

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOSWELL CITY JAIL

LOCATION: Vicinity of 7th and Hunter Streets, Boswell, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; restricted; present use--government

OWNER: Boswell City Council, City Hall, Boswell, OK 74727

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

A single story, rectangular (15' x 9') structure, the Boswell City Jail is constructed of poured concrete. The roof, also of concrete, is shed-like in style. Fashioned from steel straps, the doors of both cells open directly to the outside. Each cell also contains two small window openings covered with steel bars. In appearance the jail has the style of an elaborate horse barn.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The City Jail is unique in Boswell in terms of type and materials. It is equally unique as a WPA project in that the agency did not often sponsor jails, especially of the non-progressive variety. The building suggests the rather primitive character of penal facilities in the 1930s in southeastern Oklahoma. Also the building did provide work opportunities for destitute laborers who had been without jobs for over a year.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 235180 3768610

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The north 25 feet of Lot 24, Block 40, Boswell City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 24-A, 24-B

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FORT TOWSON CEMETERY PAVILION AND FENCE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Fort Towson, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023; Sec. 13, T 6 S, R 19 E

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

OWNER: City of Fort Towson, City Hall, Fort Towson, OK 74735

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A single story, rectangular (16' x 16') structure, the Fort Towson cemetery pavilion is constructed of undressed and untooled native sandstone. The roof is gabled; windows are wood sash and singly placed; there are front and side doors. The cemetery fence is three feet high, sixteen inches wide, constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone, reinforced with systematically placed pillars and capped with concrete. Stone selection and placement make the fence a thing of beauty. It surrounds an eleven acre tract measuring 1260 feet long and 430 feet wide.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

The Fort Towson Cemetery Pavilion and Fence is significant because it reflects the broad character of projects undertaken by the WPA in its works program. It is also important because of its scale, i. e. the fence is three-quarters of a mile long. Cemetery improvements were not in and of themselves unusual for the WPA, but ones of the magnitude of those at Fort Towson certainly were. The workmanship demonstrated on the project also make it notable. Most important, however, was that construction of the cemetery improvements provided useful jobs for persons long unemployed, giving them a measure of hope and economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: 3 1/4th acres

Quadrangle: Fort Towson, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: A--15 290120 3768220; B--15 290110 3767840; C--15 290100 3767930

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A 30 foot wide strip of land along the outer limits of a rectangular tract that begins at the NW corner of the NE 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 13, T 6 S, R 19 E, and goes south 630 feet, east 430 feet, North 1260 feet, west 430 feet and south 630 feet to the point of beginning; and also a one acre tract that begins 708 feet south of the same NW corner of the NE 1/4, of the SW 1/4 and goes east 208 feet, south 208 feet, west 208 feet and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 25-A, 25-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FORT TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 3rd and Cincinnati, Fort Towson, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: Fort Towson Board of Education, Box 37, Fort Towson, OK 74735

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of more than ten classrooms, the Fort Towson high school and gymnasium is a single story, rectangular (122' x 141') structure with an offset constructed of untoolled and uncoursed native stone, primarily grey in color. With the exception of the gym where it is arched, the roof is flat with parapets. Window openings reach to the level of interior ceilings, lintels are of pre-formed concrete, and windows are arranged by twos and threes. On the west front of the gym has been placed a concrete block addition; it does not impair the structural integrity of the building, although it is visually distracting.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because it enhanced the cause of learning in a region generally deficient in educational interest, providing for the first time a "real" high school. The gymnasium encouraged competitive sports and provided a focus for community activity. For unskilled and unemployed laborers in the rural Fort Towson community construction of the facility meant job opportunities and economic security. As a rural WPA school, the structure is unique because of its grey color (limestone) and its size (scale). To the community it is architecturally unique in its faint art deco style, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Fort Towson, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 290425 3766660

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 5 and 6, Block 20, Fort Towson original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 26-A, 26-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GOODLAND ORPHANAGE CAMPUS (Three buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023; Sec. 6, T 7 S, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Goodland Indian Orphanage, Goodland Route, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Goodland Orphanage campus contains three WPA structures: a dormitory, known as Wade Hall, a gymnasium/auditorium and a four-room educational building. The dormitory is a two story, essentially rectangular (58' x 37') structure with offsets and is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled with two intersecting gables on either end on the front. The roof extends between the two gables to form a porch cover supported by four square shafts. On the rear there are two roof dormers. Wood sash windows, in openings with pre-formed concrete sills and lintels, are placed symetrically. The main front entry has side lights.

