

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FISH CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Kinta, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061; Sec. 15, T 8 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Kinta Board of Education, Box 219, Kinta, OK 74552

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

A two room building, the Fish Creek school is a single story, rectangular (56' x 30') structure constructed of untooled native stone laid randomly. The roof, covered with tin sheets, is hipped and a porch, supported by square columns on undressed and uncoursed stone, extends over the two-door, recessed entryway. Wood sash classroom windows that rest on cut stone sills extend to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect; Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and remote, coal mining community where there had been none and because the structure created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously confined to dilapidated wood structures. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Indeed, it is the only structure left in the immediate community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Sans Bois, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 301940 3892750

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 north of Kinta one mile to the Sans Bois road and go east four and one-half miles to the end of the road; go north two miles and west one mile to the SE corner of Sec. 15, T 8 N, R 20 E; from there go north 70 yards, west 125 yards, south 70 yards, and east 125 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 39-A, 39-B

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HOYT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hoyt, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061; Sec. 9, T 9 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Hoyt Community, Hoyt, OK 74440

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

A four room building, the Hoyt school is a single story, rectangular (75' x 45') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The hipped roof, covered now with composition shingles, has a gable dormer without lights above the front archway to the recessed doors. Doors on either end are also recessed behind archways. Classroom window openings reach to the eaves; the wood sash windows, resting on concrete sills, are original.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The structure, replacing one condemned as unsafe, is important because it created a new enthusiasm for learning in an area that suffered from educational disinterest. Architecturally the building, still in use as a community center, is unique in the area because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The school building is especially significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unemployed farmers and coal miners in the rural community of Hoyt who had been made destitute by the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 290755 3904960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the southeast corner of the Hoyt community, the property line begins at the NW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 9, T 9 N, R 19 E and runs east 118 feet, south 370 feet, west 118 feet, and north 370 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 40-A

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KEOTA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: 6th and Grand Streets, Keota, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: Keota Board of Education, Box F, Keota, OK 74941

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Keota gym and auditorium, which also contains classrooms, is a two story, rectangular (84' x 70') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, covered with composition shingles, is gabled with a catslide on the north; windows are metal casements. A concrete block addition has been attached to the west side, and a lean-to shed had been attached to the south. Neither of these alterations affect the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because it provided space for school and community activities, especially basket ball competition, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region beforehand. It is important too because construction of it provided work opportunities for destitute coal miners and tenant farmers in the Keota area who had long been on relief rolls. As a WPA gym and auditorium, the structure is notable for being two stories. Within the community the building is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 325220 3903140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4-9, Block 42, Keota original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 41-A, 41-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KINTA HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: State highway No. 2 north, Kinta, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public ownership--NA; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Kinta Board of Education, Box 219, Kinta, OK 74552

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: excellent conditon; unaltered; original site

A six-room building originally, Kinta High School is a single story, rectangular (55' x 122') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The masonry is impressive, especially on the corners. The Richardsonian influence is apparent. The roof is flat with parapets; two front entryways on the west are recessed behind arches. Windows, with concrete sills, are arranged by threes and reach to the level of interior ceilings.

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

The school building is significant because it provided work opportunities for unemployed coal miners in the rural Kinta community, permitting some economic security and the restoration of self pride. It also created an environment more conducive to learning for students that had previously had no separate high school facility. As a rural WPA school building, the structure is unique for its size. Architecturally the building is notable in its faint allusion to academic styles, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 296060 3887140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract 209 feet square in the southeast corner of Block 91, Kinta original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 42-A, 42-B

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SANS BOIS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Kinta, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061; Sec. 35, T 8 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Bill Burgess, Sans Bois Route, Kinta, OK 74552

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two-room building originally, the Sans Bois school is a single story, rectangular (75' x 30') structure with an offset constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled with one step; two of three doors are recessed behind archways. Richardsonian Romanesque influence is clearly visible. The old classroom window openings have been reduced in size with wood inserts which now enclose new metal sash windows; a fireplace with exterior chimney constructed of materials similar with the original has been added. Neither alteration impeaches the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Architecturally the building is significant because of its clear allusion to Richardsonian Romanesque style and because within the community it is unique in terms of its type, scale, materials and workmanship. The school building is particular important because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed coal miners in a rural and remote area hard hit by the depression. The new building also also produced an enthusiasm for learning in an area noted for its educational backwardness.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Sans Bois, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 302700 3889400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 north from Kinta one mile to the Sans Bois road and turn east and go four miles to site on the south side of the road. The property begins in the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35, T 8 N, R 20 E and runs south 295.15 feet, east 295.15 feet, north 295.15 feet, and west 295.15 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 43-A, 43-B

