrete lintel along the roof line. The double-door entryway, framed with red brick, is slightly recessed behind cut limestone pilasters with a stepped cornice that contains decorative ornaments. There is also a transom above the doorway. The sash windows, most of which are placed by threes, are elongated and have brick lintels. The rock fence around the structure was also constructed by the WPA. There is a brick addition on the north side. New doors, steps, and a ramp have been added to the entry. Metal bars have been attached to some of the windows. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

This WPA project provided additional educational opportunities. It gave jobs to unemployed and unskilled laborers in Claremore while infusing wages of some 21,500 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It was reported in March of 1938 that projects such as this one kept down the insurrection and rioting during the crucial era of the Depression. Architecturally, the library is unique in type, scale, materials, workmanship, and especially its art deco style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 265560 4021440

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 104, Claremore original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 129-a; 129-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLAREMORE PUBLIC INFORMATION BUILDING

LOCATION: J.M. Davis Avenue and Will Rogers Boulevard, Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

OWNER: Herbert C. Floyd, 905 N. Owalla, Claremore, OK 74017

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This building of three rooms is a single-story, rectangular (50' x 15') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is flat with parapets. The recessed entryway is framed by brick pilasters on the sides and a rains awning above. The pilasters and awning may be new additions. Windows, some of which form portions of the corners, are metal encased. Some openings are now filled with wood inserts. Alterations have not impeached the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Claremore is the location of a major tourist attraction, the Will Rogers memorial, and an important educational institution, Rogers State College (previously the Oklahoma Military Academy). Construction of the information building by the WPA recognized the importance of tourism to Claremore in its economic revival from the depression. Construction also infused wages from some 9,300 man-hours of labor into the community's economy and provided employment to destitute workers long on relief and short on self respect. As a WPA building, the structure is unique as to type. Its style, materials, and workmanship make it architecturally notable locally.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 265030 4021610

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 of Block 21, Claremore original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 130-a; 130-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLAREMORE BOATHOUSE

LOCATION: Claremore City Park, Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; NE 1/4, Sec. 3, T 21 N, R 16 E

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

OWNER: The City of Claremore, City Hall, Claremore, OK 74017

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This boathouse is a two-story, rectangular (34' x 68') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone. It has a parapet roof. The entry door is recessed behind a segmental arch. The first floor has one room with a chimney. The lower level where boats dock, contains a small room that Claremore policemen once used as a jail. The roof is now made of tin and the doorway has a partial insert of wood attached, but these alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building. This structure is now designated for boat storage.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This boathouse is significant because construction of it provided work for unemployed and unskilled laborers at a time when few opportunities existed. It enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 16,200 man-hours of labor into the local economy and the jobs generated by the construction of this building helped maintain the pride of men who thereby found the means to support their hungry families. This project also contributed to recreational activities available in the area. The boathouse once contained a jail, which makes this building very unique. It is also unique in type, style, and quality of workmanship. It is one of few WPA boathouses found in Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 268350 4023490

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Within Claremore city park, the property begins at a point 1872 feet east and 416 feet north of the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 3, T 21 N, R 16 E, and goes east 208 feet, north 208 feet, west 208 feet, and south 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 131-a; 131-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FOYIL SCHOOL/GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Edge Water Street, Foyil, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; NE 1/4, Sec. 31, T
23 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Foyil Board of Education, Box 49, Foyil, OK 74031

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school and gymnasium of six or more rooms is a single-story, rectangular (114' x 73') structure constructed of brick. Masonry of the building is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets. The entrance is recessed behind a round arch within a triangular archway. The sashed windows contain lentils of brick which have been inserted vertically. Concrete block additions have been attached to the north and back side of the structure. The building has been painted a tan color with all trim painted dark brown. The windows have been filled with partial wood inserts. The alterations have impeached the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. This WPA project gave jobs to many unskilled workers at a time early on in the depression when gainful employment was impossible and provided improved and modern educational opportunities to numerous students in this rural area. The structure is still used for educational purposes.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The school site is located on a tract of land in the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 31, T 23 N, R 17 E, specifically, from the intersection of county road and Edge Water road go south 301 feet and then west 78 feet to a point of beginning then go 73 feet west, 114 feet south, 73 feet east and 114 feet north.