The gymnasium/auditorium is situated 200 feet east at the end of an oval. It is a two story, rectangular (76' x 74') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Covered with Spanish tile, the roof is gabled, and entryways on the west front are placed at either end behind arches. There is an internal and an external flue. The window pattern is also symetrical, although window openings have been closed with wood inserts. These do not destroy the integrity of the building.

The classroom is located 75 feet to the south of the gym. Constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone, it is a single story, rectangular (54' x 88') structure with a hipped roof. Stone selection and placement in the walls rise to the level of art. With concrete sills, wood sash windows in the classrooms reach to the eaves; doors at either end of the building are recessed behind archways.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The three buildings are significant because they created a new environment conducive to learning for both white and Indian students theretofore educationally deprived. As rural WPA buildings, they are remarkable for scale and type--Wade Hall stands as the single example of a dormitory. It is significant that they were all associated with an Indian orphanage, a situation unrepliated in Southeastern Oklahoma. Within the surrounding community the buildings were also unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Of course, they are important because construction of them provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and poverty stricken area where residents had long been on relief.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A--15 263740 3762780; B--15 263820 3762720; C--15 263820 3762650

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 271 south of Hugo to its intersection with state highway No. 2A and turn west, following the road for two miles to the northeast entrance of the orphanage. The nominated property begins at a point 724 feet south of the NE corner of Sec. 6, T 7 S, R 17 E, and goes west 150 feet, south 400 feet, east 150 feet and north 400 feet; and from said point of beginning goes east 416 feet for a second point of beginning, and then goes north 208 feet, east 150 feet, south 208 feet and west 150 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 27-A, 27-B, 27-C, 27-D, 27-E and 27-F

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HUGO ARMORY

LOCATION: Jefferson and Third Streets, Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: State of Oklahoma, Military Department, 3501 Military Circle, N.E., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Hugo Armory is a single story, rectangular (140' x 96') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone of multiple colors. In the eighteen inch thick walls, stone selection and placement raises the masonry to the level of art. The west end wall alone deserves to be placed in an art museum or a sculpture garden. The high ceiling portion of the building has an arched roof, while the other section has a flat roof. Both portions have parapets. Pilasters on corners and at doorways provide a hint of art deco style.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Hugo armory is exceptional for its masonry which becomes a form of artistic expression, making it one of the most attractive depression era buildings in Southeastern Oklahoma. Within the Hugo area it is architecturally significant in terms of type, style, scale, materials and quality of workmanship. Also, construction of the armory provided job opportunities for destitute workers at a time when there were few in the region and starvation was a real possibility. One black gentlemen walked eight miles to the job site and then again from it, working eight hours on the project for one dollar per day. Equally important is that the building itself contributed to a state of military preparedness which enabled the Oklahoma National Guard to distinguish itself during World War II.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 268200 3765730

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 8 and east 1/2 of lot 9, Block 89, Hugo City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 28-A, 28-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HUGO ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUM

LOCATION: Second and Lloyd Streets, Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: Hugo Board of Education, 208 North 2nd Street, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The athletic field at Hugo is comprised of a football gridiron and a red cinder track. At the south edge of the field is the stadium, which is rectangular and measures 294 feet by 32 feet. The three exterior walls of the stadium are constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone, while the ten tiers of the stands are made of poured concrete. Rock selection and placement on the walls is such that the masonry has become an art form. Entry to the stadium is achieved by three runways under the stands. Doors on either end of the structure open to dressing and storage rooms. Attached to the stadium and enclosing the entire field and track is a spectacular seven foot high fence constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Elliptical and at least twelve inches thick, the fence in its masonry and expanse is a work of art. The addition of a press box to the top of the stadium, fortunately, has not impeached the architectural integrity of the entire facility.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA project, the Hugo Athletic Field and Stadium is unique in its scale and its high level of workmanship. It is also significant because it demonstrates the varied dimension of the agency's building program and its interpretation of "useful" public works. At a time when spirits and self-esteem were low, the field and stadium promoted sporting events that enabled Hugo residents to forget their problems and cheer for winners, providing the genesis of a fierce football tradition still evident in the community. Architecturally the athletic facility is significant within Hugo as to type, scale, WPA style, materials and workmanship. Construction of it also provided a host of jobs for destitute workers who would have had no food and no hope without the work program.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: 2 1/2 acres

