# SEQUOYAH WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

Property	OLI	NR
Brent School	x	
Fields Chapel School	X	X
Gans School Campus	X	X
Gore School and Gymnasium	X	X
Hanson Central High School Campus	x	
Johnson School	x	
McKey School	x	X
Moffett City Hall/Jail	x	X
Moffett School and Gymnasium	x	X
Rocky Point School	x	
Roland School Auditorium	X	X
Sallisaw High School	x	X
Sequoyah's Home Site	x	
Vian Gymnasium	x	

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BRENT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; SW 1/4, Sec. 33, T 11 N, R 24 E.

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

OWNER: Brent Community Church, Rural Route, Gans, OK 74936

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This single story rectangular structure measures 60 feet by 25 feet and is constructed of wood clapboard siding and rests upon a stone foundation. The roof is hipped with a center gable, which forms a portico, and dentils. The double door front entry is centered under the portico and single door entries are located on either end of the building. Windows are double-hung, wood sash and singly placed. The replacement of the rear entryway with wood siding has destroyed the integrity of the building and disqualifies it for inclusion on the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school is unique as a WPA building, especially in northeast Oklahoma, in that it is constructed of wood. It provided educational facilities for area children and its construction provided jobs for the impoverished population during the depression. It remains today as a symbol, although not widely recognized, of an enlightened federal policy that was committed to preserving self-esteem as much as an economic system.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: West Gans, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated 4.5 miles west of Gans on state highway 141, the property is located in the SW 1/4, Sec. 33, T 11 N, R 24 E.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FIELDS CHAPEL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Vian, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; SE 1/4 Sec. 3, T 12 N, R 23 E

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

OWNER: Earl W. Keck, Rt 2, Box 77, Vian, OK 74962

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The old Fields Chapel School is an essentially rectangular ( $70' \times 37'$ ) two room structure constructed from uncut native stone laid in a cobweb pattern. It has a hipped roof with a pedimented center gable over a recessed front entry. Double hung wood sash windows with cut stone sills in front and wood sills in the rear have a continous stone lintel with a keystone pattern which sets it apart from the masonry on the building's facade.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1942; 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 for local families paid for some 19,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy helping to soften the impact of the depression on rural mainstreets. Jobs generated by the construction of the school enabled men to provide for their own families and restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to feed their families. The school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community, inaugurating a modern curriculum and encouraging a sense of academic excellence.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Marble City, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 331590 3933880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go seven miles northeast of Vian to the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 3, T 12 N, R 23 E, and go 208 feet north, 416 feet east, 208 feet south, and 416 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 134-a; 134-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GANS SCHOOL CAMPUS (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Gans, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; NW 1/4, Sec. 32, T 11 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Gans Board of Education, Box 52, Gans, OK 74936

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Gans School campus includes three WPA-built structures: a classroom building/gymnasium, a teacherage and a bus barn. The classroom building/gymnasium is an "E" shaped structure extending 250 feet along the front and 115 feet along the sides. It is constructed of uncut and randomly laid native stone. The roof is flat, except over the gym where it is arched, and has parapets capped with concrete. The entryways are recessed within arches as is a series of seven windows along the front of the structure. Elsewhere the windows are metal sash combined into triples with concrete sills. Vertical insets on either side of the front facade and pilasters add decorative relief to the excellent masonry.

The teacherage is rectangular shaped (40' x 30') and is constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone with beaded mortar. It has a hipped roof with an intersecting gable. The main front entry on the southwest corner is accessed via a porch with stone rails beneath an overhand of the roof supported by cut stone post. Windows are singly hung metal sash, replacing original wooden sash windows, and rest on pre-formed concrete sills.

The bus barn is a rectangular shaped structure ( $50' \times 29'$ ) and is constructed from uncut native stone with beaded mortar. It has a gable roof and originally for garage doors separated by cut stone piers. Three of the garage entries are enclosed with wood inserts, while a fourth contains a glass double door entry with side and transcom lights. Windows on the rear of the structure are singly placed. The alterations to the building are significant but do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938 and 1941; builder/architect for the school: Joe I Davis

The WPA construction work on the Gans campus constituted a remarkable community resource. Economically the projects between 1938 and 1941 infused wages for over 99,000 man hours back into the community, a sum that significantly softened the impact of the depression for mainstreet. Educationally the school provided exceptional facilities for the children of the community and facilitated the inauguration of a modern education. Its long range significance is apparent in that the structures are still used. The actual building on the Gans campus provided jobs for farmers and miners hard pressed to provide for the needs of their families. Architecturally the structures are notable for their remarkable workmanship, especially masonry that rises to an art form.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Six acres

