

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ACHILLE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Streets unmarked, Achille, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Achille Board of Education, Box 308, Achille, OK 74720

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A building of twelve or more rooms, the Achille school and gymnasium is a single story, L-shaped (54' x 170' with an 88' x 72' extension) structure constructed of red bricks. Over the gym the roof is arched, but elsewhere it is flat with parapets. End and front entryways are recessed; pilasters provide visual relief; metal windows rest on concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The school building is significant because it provided work opportunities for destitute laborers in the Achille community who had been on relief and suffered from a loss of self respect. The structure also created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously deprived educationally, providing a modern plant that stimulated an enthusiasm for academics. The gym enabled year around athletic competition, the high school team becoming the focus of much community pride and spirit. As a rural WPA school building, the structure is unique because of its brick construction materials and size (scale.) To the community it is unique architecturally in its faint allusion to art deco and in its type of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 741250 3746760

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 5-13, Block 94 and Lots 1-13, Block 95, Achille original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 8-A, 8-B

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ALBANY SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Albany, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 9, T 8 S, R 11 E

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

OWNER: Mr. S. L. McKenzie, Albany, OK 74721

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: fair to deteriorated condition; unaltered; original site

The Albany school campus is composed of two buildings: an eight-room classroom and a gymnasium/auditorium with an attached home economic facility. The classroom building is a single, rectangular (142' x 57') structure constructed of poured concrete. The roof, now covered with sheet metal, is hipped; double and single window openings are alternately placed; the entry way is composed of a porch with hipped roof and recessed doors. The surface of the latter is incised.

The gym and auditorium, situated some 100 feet west of the classroom building, is a single story, rectangular (ca. 65' x 96') structure constructed with a wood frame and clapboard siding. The roof is arched with catslides on either side. The front door is entered through an enclosed porch with gable roof. To the south rear of this building is attached a single story, rectangular (24' x 52') structure with a gable roof constructed of material identical with that used on the gym. It housed the home economic department.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Albany campus buildings are significant because construction of them created an entirely new educational environment, having replaced a rotted wood frame structure, and promoted an enthusiasm for learning seldom seen previously in the system. They also provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in Albany who had long been on relief and were fast losing hope in the the American promise. As rural WPA school buildings, they are remarkable for their scale and construction materials--poured concrete and wood. To the community they were unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Four acres

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

UTM: A--14 762710 3752350; B-- 14 762660 3752340

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the east edge of Albany, the school

property begins where Sec. 9 line crosses the alley east of townsite of Albany and runs east 140 yards, south 140 yards, west 140 yards, and north 140 yards, in Sec. 9, T 8 S, R 11 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 9-A, 9-B, 9-C, 9-D

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CADDO COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: East Buffalo Street, Caddo, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: City of Caddo, City Hall, Caddo, OK 74729

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A multi-purpose facility, the Caddo Community Building is a single story, essentially rectangular (58' x 71') structure with offsets constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is composed of intersecting gables with valleys, while the wood sash windows are placed by twos. The sills and lintels of the window openings are of preformed concrete. The front entry is covered by an extension of the roof. A ramp for the handicapped does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/building: unknown

The Caddo Community Building is the only structure to provide multi-purpose space to town residents, a function it has performed since the depression. Today it serves primarily as a senior citizen center. Architecturally it is significant within the community because of its type, WPA style, materials and character of workmanship. Construction of it, moreover, provided jobs for unskilled workers whose only other alternative was starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 752530 3779280

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 5 and east 1/2 of lot 6, Block 24, Caddo City
original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 10-A, 10-B, 10-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CADDO HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: McPherson and First Street, Caddo, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Caddo Board of Education, Box 128, Caddo, OK 74729

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Caddo High School gym and auditorium is a single story, rectangular (111' x 62') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone. Mortar is beaded; exterior walls, with pilasters on the front, are capped with pre-formed concrete; the roof is arched with parapets; large openings with concrete sills and lintels have window placement by twos and threes. On the east front, entry doors set behind an arcade with a roof. Arches in the arcade have been enclosed with concrete blocks; nevertheless the architectural integrity of the building remains unimpeached.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because its construction provided work opportunities and some economic security for unskilled and unemployed laborers, especially agricultural laborers, in the Caddo area during the depth of the depression. The building also provided a place for school-wide and community-wide activities, especially basketball competition. The latter fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region. Architecturally the gym/auditorium is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 751710 3778790

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 17 and 18, Katy Heights Addition, Caddo original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 11-A, 11-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COBB SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 31, T 5 S, R 9 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public ownership--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--vacant

OWNER: Cobb Community, Route 2, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated condition; unaltered; original site