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

UTM: A--15 268100 3767760; B--15 268240 3767760; C--15 268190 3767720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: For a point of beginning go south 180 feet and east 277 feet of the SE corner of the NE 1/4 (the center of the section) of Sec. 22, T 6 S, R 17 E, then

go south 320 feet, east 597 feet, north 320, and west 597 feet to the point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 29-A, 29-B, 29-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

+++++++ HUGO NEGRO HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: 113 Lowrey, Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: Hugo Board of Education, 208 N. 2nd Street, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

A four room school initially, the old Negro high school at Hugo is a single story, rectangular (78' x 45') structure constructed of wood with clapboard siding. The roof is hipped, and the entryways, at either end, are recessed. Window openings, which extend to the eaves, had been enclosed with wood inserts and smaller, energy efficient windows installed. New wood, clapboard siding has also been placed on the structure. The architectural integrity of the building is still intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

This structure was the black high school in Hugo when the educational system was still segregated, and it was constructed by black WPA laborers. It is significant, therefore, because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed black laborers in the Hugo vicinity where few had existed previously. It also provided for the first time a building specifically dedicated to upper grade education for black students. As an urban WPA school building, it is remarkable for its modest scale and its use of wood as the construction material of choice. To the community it is unique architecturally because of type (a black school) and workmanship. That it continues significant is reflected by its present use as a headstart center.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 267850 3765100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 3, Frisco Addition, Hugo original

PICTURE REFERENCE: ELIMINATED

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROBERT E. LEE SCHOOL

LOCATION: 5th and Rosewood, Hugo, Oklahoma 040; Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: Hugo Board of Education, 208 N. 2nd Street, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of ten classrooms or more, Robert E. Lee school is a single story, T-shaped (144' x 64' horizontally with a 55' x 44' vertical extension for the gymnasium) structure constructed of red brick laid with a running bond. The brick was salvaged from a condemned building at the same location. The roof is flat with parapets, except over the gym where it is arched. The front entryway is centrally placed and decorated with pilasters. Angular lines, a frieze at the roof line, and roof extensions give the structure an art deco quality. Windows encased in metal are placed by threes. The bricks are painted cream and the entryway appears to be slightly altered, but neither change impeaches the integrity of the original architecture.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because construction of it provided laborers on relief rolls in the Hugo area with useful employment and some economic security and because it created an educational climate more conducive to learning, replacing as it did a condemned structure. As a WPA school building, it is notable for its stylistic allusion to art deco and for its use of brick construction 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: Hugo, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 268470 3767730

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1-6, Block 40, Frisco Addition to Hugo original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 30-A, 30-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HUGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCATION: East Jefferson Street, Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: City of Hugo, City Hall, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Hugo Public Library is a single story, irregular size structure that at its greatest extent is 53 feet across and 75 feet deep. It is constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone. The roof is gabled with intersecting gables and valleys, while metal casement windows are placed singly and by twos. Window sills and lintels are concrete. The front entryway is covered by a gabled porch supported by columns constructed of uncut stone. On the west wall there is an exterior chimney.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

The library building is significant because it has served Hugo since its construction as a center of community activity. Indeed, immediately after it was built it was the regional headquarters of the WPA itself; later it was the site of agricultural fairs and the like. Architecturally it is unique in type, style, materials and workmanship. In the early days of the depression it also provided employment opportunities for destitute laborers with no hope of work in the private sector. In the Hugo area construction of it helped prevent starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 268140 3765720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 10 and the west 1/2 of lot 9, Block 89, Hugo City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 31-A, 31-B, 31-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROEBUCK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Soper, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023; Sec. 5, T 6 S, R 15 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Melvin Roebuck, Mudsand Route, Soper, OK 74759

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

Originally two classrooms, the Roebuck school building is a single story, rectangular (29' x 74') structure constructed of used red bricks laid with running bond. The roof is gabled and presently covered with tin sheets. The front entry is recessed behind an archway. Classroom window openings on the rear, which reach to the eaves, have been filled by wood inserts and small sash windows installed. This alteration has not seriously impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book.