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

GREGORY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Inola, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; NW 1/4, Sec. 35, T 20 N, R 16 E

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

OWNER: Inola Board of Education, Rt. 2, Inola, OK 74036

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of six rooms or more, this school is a single-story, rectangular (85' x 53') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled. The entry is recessed behind an archway covered by an intersecting center gable. The windows are placed in groups of four; some have been filled with partial wood inserts. There is an addition on the west side of the structure. The roof contains a new catslide roof in the back. The alterations impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of this school provided educational opportunities to those in a rural area and gave employment to destitute, unskilled laborers at a time when jobs were scarce. Architecturally, the school is unique in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship. Gregory School is still in use today, suggesting its long-range importance.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Inola on county road 1 mile to highway no. 33, then go west 3.5 miles to the school site that is on a tract of land beginning at the NW corner of Tract 3 in Lake Way Acres; thence east 321.75 feet to the point of the beginning; thence north 157 feet; east 630 feet; south 157 feet; west 630 feet to the point of beginning, in Sec. 35, T 20 N, R 16 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

INOLA CEMETERY CHAPEL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Inola, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; Sec. 3, T 19 N, R 17 E.

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

OWNER: The City of Inola, City Hall, Inola, OK 74036

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This one-room chapel is a rectangular (26' x 37') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled with parapets. The windows have concrete sills and lentils. The door has been taken down at the entrance and converted into a garage. The windows have been filled in with concrete.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This chapel is significant because it provided employment for destitute workers at a time when employment opportunities were scarce. The construction of this chapel also contributed to morale in the area. Architecturally, it is unique in type, style, materials, and workmanship. The building is one of few WPA chapels found in NE Oklahoma. The chapel is still in use as a storage room on the cemetery grounds.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Inola on county road 1.5 miles to cemetery site, beginning 1027.62 feet east and 132 feet south of the NW corner of Lot 2; thence south 209.22 feet, east 209.22 feet, north 209.22 feet, and west 209.22 feet to the point of origin, Sec. 3, T 19 N, R 17 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

INOLA SCHOOL AND AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: North Broadway and First Street Northwest, Inola, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; Sec. 5, T 19 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Inola Board of Education, P.O. Box 786, Inola, OK 74036

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A building of ten rooms, this school and auditorium is a single-story, T-shaped (181' x 129') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is flat with parapets. The doors are framed by pilasters and pilaster strips are also in the corners and along the front wall of the school. The metal encased windows have concrete lentils and a concrete continuous sill. Window placement is in groups of three, which contain concrete sills and lentils. The original windows have been replaced with smaller ones. A rain shelter has been added to the entrance, and an additional building is attached to the northwest side of the school. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school is exceptional in quality of workmanship, type, style, and scale. The construction of this building gave employment opportunities to destitute laborers in the area and provided educational opportunities for more children in the area. The project enabled the infusion of wages of some 51,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The structure still serves as an elementary school in Inola, suggesting the continuing influence of the WPA.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 274140 4003570

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: At the corner of North Broadway and First Street NW go 195 feet NW, 75 feet SW, 195 feet SE, and 75 feet NE, all in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 5, T 19 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 132-a; 132-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

INOLA SCHOOL CAMPUS

LOCATION: A Street Northwest and First Street Northwest, Inola, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

OWNER: Inola Board of Education, P.O. Box 789, Inola, OK 74036

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Inola School Campus contains three WPA buildings. The bus garage is a single-story, rectangular (50' x 36') structure constructed of brick. The masonry is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets. Pilaster strips at the corners and along the front wall give the building an art deco style. The garage door openings have been enclosed with metal siding, and a door and small windows have been added. These alterations generally impeach the integrity of the structure.

This gymnasium/auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (75' x 77') structure constructed of uncut native stone. Masonry of the building is random rubble. The roof is arched with parapets. The entry is covered by a structure which was added to the gym at a later date. The windows have been filled in with siding and new more energy-efficient windows have been added. The alterations affect the integrity of this building.

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

The construction of these WPA projects are significant because they provided work for destitute laborers in the depths of the depression and provided the basis for education in this small community. The bus garage is now used as classrooms, which makes it valuable to the community in terms of educational opportunities not there before. The school and gym are still used for educational purposes today. Architecturally, they are unique in the quality of workmanship, style, materials, and scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The bus garage begins at the intersection of First Street NW and A Street NW and goes 56 feet NW, 70 feet NE, 56 feet SE, and 70 feet SW and the Gym begins at the intersection of First Street NW and North Broadway and goes 95 feet

SE, 97 feet SW, 95 feet NW, and 97 feet NE all in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 5, T 19 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY ENCAMPMENT

LOCATION: Vicinity Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 13; NW 1/4, Sec. 5, T 20 N, R 15 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; restricted; present use--agriculture

OWNER: Bob Phillips, 3203 E. 62nd Street, Tulsa, OK 74136

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The OMA Encampment facility is comprised completely of WPA structures, specifically two barracks buildings, one mess hall facility, and one officers quarters. The barracks buildings are identical in dimensions and style. Rectangular (125' x 20') in size, they are single story and constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone laid in a random rubble pattern. The roof is gabled. Entries at either end of the buildings are single door, have concrete lintels, and are framed by side walls that are capped by pre-formed concrete blocks. The ten window openings on either side of the barracks are singly placed and have pre-formed concrete sills, lintels, and jambs. Where they remain functional, the windows are double hung wood sash. Most panes have been replaced with plywood.

