

PONTOTOC COUNTY WPA PROPERTIES

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## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ADA ARMORY

LOCATION: North Broadway and Armory Streets, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: The City of Ada, 13th and Townsend, Ada, OK 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Ada Armory is a single-story, rectangular (210' x 122') structure constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native stone. It consists of a central drill floor with wings north and south of it. The drill floor has a high arched roof, while the wings have lower flat roofs. The south wing has lost its roof due to an explosion. The structure contains eight arched garage doors and elongated metal casement windows with concrete sills. Parapets, pilasters, and insets above the windows add decorative features to the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Large scale and native stone materials combine to make the Ada Armory a prominent feature of the community. Constructed by unskilled laborers, the building displays a unique pride in workmanship. For many of those laborers other work could not be found and going on the dole would have been the only alternative. That the building contributed to the military preparedness of the Oklahoma National Guard, resulting in World War II campaign victories, adds to its significance.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 14 712360 3852160

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning 50 feet west and 330 feet south of the NE corner of the SE NW, go west 363 feet, south 240 feet, east 363 feet, and north 240 feet to point of beginning, Section 28, T 4 N, R 6 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 52-a; 52-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUM

LOCATION: East Central University campus, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Board of Regents, East Central University, Ada, Okla. 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Rectangular and measuring 199 feet by 56 feet, the East Central University Stadium has a superstructure of poured concrete and exterior walls constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. The stands of the stadium rise some twenty tiers, and the rear wall is crowned with a stepped cornice. The wall also contains window openings fashioned into arches, a feature duplicated as entryways beneath the superstructure on either end. Openings have been reduced in size by opaque glass, wood inserts or cinder blocks, but these adjustments and the addition of a press box have not impeached the integrity of the structure. A rock wall extends some 254 feet north of the stadium.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1941; builder/architect: unknown

The stadium is architecturally unique within Ada in terms of style, workmanship and materials. It is symbolic of the major works program undertaken by the federal government through the WPA during the depression and the resulting improved self image and economic status of those unemployed workers who found work with such a program. The stadium also suggests the broad interpretation the WPA put on its mandate to provide "useful" structures. Places of recreation, during times of economic turmoil, were, to the WPA, "useful."

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-14 714100 3850060; B-14 714250 3850060; C-14 714160 3849960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The west 1/2 of the NW SE of Section 34, T 4 N, R 6 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 53-a; 53-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GLENWOOD PARK

LOCATION: Nash and Main Streets, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

CLASSIFICATION: structures; private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreation

OWNER: City of Ada, Ada, OK 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: good; unaltered; original site

Glenwood Park is comprised of WPA-built tennis courts, retaining walls, and footbridges. The tennis courts are constructed of poured concrete, the retaining walls of rusticated and coursed native stone, and the footbridges of concrete and cobblestones. The walls are topped with vertical piers that serve as "curbs" for street level parking.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; architect/builder: unknown

Glenwood Park is an excellent example of a total recreational facility created by the WPA in urban neighborhoods. It reflects, also, the broad interpretation given by the agency to "useful" projects. Construction of it also provided jobs for destitute and unemployed agricultural workers.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated southwest of the intersection of Nash and Main Streets in Ada city.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NAPIER HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Paradise Hills Baptist Church, Rural Route, Ada, OK 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Napier School is a single-story, eight-room, T-shaped (186' vertically x 153' horizontally) structure constructed of brick. The roof is flat, except over the gym, where it is arched. The entryways are recessed; and the front entry is framed by pilasters and a roof of poured concrete. Windows have concrete sills. Parapets and brick friezes add a decorative element. Windows have been reduced or enclosed by wood inserts or bricks. This alteration has not compromised the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Built for black students, Napier School is one of the more attractive schools in the area. It is significant that it was built by unemployed residents at a time when the district could ill afford such an undertaking without federal aid. Construction undoubtedly kept many workers off the dole while at the same time providing black school children excellent facilities for learning. Noteworthy for its scale, type, style, and workmanship, Napier School has done much to promote community pride among area black residents.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 14 712770 3852860

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated north of the county fairgrounds, the school property begins in the NE corner of the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Sec. 21, T 4 N, R 6 E and runs west 300 feet, south 310 feet, east 300 feet and north 310 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 54-a; 54-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PONTOTOC COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

LOCATION: Pontotoc County Fairgrounds, North Broadway Street, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Board of Commissioners, Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The County Administrative Building is a single-story, rectangular (187' x 70') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. The building was built in two stages: the north end was built between 1941 and 1942; while the south end was built earlier, in 1940-1941. The structure has curved, art deco features with metal casement windows with concrete sills along the sides and fixed opaque glass panes on the ends. The flat roof has concrete capped parapets and the main entryways are framed by poured concrete panels and stepped cornices.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940-1942; builder/architect: unknown