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unemployed and unskilled agricultural laborers in a rural and remote area where few jobs previously existed and because it created a new environment conducive to learning for students theretofore deprived educationally. Architecturally the building is unique in that it is constructed of used brick, a material different from that usually associated with WPA two-room school houses. The materials were obtained at Soper from the wreckage of a commercial building. With reference to other structures in the region, it also is totally unique in type, style, scale and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 246000 3773000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go two and one-half miles north of Soper on paved county road; turn west and go three and one-quarter miles on unpaved section line; structure is on the south, being on property that begins at the NE corner of the NE 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T 6 S, R 15 E and runs west 70 yards, south 125 yards, east 70 yards, and north 125 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 32-A, 32-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SAWYER SCHOOL TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: U.S. Highway No. 70, Sawyer, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: Fort Towson Board of Education, Box 37, Fort Towson, OK 74735

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Bungalow-like in style, the Sawyer teacherage is a single story, rectangular (28' x 28') structure constructed with stucco siding. Its roof is gabled; windows, singly placed, are wooden sash. A porch with gable roof supported by pedestals decorates the front entryway. To the rear has been added a room constructed of concrete blocks; it does not impeach the original integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The Sawyer teacherage is significant because it too provided a work opportunity for unemployed and unskilled laborers during the depth of the depression. It also is significant because it helped attract qualified teachers to a remote and isolated, as well as educationally deprived, region. As a WPA building, it is notable for its type, small scale and stucco construction materials. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, building materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Fort Towson, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 281080 3766110

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1-6, Block 24, Gilbert (Sawyer) original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 33-A

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SPEER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023; Sec. 17, T 5 S, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Mr. C. D. Bennett, Route 2, Box 202, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A two-room building, the old Speer school is a single story, rectangular (60' x 30') structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is hipped with a gable over the frontal, centrally placed and recessed two-door entryway. Classroom window openings on the rear reach to the eaves; wooden sash windows on the front are placed by twos. Window sills are concrete.

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

The school building is significant architecturally within the Speer community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Moreover, construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and remote area plagued with chronic poverty. The facility also produced an enthusiasm for learning and helped revitalize community spirit, becoming a symbol of government concern for both education and economic well being.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 264950 3777490

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 271 north from U.S. highway No. 70 five miles and turn east on a county road; go east some four and one-half miles, the school being situated on the north side of the road. The property begins at a point in the SE corner of the SE 1/4, of the SE 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 17, T 5 S, R 17 E, then runs 98 yards north, 98 yards west, 98 yards south, and 98 yards east.

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SPENCERVILLE SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Spencerville, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023; Sec. 7, T 5 S, R 19 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--residence and community building

OWNER: Spencerville Community , Spencerville, OK 74760

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Spencerville campus is composed of two structures: a two-room educational building and a teacherage. The classroom building is a single story, rectangular (75' x 30') structure with an offset and is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone. The roof, now covered with tin, is gabled with one step; two of three doors are recessed behind archways. Window openings on the south have been reduced in size with wood inserts and metal sash windows installed. Window sills and lintels are of pre-formed concret.

Bungalow in style and constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone, the teacherage is situated some 150 feet northeast of the school building. It is a single story, rectangular (28' x 26') structure with a gable roof, covered with tin, and an interior flue. An intersecting gable provides a roof for the porch covering the front doorway. Wood sash windows are placed singly.

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

The location of an historic academy of the Choctaw Indians, Spencerville provided few educational opportunities for white residents before 1935. The WPA-built structures, therefore, are significant because they created a new environment conducive to learning for students theretofore deprived educationally. Architecturally the buildings are unique in the community because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Equally important is that construction of them provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and remote area where none previously existed and residents faced the prospect of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: A--15 282450 3780230; B--15 282410 3780220

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: At the west edge of the Spencerville community and on

the south side of the road, the property begins at a point 771 feet west of the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 7, T 5 S, R 19 E, then runs south 208 feet, west 417 feet, north 208 feet and east 417 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 35-A, 35-B, 35-C