

LOVE COUNTY WPA PROPERTIES

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
1.	Greenville School	Vic. of Marietta	x	x
2.	Leon School	Vic. of Leon	x	
3.	Thackerville School	Thackerville	x	x
4.	Walker Gymnasium	Marietta	x	

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GREENVILLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Marietta, Oklahoma 040, Love County 085; SW 1/4, Sec. 29, T 6 S, R 2 E

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

OWNER: Greenville Board of Education, Rt. 1; Marietta, OK 73448

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Love County Courthouse, Marietta, OK 73448

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Greenville School is a ten-room, single-story, rectangular (177' x 58') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The building has a flat roof and parapets with a concrete cap. Entryways are recessed in a facade that steps out from the wall and rises to a roofline cornice. The wood sash windows, placed by threes, have concrete sills. Vertical indentions on end wall provide decorative detail.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The Greenville School is an especially attractive building. Its construction provided job opportunities for many oil field workers left without jobs by the depression as well as farmers stricken by drought and a depressed economy. The building reflects the pride of workmanship and self-esteem of laborers struggling to keep off the dole. The Greenville School certainly was a fulfillment of the aims of the WPA: to construct a building of beauty and permanence unique in style, materials, scale, and workmanship that would benefit the community immediately and for years to come.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: approximately one acre

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

UTM: 14 673110 3764100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four and one-half miles north of Marietta on U.S. 77 to school site, the property beginning at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 and running south 105 feet to a point of beginning, and then east 210 feet, north 210 feet and west 210 feet to point of beginning in Sec. 29, T 6 S, R 2 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 34-a; 34-b

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LEON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Leon, Oklahoma 040, Love County 085; NW 1/4, Sec. 17, T 8 S, R 2 W

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

OWNER: Leon Board of Education, Box 572, Leon, OK 73441

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Love County Courthouse, Marietta, OK 73448

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Leon School consists of a schoolhouse/auditorium with a combined gymnasium. It is a single-story, rectangular (119' x 90') structure constructed of brick. The gym has a gable roof with catslide, while elsewhere the roof is flat with parapets. Windows are sash and have brick sills. Pilasters are used for decorative relief and frame recessed entryways. A small wellhouse addition has been built on the north wall of the gym, and an additional classroom wing has been added to the south end of the building. The west wall of the gym is constructed of concrete block and appears to be a later addition. The alterations impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Leon School is unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. Its construction provided much-needed jobs in an area where the traditional job market had virtually closed as a result of the depression. This project has played a significant role in the educational development of Leon and the surrounding area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Ten acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated one and one-half miles south of Leon, the building is in the SE NE NW of Section 17, T 8 S, R 2 W

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

THACKERVILLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: U.S. Highway 77, Thackerville, Oklahoma 040, Love County 085

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

OWNER: Thackerville Board of Education, Box 170, Thackerville, OK 73459

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Love County Courthouse, Marietta, OK 73448

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Thackerville School is a T-shaped, single-story structure with eight rooms and a central auditorium that forms the leg of the "T." It measures 186 feet by 112 feet and is constructed of brick with yellow painted brick on the east side. The roof is flat except for the auditorium where it is arched. Parapets are capped with concrete blocks. Entryways are recessed, and the main entry has curved corners and is covered with a pre-formed concrete porch. These details allude to an art deco style. Window openings, with concrete sills, have been filled with wood inserts and aluminum sash windows installed. This alteration has not affected the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Thackerville School is notable for its brick construction materials and allusion to art deco style. Rural schools were generally of native stone and made no reference to academic architectural styles. Within the community it is significant in terms of type, style, scale and workmanship. Construction of the building occurred at a time when the district could scarcely afford to complete such a structure without federal assistance. Fortunately, completion enabled modern education to come to Thackerville well before residents could afford it. Construction also provided jobs for many workers left jobless because of the depression, affording some economic security and restoration of self respect.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 671960 3740840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the north edge of Thackerville, beginning at the SW corner of Section 6, go north 192 feet to a place of beginning, then north 208 feet, then east 210 feet, then south 208 feet, then west 210 feet to the place of beginning; Section 6, T 9 S, R 2 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 35-a; 35-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WALKER GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 4th and Chickasaw Streets, Marietta, Oklahoma 040, Love County 085

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 289, Marietta, OK 73448

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Love County Courthouse, Marietta, OK 73448

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

Walker Gym is rectangular (186' x 112', including addition) and is constructed of poured concrete. The roof is both arched and flat with parapets capped with pre-formed concrete blocks. Entryways are covered with concrete porch roofs, and window openings are situated high on the walls. Vertical lines and rounded corners give an art deco flavor. Unfortunately the front entry has been covered by a cinder block addition that pretty much impairs the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

Within the community of Marietta, the gym is architecturally significant in terms of type, materials, style and nature of workmanship. The use of poured concrete as wall materials also makes the gym notable as a WPA structure. Equally important is that the structure enhanced modern education in the region, facilitating the educational process. Also significant is that construction of the gym provided job opportunities for destitute workers long on the relief rolls of the state, enabling them to secure a measure of economic security for themselves and their families.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4 and 5, Block 82, Marietta original

PICTURE REFERENCE: none