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

UTM: A-15 346630 3917420; B-15 346730 3917460; C-15 346710 3917430

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the northeast corner of Gans, the property begins 416 feet east of the northwest corner of Sec. 32, T 11 N, R 25 E, and goes 416 feet south, 624 feet east, 416 feet north, and 624 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 135-a; 135-b; 135-c; 135-d; 135-e; 135-f

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GORE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 5th and Carlile (215 Fifth), Gore, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; Sec 7, T 12 N, R 21 E

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

OWNER: Gore Board of Education, Box 580, Gore, OK 74435

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Gore school is a "H" shaped structure which measures 144 feet along the front and 129 feet along the sides. It is constructed from uncoursed native stone with beaded mortar. The building consists of a central gym with an arched roof which is fronted by a classroom unit with a stepped gable roof and intersected by two perpendicular classroom units with gable roofs. Window openings reach to the eaves and have concrete sills. Metal sash windows placed by threes headed with wood fillers now constitute the windows. Two separate entries located in the front are recessed under cut stone arches. A cinder block addition has been constructed on the north side of the gym but this has not impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937 38; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

Economically the Gore school building is significant because the wages earned through some 88,000 man-hours of labor provided a financial boost to a community suffering from the depression. The building still benefits the community economically in that the wages earned by the teachers and employees of the school are infused back into the local economy. The school has served nearly fifty years as a learning center for the children of the community. Architecturally the building is unique with a central gym which is fronted and intersected by classroom units.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 307930 3933840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Fifth and Carlile, go 180 feet northeast, 200 feet southeast, 180 feet southwest, and 200 feet northwest.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 136-a; 136-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HANSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; NW 1/4, Sec. 7, T 11 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Central Board of Education, Rt. 2, Box 36, Sallisaw, OK 74955

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Hanson School campus contains three WPA structures: a classroom building, a bus barn, and a teacherage. The classroom building is a four-room, rectangular (46' x 76') structure constructed of uncut native stone. It has a gable roof with wood siding. A concrete block addition covers the original arched entryway. Windows are grouped into bands with concrete sills and continous concrete lintels that reach to the roofline. The structure rests upon a cut stone foundation. Unfortunately additions built onto three sides of the building impeach the integrity of the structure

The bus barn is a rectangular shaped (50'  $\times$  32') building constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone. It has a gable roof and new single glass doorways placed in wood insets that replaced the original large garage doors. The renovations to this building are significant enough to disqualify it for inclusion to the National Register.

The teacherage is a rectangular shaped (33' x 26') building constructed from wood with a brick foundation wall. It has a gabled roof with an intersecting center gable porch. Wooden sash windows have wood sills and lintels. A wooden addition has been built onto the northeast side of the structure which destroys the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-teacherage, 1938-class building; 1942-bus barn; builder/architect: N. R. Ross on class building

Construction of the Hanson Central High School was significant because the wages from some 80,000 man hours of labor earned between 1936 and 1941 were infused back into the local economy easing the burdens of a limited money supply caused by the depression. The work on the Hanson campus was unique in utilizing both stone and wood building materials. Also significant is the fact that the school provided modernized learning facilities for the children of the community and continues to be an educational fountain some 50 years later.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Four acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 5 miles east of Sallisaw on U.S. highway 64, then north 1 3/4 miles to a point 208 feet south of the northeast corner of Sec. 7, T 11 N, R 25 E, and go east 416 feet, south 416 feet, west 416 feet, and north 416 feet.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JOHNSON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Muldrow, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; SE 1/4, Sec. 8, T 12 N, R 27 E

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

OWNER: James L. Small, Rt. 3, Box 317, Muldrow, OK 74948

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The old Johnson school is a rectangular shaped (36' x 24') structure constructed of uncoursed native stone. The gable roof has dentils. The single door entry has a hood supported by brackets and a stoop. The original wooden sash windows in front have been covered with woods insets to form smaller windows with stone sills. A set of twin dormer windows rest on the rear of the building. Unfortunately a large addition to the rear of the structure has destroyed the integrity of the structure and disqualifies it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of this facility provided jobs for local men suffering from the depression. Economically the wages paid for the construction were infused back into the community easing the burden of a limited money supply. The structure is unique for its rather crude construction, testimony to the use of unskilled labor.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the SE corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 8, T 12 N, R 27 E, go west 1040 feet and north 832 feet to a point of beginning, then west 208 feet, north 208 feet, east 208 feet, and south 208 feet.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

McKEY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Vian, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; SE 1/4, Sec. 29, T 12 N R 23 E