The barracks rest on either end of a horizontal axis. Central and vertical to the axis is the mess hall building. This structure is rectangular (90' x 60') and also constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone laid in a random rubble pattern. The masonry is excellent. The roof has stepped gables capped with concrete blocks. The front entry on the south is double door and accessed through a massive porch of stone rails and piers supporting a poured concrete roof topped with additional stone work. The window openings have metal encased panes and pre-formed concrete sills, lintels, and jambs. A new roof with steel supports and a garage door cut into the east wall alter but do not totally impeach the architectural integrity of the structure.

West of the Mess Hall and just north of the west barracks is the Officer quarters building. It too is rectangular (18' x 49') and constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone with excellent masonry. The roof is hipped, and windows have pre-formed concrete sills, lintels and jambs. An original "dog trot" separating two distinct quarters has been enclosed with rock wall and chimney on the north and a double door entryway on the south. Over the latter a aluminum rain awning supported by poles has been placed. The integrity of this structure has been impaired, but since it is a part of a larger facility it deserves to be considered for the National Register as well.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Joe Stone

The significance of the OMA Encampment facility lies in its history as much as its vernacular architecture and economic significance. Situated just south of Claremore, the site

of the main campus of Oklahoma Military Academy (now Rogers State College), the encampment facility was conceived as a field school that would introduce students to appropriate aspects of military life. After the facility was completed, however, the property passed almost immediately into private hands. Apparently the OMA only had options to by the property when the project was implemented and upon its completion the property owner did not honor the options. The administrative bungles, and considering the amount of money involved, caused the regional administrator of the WPA to loose his position. Of course, the encampment facility was a major economic resource to the Claremore area during the depression. Construction of it provided job opportunities for workers long on the relief rolls, whose wages enabled them to provide for their families and infused a supply of money needed to preserve Claremore's mainstreet. Architecturally the facility is notable for the extent of its vernacular style and quality of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: four acres

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

UTM: A-15 263850 4014130; B-15 263890 4014130; C-15 263820 4014130; D-263820 4014100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Claremore go 4 miles south and .5 miles west to property site, which begins at a point 2288 feet east and 1454 feet south of the northwest corner of Sec. 5, T 20 N, R 15 E, and goes 416 feet east, 416 feet south, 416 feet west and 416 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 133-a; 133-b; 133-c; 133-d; 133-e; 133-f; 133-g; 133-h

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WALLER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Chelsea, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; NW 1/4, Sec. 28, T 24 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: James and Barbara Moreland, P.O. Box 251, Chelsea, OK 74016

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This school of four or more rooms is a single-story, rectangular (79' x 67') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled and the entry is recessed beneath a center gable. All doors are topped with sheet metal. The windows, that reach to the eaves, have green plastic and/or sheet metal inserts. An addition has been attached to the back of the building. These alterations impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Building this school created educational opportunities in a remote and rural area. The WPA project also gave work to those desperately in need of it during the depths of the depression when employment opportunities were rare. Architecturally, the building is unique in this area in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of Chelsea on highway no. 66 some 3/4 of a mile then west on county road 4 1/4 miles then north 1/4 mile to school site beginning at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/2 of Sec. 28, T 24 N, R 17 E; thence south along the section 250 feet, thence east 350 feet, thence north 250 feet, west 350 feet to the point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WINGANON GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Chelsea, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; SW 1/4, Sec. 13, T 24 N, R 16 E

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

OWNER: Garland Boyd Jr., Route 3, Box 101, Chelsea, OK 74016

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

This gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (75' x 81') structure constructed of rusticated native stone of buff color. The masonry is crude. There was an attempt at cutting the stone and coursing it. The building has a flat roof with parapets and the entry is covered with trees and bushes. The windows panes have been removed. Hay is now stored within the structure. Large trees block the view of this gymnasium/auditorium.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This WPA project provided jobs for unskilled and unemployed people at a time when work opportunities were few in this remote and rural area. The type, style, materials, and especially scale of this gymnasium/auditorium make it unique within this area. No other structure in the vicinity is of comparable size.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Chelsea on highway 28, 1 1/4 miles then west on highway no. 28, 7 miles to the gym site which is located on a tract of land in the SW, SW, SW beginning at a point 324 feet east of the SW corner of Sec. 13; thence 157 feet east along the section line; thence north 330 feet; thence west 157 feet; thence south 330 feet to the point of origin in Sec. 13, T 24 N, R 16 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none