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STIGLER COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: A Street and Highway No. 82, Stigler, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: City of Stigler, City Hall, Stigler, OK 74462

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A multi-purpose facility, the Stigler Community Building is a single story, L-shaped (35' x 79' with a 36' x 14' extension) structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped with an intersecting gable and valley. A small gable porch covers the main entryway, and wood sash windows are placed singly and by twos. The window sills are of pre-formed concrete. On the wing there is an exterior chimney.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The community building is significant because it provided a gathering place for the Stigler community where activities occurred that engendered spirit and pride, an outcome sorely needed during the dark days of the depression. Architecturally it is remarkable in terms of type, WPA style, materials and character of workmanship. Also construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers, primarily coal miners, who had faced previously the prospect of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stigler East, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 306700 3903330

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 6, Block 124, Stigler City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 44-A, 44-B

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STIGLER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: 4th and E Streets, Stigler, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: Stigler Board of Education, Box 409, Stigler, OK 74462

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Stigler gym and auditorium, with classrooms, is a single story, rectangular (83' x 86') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstones, many of which are black. The roof is arched, except for over the classrooms where it is flat. Suggesting art deco influence, parapets and pilasters decorate the structure. The east entryway is recessed behind an arch. The panes of casement windows have been painted white, an alteration that does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because unskilled and unemployed laborers, especially coal miners, in the Stigler area were given work opportunities during the course of construction. It also provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region earlier. Within the community the structure is unique because of type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 306430 3903590

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 5 and 6, Block 58, Stigler original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 45-A, 45-B

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STIGLER GRADE SCHOOL

LOCATION: 5th and B Streets, Stigler, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: Stigler Board of Education, Box 409, Stigler, OK 74462

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A building of fifteen rooms or more, the Stigler grade school is a single story, L-shaped (207' x 56', with a 77' x 56' extension at the angle) structure constructed of poured concrete slabs. The roof is flat with parapets; the windows are metal casements; the front entryway is decorated with offsets. Painted white, the building has a strong art deco stylistic quality.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA school building, the structure is notable for its clear stylistic allusion to art deco, its use of poured concrete slabs for construction material, and its scale. 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 particularly significant because its construction created work opportunities and some economic security for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the Stigler area, especially coal miners, who had been economically devastated by the depression. It also created an environment more conducive to learning.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stigler East, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 307140 3903460

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3, 14, 15 and 16, Block 91, Stigler original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 46-A, 46-B

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TAMAHA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stigler, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: Tamaha Community, Rural Route 1, Stigler, OK 74462

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A three room building, the Tamaha school is a single story, rectangular (50' x 58') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The gabled roof is intersected by a frontal gable, the latter asymmetrically placed over an arched entryway leading to recessed doors. Classroom window openings reach to the eaves, and on the rear they have been reduced in size with wood inserts and more energy efficient windows installed. Sills are pre-formed concrete. The wood sash windows on the front are original.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Still in use as a community building, the structure instilled a sense of pride in the residents of Tamaha and revitalized the educational system, replacing a dilapidated wood structure. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The school building is particularly significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for destitute workers in the rural, river community of Tamaha that has suffered much from the collapse of the coal mining industry.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 319880 3918240

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 37, Tamaha original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 47-A, 47-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WHITEFIELD SCHOOL

LOCATION: State highway No 9 West, Whitefield, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: Whitefield Board of Education, Box 188, Whitefield, OK 74472

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A six-room building, the Whitefield school is a single story, essentially rectangular (51' x 104') structure with offsets constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Actually it is comprised of two parallel sections built apparently at two different times. The eastern segment has a flat roof with a central, cross gable that extends back to intersect with the gable roof of the western segment of the building. Two entryways on the east are recessed behind arches. Window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size with wood inserts that contain metal sash windows. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

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

As a rural WPA school building, the Whitefield school is unique for its size (scale). Moreover, its type, style, materials and workmanship make it significant architecturally within the community. Especially important is that construction of the school building provided work opportunities for laborers made destitute by the closing of the coal mines in Haskell County, resulting in some economic security and greater self-esteem. That the facility is still used as the only school building in Whitefield suggests its significance, over time, as an educational advancement.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 296280 3903000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 22, Whitefield original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 48-A, 48-B