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

OWNER: First Baptist Church of McKey, Rural Route, Vian, OK 74962

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old McKey school is a two room rectangular shaped (73' x 28') structure of uncut and uncoursed native stone. The masonry is superior. The hipped gable roof has a center gable which forms a triangular pediment supported by two sets of columns surrounding the recessed front entryway. A single wooden door entry with hood and stoop is located on the rear of the structure. The windows on the front facade are paired double-hung wooden sash with cut stone sills. Two sets of windows combined into bands rest on the rear and hopper windows are found on the sides of the building. A small bell tower is located just north of the school building. Two pairs of windows on the front of the building have been replaced with energy efficient wood insets and a concrete block addition has been built onto the south side of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The wages for some 15,000 man-hours of labor paid for the construction of this building and infused back into the community provided economic stimulus to the depressed local economy. The sense of pride that developed as a result of providing employment which allowed local men to feed and clothe their families is reflected in the fine quality of workmanship exhibited on this building. The fact that the WPA choose to construct schools is evidence of its commitment to the future of this country.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre Quadrangle: Vian, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 328970 3928190

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go five miles east of Vian on U.S. highway 64, then 1.5 miles north to a point 208 feet south of the northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 29, T 12 N, R 23 E, then west 208 feet, south 208 feet, east 208 feet, and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 137-a; 137-b

### MOFFETT CITY HALL/JAIL

LOCATION: Main Street, Moffett, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; Sec. 28, T 11 N, R 27 E

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

OWNER: The City of Moffett, Moffett, OK 74946

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Moffett City Hall/Jail is a "T" shaped structure (46'x 35') having four rooms and constructed with poured concrete. It has a flat roof with parapets and single door entryways. The windows are metal sash and have concrete sills. Adjacent to the front entryway is a vertical bank of opaque glass. A concrete porch extends to form a freize above the windows. There is a modernesque favor to the building which makes it somewhat unique in this small black community.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

This structure was built to provide governmental facilities to the primarily black community of Moffitt. Its construction provided jobs for local heads of households finding it difficult to provide for their families because of the depression. Construction also infused into the local economy wages for some 15,000 man-hours of labor. Architecturally the building is unique locally and as a WPA building in northeastern Oklahoma for its concrete construction materials and its modernesque style.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Fort Smith, Ark. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 368850 3917270

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 10, 11, 12 in Block 3, original town.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 138-a; 138-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MOFFETT SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Moffett, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; NE 1/4, Sec. 33, T 11 N, R 27 E

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

OWNER: Moffett Board of Education, Box 98, Moffett, OK 74946

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This "T" shaped building is constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone with beaded mortar and measures 144 feet vertically by 58 feet horizontally. The roof is flat and has parapets everywhere except over the gym where it is arched with high pointed parapets. The front entry is recessed with a butress and a bell hung from a roof parapet which gives the building a distinct Spanish Mission flavor. Other entries are surrounded by cut stone arches with keystone. Single metal sash windows have concrete sills. A concrete addition to the rear of the building does not impeach the integrity of this remarkably attractive building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: T.O. Hensley

The school is significant for its vernacular architecture which approximates Spanish Mission style. It is also significant for its quality of workmanship and its large scale. The building is evidence of the value of the WPA to Moffitt in providing temporary relief during the depression that benefitted both destitute and unemployed laborers as well as local mainstreet merchants. The project infused wages from some 48,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The structure is also significant because it inaugurated modern education in Moffett, and it continues to be an exceptional resource in that it is used for school purposed some 50 years later.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Ft. Smith, Ark.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 368360 3517040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the southwest corner of Moffett at a point 416 feet east of the northwest corner of the NE 1/4, Sec. 33, T 8 N, R 27 E, go 312 feet south, 208 feet east, 312 feet north, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 139-a; 139-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

**ROCKY POINT SCHOOL** 

LOCATION: Vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; NW 1/4, Sec. 20, T 13 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Pine Tree Baptist Church, Rural Route, Sallisaw, OK 74955

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This two-room building is rectangular (25' x 34') and constructed of roughly cut native stone. The roof is gabled with dentils. The front entry has a "V" shaped hood; the rear entry has a flat hood. Sash windows reach to the roofline and are grouped in bands with concrete sills. A concrete block addition on the north impairs the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Rocky Point school provided an economic stimulas to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre Ouadrangle: Brushy, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 11 miles northeast of Sallisaw on U.S. 59 to a point 1040 feet west and 832 feet south from the northeast corner of the NW 1/4, then west 208 feet, south 208 feet, east 208 feet, and north 208 feet.