The County Administrative Building is most notable for its art deco style and materials, but just as important is its workmanship. Masonry and stone placement is superb. It is significant that the building's construction provided jobs for many unskilled and unemployed workers. That they should have felt such a deep pride in workmanship when working under the depressed conditions of the time truly bespeaks a quality of character rarely found today.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: 14 712450 3852220

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The property begins 208 feet south of the NW corner of the SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Sec. 28, T 4 N, R 6 E and goes 208 feet east, 208 feet south, 208 feet west and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 55-a; 55-b

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PONTOTOC COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS STADIUM

LOCATION: North Broadway Street, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Board of Commissioners, Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The superstructure and stands of the Pontotoc Fairgrounds Stadium is constructed of poured concrete and measures 271' x 42'. It has 14 rows of seats plus a box seat section near the front. The stadium was built in two stages: the north 107 feet was built in 1940, the south 164 feet was built in 1938. The stadium is entered by two interior passageways and steps at either end. Parts of the superstructure have been bricked in to form rooms, and a sheet metal roof over the north end of the stadium has been added. These alterations have not affected the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938 and 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure, the stadium is rather unique in terms of type. It was designed primarily as a grandstands for a rodeo arena rather than the usual football field. It, therefore, reflects the wide variety of structures constructed by the WPA and the recognition of that agency that recreational interests differed from region to region, that rodeo was just as legitimate as football. Significantly, construction of the stadium provided jobs for out-of-work oil field workers and agricultural laborers during the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 712500 3852180

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract of land that extends 10 feet nw of the NW side of the stadium, 10 feet sw of the SW side of the stadium, 10 feet se from the SE side of the stadium and 10 feet ne from the NE side of the stadium entered on the UTM identified above.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 56-a; 56-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WINTERSMITH PARK (Two Structures)

LOCATION: Wintersmith Park, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: The City of Ada, Oklahoma, 13th and Townsend, Ada, OK 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Wintersmith Park was a joint WPA-CCC project. Within the park are two unique structures: a lodge building and an amphitheater. The lodge measures 137' x 73' and is constructed of uncut, crudely-laid native stone. It is essentially a single-story structure with a gabled roof with intersecting center gables front and back and wood shingles. The east end has a picture window, and the rest of the windows are casement with stone sills. There is a poured concrete patio in back with blind rock rails. It is not clear that the lodge is truly a WPA structure.

The amphitheater measures 195' x 135'. It has 29 curved rows of sandstone seating laid on a hillside. There are two vertical aisles through the theater. It most certainly is WPA

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The Wintersmith Park project employed large crews of workers previously out of work. The project allowed many of these men to retain some degree of self-esteem by letting them "earn" a living. Architecturally, the structures are unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. Wintersmith Park is currently a focal point of recreation in Ada, providing testimony to the continuing value of the WPA project to Oklahoma residents.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Fifty acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The structures are situated in the East 1/2 of the NE NE and SE SE NE and the E 1/2 SW SE NE of Sec. 3, T 3 N, R 6 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none



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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CONWAY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Margaret Mary Mayer, Rt. 1, Box 84, Allen, OK 74825

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old Conway School was a single-story, rectangular (66' x 31') structure constructed of brick. The hipped roof has a projecting (four foot) center gable, brick chimney stack and a lantern. Corners of the structure have quoins. The original windows have been bricked in, leaving smaller openings and thus creating smaller windows. The main entry is arched and recessed, and a door on the south side has been bricked in and a new one on the north side cutout. The roof has been raised and a second story added.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The schoolhouse is unique in style, type, and workmanship. It provided learning opportunities for many rural children of the area. The building is significant in that its construction provided jobs for unemployed oil field workers and farmers suffering from drought conditions. The structure stands today as a symbol of the value of the WPA.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two and one-half acra

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Encompassing the SE SE SE SE of Section 36, T 4 N, R  
7 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

EAST HILL CEMETERY/PAVILION

LOCATION: Vicinity of Roff, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123; SW 1/4, Sec. 19, T 2 N, R 5 E

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

OWNER: The City of Roff, Roff, OK 74865

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The East Hill Cemetery Pavilion is an essentially square (19' x 18') structure with a shingled pyramidal roof supported by ten stone columns. The base of the structure, which rises about three feet high, and the columns are made of tooled and coursed native stone. A stone ledge runs along the inside wall for seating purposes. Masonry is rather crude.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Cemetery improvements were one of the earliest facets of WPA work in 1935. These projects not only benefitted the community, but also created jobs for the unemployed. This particular pavilion is unique in its open style and in its materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A piece of property situated in the south 100 feet of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T 2 N, R 5 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FITZHUGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Fitzhugh, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Roff Board of Education, Box 157, Roff, OK 74865