An eight-room building, the Cobb School is a single story, rectangular (55' x 150') structure constructed of red brick. The roof is flat with capped parapets; double-door side entryways have concrete porches; the front doors, centrally placed, are recessed. The metal windows are grouped by threes.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a rural WPA school building, the structure is notable because of its brick construction materials and size (scale). To the community it is unique architecturally in its faint allusion stylistically to art deco, in its type, even in its materials, and in character of workmanship. That construction of the building afforded work opportunities and some economic security to laborers long on relief also makes it important.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14 739260 3774160

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The property is located eight miles north of Durant on state highway No. 78, and begins at a point 12.44 chains south and 2.58 chains east of the NW corner of Sec. 31, T 5 S, R 9 E, and runs east 4.00 chains, north 2.50 chains, west 4.00 chains, and south 2.50 chains.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 12-A, 12-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COLBERT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Snider and Collins Streets, Colbert, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 18, T 8 S, R 8 E

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

OWNER: Colbert Board of Education, Box 310, Colbert, OK 74733

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Colbert gym and auditorium is a single story, rectangular (74' x 102') structure constructed of poured concrete and painted white. The roof is arched with parapets; pilasters decorate the walls. Pilasters and vertical incising give the structure an art deco flavor. A concrete block/brick addition of 51' x 74' has been added to the front of the building. Since the addition required no structural changes in the gym, it retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA building, the Colbert gym is notable in its poured concrete construction materials and its art deco style. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Most significant is that construction of it provided work opportunities for destitute laborers in the Colbert area where none existed in the private sector and that it provided a place for school and community-wide activities, especially basketball competition. The latter fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region beforehand.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Dennison Dam, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 730800 3749200

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From a point 150 feet south of the intersection of Snider Ave. and Collins Street, in Sec. 18, T 8 S, R 8 E, go west 225 feet, south 125 feet, east 225 feet and north 125 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 13-A, 13-B

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DURANT CITY JAIL

LOCATION: Fifth and Lost Streets, Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Durant City Council, City Hall, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A single-story structure, the Durant city jail is rectangular (26' x 36') and constructed of large, poured concrete blocks painted white. The flat roof has parapets, and windows are singly placed with smaller ones located to the rear. Pilasters on either side of the front doorway and a horizontal frieze at the top of each exterior wall hint at art deco style.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Durant City jail is unique in type and materials. Within the community the building is notable because of its allusion to art deco style, its type, its materials and its character of workmanship. Its real significance lies in the fact that construction of the jail provided employment for destitute workers on relief, giving them an income that prevented starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 741940 3764060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 6, Block 199, Durant City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 14-A, 14-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BRYAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION BUILDING

LOCATION: Vicinity of Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 6, T 7 S, R 9 E

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

OWNER: Bryan County Commissioners, Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Livestock Exposition Building is a single story, rectangular (195' x 80') structure constructed of rusticated and crudely coursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets, while entryways are decorated with pilasters; both features provide a hint of art deco style. Window openings, with continuous sills and lintels, are small and placed high on exterior walls. The central portion of the roof has been elevated and a rectangular section (the exact character of which is difficult to ascertain) along the east wall removed. Despite these alterations, the essential architectural integrity of the structure has not been impeached.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA structure, the livestock exposition building is wholly unique in Southeastern Oklahoma; nothing comparable exists. Certainly it also demonstrates the wide range of project types undertaken by the agency. It is notable that the building became the principal structure around which the county government built an annual agricultural and commercial fair. Architecturally it is notable within the community for its scale, construction materials, faint art deco style and character of workmanship. The building is most significant in that it provided job opportunities for destitute persons on relief rolls who sought honest labor in order to feed their families and retain their self respect.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 14 740920 3762250

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 69 south from Durant one and one-half miles to the entrance of the Bryan County Fair Grounds on the west side of the road. The exposition building property begins at a point 624 feet west and 175 feet south of the NE corner of SE 1/4 in Sec. 6, T 7 S, R 9 E, and runs west 200 feet, south 350 feet, east 200 feet and north 350 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 15-A, 15-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GEORGE WASHINGTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: East Main and 3rd Street, Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Durant Board of Education, 405 N. 5th Street, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of twelve or more rooms, George Washington School is a single story, L-shaped (145' vertically; 127' horizontally) structure constructed of buff brick laid with a running bond. The roof is flat with parapets; the doors are recessed behind corner archways. Decorative cornices midway on the wings, red roof tile above the entryways, placement of arches and use of buff brick give a Spanish colonial motif to the building. Except on the south front where it is by twos, the window placement is by threes. Window sills are concrete. Original windows have been replaced with ones more energy efficient, and an addition of buff brick has been attached to the east end of the building. The alterations, however, have not impeached the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Albert S. Ross