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROLAND SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Adams and Dorcas Streets, Roland, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135

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

OWNER: Roland Board of Education, General Delivery, Roland, OK 74954

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This building is a rectangular shaped (94' x 89') structure constructed of uncut native stone. The building contains a single story in front and two stories in the rear. The gable roof with projecting eaves has a long steep slope over the front and a gentler sloped roof over the two story rear portion of the structure. The front door is recessed behind an arched entryway with keystone. All of the original paired windows on the first story have been covered with energy efficient wood insets. Second story windows are uncovered; all have concrete sills. The window insets do not destroy the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This auditorium is one of several buildings constructed on the Roland school campus by the WPA, although it is the only one that is extant. The buildings proved to be exceptional community resources. The wages earned by the laborers for more than 40,000 man-hours of work were infused back into the local economy stimulating recovery from the depression. The jobs provided to destitute farmers and miners preserved their sense of pride and helped slow the depopulation of the area. Educationally the auditorium provided facilities for local school children to view cultural performances thus instilling within them a sense of their own culture and their own worth. This auditorium is also significant for its unique style and quality of workmanship which reflects the pride of the workers in constructing a lasting monument to their endeavors.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

UTM: 15 362350 3920400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 2, Block 4, Roland original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 140-a; 140-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SALLISAW HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Creek and Walnut Streets, Sallisaw, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135

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

educational

OWNER: Sallisaw Board of Education, 312 S. Walnut, Sallisaw, OK 74955

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74995

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This single story with basement 26 room "V" shaped structure measures 280 feet along the sides by 57 feet wide. The construction material is yellow brick laid in running bond. It has a flat roof with parapets capped with tin. The entryway is towered with glass doors and set windows separated by pilasters. The metal sash windows are grouped into bands with concrete sills and concrete lintels above the bands. Brickwork friezes and a water table add decorative relief to the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Joseph I. Davis

Construction of this school boosted the local economy. Wages earned by the laborers for some 114,000 man-hours of effort and infused back into the local economy stimulated economic activity and helped ease the effects of the depression. Construction meant individually that workers could provide for their families with a measure of dignity. The building continues as an exceptional community resource as wages currently earned by teachers and workers are turned back into local businesses helping to generate growth. Even more important is that the school over the past 50 years has provided opportunities for educational excellence. Architecturally the building is unique in style, materials, and scale. Brick WPA buildings are particularly unusual in northeastern Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Sallisaw, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 337440 3925020

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 52, Lots 1 through 4 on the Sallisaw original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 141-a; 141-b; 141-c

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SEQUOYAH'S HOME SITE (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; SW 1/4, Sec. 15, T 12 N, R 25 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; restricted; present use--museum

OWNER: Oklahoma Historical Society, Wiley Post Historical Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Sequoyah's home site contains three WPA-built structures: a wall, a water tower base, and a museum building. The three and one-half foot tall wall is constructed of uncut native stone and completely encompasses the ten acre property. Its masonry is in excellent condition.

The base for the water tower on the property has a circumference of 49 feet. It has two large windows and one door.

The building on the property is essentially rectangular and was constructed to cover Sequoyah's original log cabin. The construction material is untooled native stone, while the roof is gabled. The front entryway is recessed beneath a small gable porch enclosed on the sides by rockwork. The large windows have metal encased panes and concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Willard Stone

WPA appropriations in 1936 helped to reconstruct the log cabin of the Cherokee "Cadmus" Sequoyah--inventor of the incomparable Cherokee Syllabary--and to enclose it in an appropriate structure. Since the facility and grounds are already listed as a National Historic Landmark, it was thought senseless to nominate it formally to the National Register.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Ten acres Quadrangle: Brushy, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: N 1/2, NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of Sec. 15, T 12 N, R 25 E

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

VIAN GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Rogers and S 4th Streets, Vian, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135

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

OWNER: Vian Board of Education, Rt. 2, Box 148B, Vian, OK 74962

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74995

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This essentially rectangular building measures 75 feet by 75 feet and is constructed from very colorful uncut and uncoursed native stone. The roof is arched with parapets on the front and rear; it extends to eaves on the sides. One of the two front entryways is obscured by the addition a small cinder block enclosure. Window openings, with concrete sills, reach to the eaves on the sides. All are either enclosed with fiber glas panels or new fixed metal windows. Unfortunately a cinder block addition to the south end of the structure impeaches its integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The gym is exceptional for its workmanship, scale, and beauty. Its construction provided jobs for destitute persons suffering from the economic depression. The gym has served many years in promoting physical education among the youth of the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Rogers and S 4th Streets, go south 175 feet, east 125 feet, north 175 feet and west 125 feet.