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Fitzhugh schoolhouse is a single-story, rectangular (55' x 41') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. The gabled roof is covered by wood shingles. There are four single door entryways with stoops covered by small gable porches supported by braces. Wood sash windows have stone sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA rural school building, the Fitzhugh School is unique in its design, i.e. two single door entries on either end. This structure also contains in-door toilet facilities, equally unusual for rural schools. Within the community it is architecturally significant in terms of type, style, workmanship and materials. That the building also helped alleviate the economic consequences of the depression for the jobless of the Fitzhugh area is also important, as is the fact that the structure enhanced the learning environment of the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 703820 3838140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 6 of Block 7, and Lots 1 through 24 of Block 8, both in Hattox Addition to Fitzhugh original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 57-a; 57-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FRANCIS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Francis, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: The Byng Board of Education, Box 2509, Ada, OK 74821

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Francis Auditorium was built in the early days of the WPA, as evidenced by its shabby workmanship. The structure is a single-story, rectangular (51' x 25') structure constructed of cut and lightly tooled, coursed native stone. Its flat roof is covered by parapets. The sash windows have cut stone sills. The stones are painted white, and an addition has been built off the north end of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This structure displays a rare lack of workmanship for a WPA building. This is because of its early construction date and the fact that it was built with unskilled labor. Architecturally, it is unique for its type, style, and materials. The fact that the building now serves as a classroom building illustrates the role of the WPA in promoting education.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in Block 49, Francis original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HASKELL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123; SE 1/4, T 3 N, R 8 E

CLASSIFICATION: structure; private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--empty

OWNER: W.R. Terry Enterprises, LTD, 8120 N.W. 122nd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73142

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated; unaltered; original site

A classic one-room school house, the Haskell School is constructed of lightly tooled and coursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled, and the front entry is recessed behind an archway. Window openings on the front, now empty, reach to the eaves. There is an interior chimney.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book.

The Haskell School is significant because it is one of, if not the only one room school building constructed by the WPA that remains intact in southcentral Oklahoma. Within the community the building is unique in terms of type, materials and workmanship. Construction of it also provided jobs for destitute and unemployed agricultural workers.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Lula  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in the E 1/2 of the NE, SE of Sec. 29, T 3 N, R 8 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROFF ARMORY

LOCATION: Main and Broadway Streets, Roff, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Military Department, State of Oklahoma, 3501 Military Circle NE, Oklahoma City,  
OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Roff Armory is a single-story, rectangular (210' x 127') structure constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native stone. There is a sense of play in the superb rockwork with many different sizes of stone fitted together. The structure has a central drill floor with a high arched roof and rectangular shaped wings with flat roofs east and west of the drill floor. Parapets are capped with heavily rusticated stone. The main entryway is framed by pilasters and a stepped cornice at the roof line. The metal casement windows have concrete sills and are crowned by an inset of stone rising to the roof. The structure has nine arched garage doors. Pilasters and friezes provide decorative relief.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Roff Armory is most notable for its architecture. Within the community the structure's scale, materials and workmanship are unique. The style of the building is also unusual, particularly the effect achieved by the heavy rustication of the building stones and the capping of parapets with oversized stones--also heavily rusticated. The structure alludes to a medieval fortress more than most WPA-constructed armories. The building is also significant because it was completed in time to help prepare the Oklahoma National Guard to play an important role in World War II and the Korean War and because its construction provided jobs to destitute workers that had been left unemployed and on relief by the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 697790 3833690

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Block 107, Roff original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 58-a; 58-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROFF GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Burns and Broadway Streets, Roff, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Roff Board of Education, Box 157, Roff, OK 74865

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Roff Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (130' x 83') structure constructed of brick on a stone foundation. The front projecting entryway has been moved forward about 12 feet, and an addition has been built between it and the gym proper. The rear of the gym has a wing which comprises the stage for the auditorium. It has a flat roof, while the rest of the structure has a high arched roof. The sash windows have brick sills. Parapets, pilasters, concrete insets, and brick friezes add decoration. The alteration of the front entryway has compromised the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The gymnasium/auditorium was built in order that the curriculum of Roff Schools might more fully meet the needs of its students. At the time, a scarcity of money could have prevented its construction, but with federal aid it was completed. Significantly, labor was hired from among the ranks of the unemployed, thereby keeping many in productive labor and off the dole. Architecturally, the structure is unique in type, scale, and style, as well as workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 698000 3833700

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Southeast corner of Block 109, Roff original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: none