As a WPA school building, the structure is notable for its stylistic allusion to Spanish colonial architecture and its use of brick building materials. It suggests the relative "prosperity" of urban school districts as opposed to those in rural areas. Within the community the building is unique architecturally because of its style and workmanship. The school building is also significant because construction of it provided useful work and some economic security for destitute laborers in the Durant area where none had existed previously. The modern architectural features, e.g. expansive windows, facilitated the learning process as well.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 742980 3764000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 182, Durant original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 16-A, 16-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROBERT LEE WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCATION: Fourth and Beech Streets, Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: City of Durant, City Hall, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Williams Library is a single story, L-shaped (82' x 52' vertically with a 25' x 27' horizontal extension) structure constructed of native limestone blocks and buff colored bricks. The quality of masonry is excellent. Brick is restricted to the rear, outside wall. The roof is flat with parapets, while singly placed metal casement windows rise to the height of interior ceilings. A decorative frieze just above the window openings and pilasters between the windows and beside the front entry give the library building a distinct art deco style.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA building, the Williams Library is distinctive because of its clear art deco style and the use of limestone as a building material. Moreover, it is the only WPA structure specifically and originally dedicated to library purposes in the nomination area. Style and building materials make it unique in the community of Durant, as does its architectural type and characteristics of workmanship. Most significant is that the building provided employment opportunities for destitute laborers at a time when starvation was the only alternative.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 742120 3764320

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 3 and 4, Block 151, Durant City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 17-A, 17-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROBERT E. LEE SCHOOL

LOCATION: 9th and Louisiana Streets, Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Durant Board of Education, 405 N. 5th Street, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of twelve or more rooms, Robert E. Lee school is a single story, L-shaped (189' vertically, and 114' horizontally) structure constructed of buff brick laid with a running bond. The roof is flat with parapets; the doors are recessed within towers capped by pyramidal roofs of spanish tile. Entryways into the towers are arched. Decorative cornices midway on the wings, the towers, red roof tile, archways and buff brick give a Spanish colonial motif to the building. Window placement on concrete sills is by twos and threes. Original windows have been replaced by ones more energy efficient. The new windows do not infringe upon the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: Albert S. Ross

The school building is significant because construction of it enabled destitute laborers in the Durant area to find useful employment after months, if not years, of unemployment. Also the structure created an educational environment more conducive to learning. As a WPA school building, the structure is notable for its stylistic allusion to Spanish colonial architecture and its use of brick building materials. It also suggests the relative "prosperity" of urban school districts as opposed to those in rural areas. Within the community the building is unique architecturally because of its style and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 741480 3763880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 7 and 8, Block 246, Durant original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 18-A, 18-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DURANT FISH HATCHERY OFFICE BUILDING

LOCATION: Vicinity of Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 2, T 6 S, R 9 E

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

OWNER: Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, 1801 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Originally administrative offices and a workshop, the Durant Fish Hatchery building is a rectangular structure, with the lower floor measuring 90 feet by 53 feet and the second floor measuring 53 feet by 45 feet. Walls of glazed tile placed in a poured concrete superstructure are the principal components of construction. Six garage doors provide entry to the lower level, and windows above and below are of the metal casement variety. The roof is hipped, extending over a second story porch that is reached by external concrete stairs. Incised vertical lines decorate the concrete pillars/superstructure on the lower floor, a touch that suggests art deco influence.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The administrative focus of an operation that included ponds, dikes and ditches, the Durant Fish Hatchery Office Building suggests the varied types of projects sponsored by the WPA. In this instance the interest was wildlife conservation, of which the office structure is symbolic and for which it is unique as a WPA building. Its two story design is also unusual for an agency project. Within the area, the hatchery office building is architecturally significant in its allusion to art deco style, materials used and characteristic of workmanship. The building, and the many ponds in the midst of which it sits, provided job opportunities for destitute persons who had no hope for the future until construction began.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 14 746570 3772380

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 69 six miles northeast of Durant to the entrance of the fish hatchery on the west side of the road, the building being situated 180 feet west of the gate and on property that begins at a point 624 feet north of the SW corner of the NE 1/4, Sec. 2, T 6 S, R 9 E, then runs 208 feet east, 208 feet north, 208 feet west, and 208 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 19-A, 19-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KEMP HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Main and 6th Streets, Kemp, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Town of Kemp, Kemp, OK 74747

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A six-room building, Kemp High School is a single story, rectangular (54' x 114') structure constructed both of cut and uncut native stone. The exterior walls of undressed stone have horizontal friezes of cut and lighter colored stone; pilasters with vertical frieze decorate the entryway. For external chimneys also contain vertical friezes. Masonry in this structure becomes an artform. The roof is hipped, and window openings, with concrete sills and that reach to the eaves, have been enclosed with wood inserts. The later alteration, however, does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

As a rural WPA building, the structure is notable for the quality of its masonry, especially the horizontal friezes in the exterior walls. To the community the building is architecturally unique because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Other WPA educational structures within Kemp have been destroyed. The building is also significant because it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed labor made destitute by the depression of the agricultural economy. Moreover, it created a new environment conducive to learning for students unaccustomed to modern educational facilities.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 745020 3739760

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 10, Kemp original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 20-A, 20-B, 20-C

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MEAD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Mead, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 30, T 6 S, R 8 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Warner Shay, Mead, OK 73449

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Mead gym and auditorium is a single story, high ceiling, rectangular (115' x 68') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is arched with parapets; windows, with continuous sills and lintels on the front, are metal encased. An extension from the front facade enclosed the main entryway. Some window openings have been closed with plywood sheets, but the architectural integrity of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; builder/architect: unknown

Architecturally the gym/auditorium is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. It is also significant because construction of it permitted unskilled and unemployed agricultural laborers in the Meade area to have work where none had previously existed and because it provided a place for school and community-wide activities, especially basketball competition. The latter fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region earlier.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 730165 3764600

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From where Church Street intersects U.S. highway No. 70 (the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 30, T 6 S, R 8 E), go east 208.71 feet to a point of beginning, then go north 298.71 feet, then east 135.71 feet, then south 298.71, and then west 135.71 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 21-A, 21-B

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ROBERTA SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 24, T 7 S, R 9 E

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

OWNER: Mrs. Ruby Mattingly Raper, Route 1, Box 229, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Roberta school campus is composed of two buildings: a four-room classroom and a gymnasium/auditorium. The classroom is a single story, rectangular (66' x 42') structure with a wood frame and clapboard siding. The hipped roof, covered now by composition shingles, has a gable dormer without lights above the archway to recessed doors. Wood sash windows in the classrooms reach to the eaves. The south window opening on the east front has been covered with siding and a smaller window inserted. New siding also covers the north end of the building.

The gymnasium/auditorium, situated 80 feet south of the classroom building, is a single story, rectangular (74' x 66') structure also constructed of wood frame and clapboard siding. Covered by sheet metal, the roof is gabled; small windows placed by twos reach to the eaves; recessed front doors are entered through an archway. The south end of the structure has been opened to permit parking of farm vehicles on the wood floor. This alteration, along with the window enclosure on the classroom building mentioned above, does not impeach the architectural integrity of the two structures.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

As rural WPA school buildings, the structures are notable primarily for their wood construction. Indeed, campuses totally of wood construction are rare. Within the community they are unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale and workmanship. The two buildings on the Roberta school campus are especially significant because construction of them provided work opportunities and some economic security for laborers long on relief and on the verge of starvation. They also created a new environment conducive to learning for students theretofore deprived educationally. And the gym was the focus of community pride and spirit.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: A--14 749250 3757260; B--14 749250 5757200

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 78 south of Durant to its intersection with state highway No. 70E; turn east and go four miles to the Roberta community, turning north on the unpaved county road. The property begins at a point 990 feet north of the SE corner of Sec. 24, T 7 S, R 9 E, and goes west 275 feet, north 330 feet, east 275 feet and south 330 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 22-A, 22-B, 22-C, and 22-D

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

UTICA SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Utica, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--storage

OWNER: Board of Education, School District No. 45, Utica, OK 74763

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Utica school campus is composed of two buildings: an eight-room school/gym facility and a gymnasium/auditorium. The school/gym building is a single story, rectangular (130' x 80') structure constructed of poured concrete. The roof is arched over the gym and flat over the classrooms. Parapets and pilasters decorate the building, giving it a distinct art deco flavor. Large metal casement windows extend to classroom ceilings. Front entryways are recessed.

The gym/auditorium is situated 150' directly south of the classroom. Constructed of wood with clapboard siding, it is rectangular (60' x 86') with a stepped, arched roof. There are no windows; the entry is on the north end. New siding seems to have been added, but it does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

As rural WPA school buildings, the structures on Utica School Campus are notable because of their scale, the art deco allusion in the classroom building, and construction materials--poured concrete and wood. Within the community they are unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Moreover, construction of them provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the region where few had existed previously, and they created a new environment conducive to learning for students theretofore deprived educationally. And the gym/auditorium provided recreational and community meeting facilities for Utica, enabling the development of a civic pride sorely lacking among residents.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A--14 756900 3754450; B--14 756890 3754360

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 2, Block 6, Utica original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 23-A, 23-B, 23-C, 23-D