

# OSAGE WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

<u>Property</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
Barnsdall School Industrial Arts Building	X	X
Bird Creek School	X	X
Buck Creek School	X	X
Burbank School/Community Building	X	X
Fairfax School Stadium and Athletic Fields	X	X
Osage County Garage (Fairfax)	X	X
Greyhorse School and Gymnasium	X	X
Herd School	X	X
Carver School (Fairfax)	X	
Hominy Armory	X	X
Javine School	X	
Osage Agency Administrative Bldg. Annex	X	X
Pawhuska Armory	X	X
Pawhuska School Stadium	X	X
Paxton School	X	X
Peters School	X	X
Old Prue School and Gymnasium	X	X
Wynona High School	X	X

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BARNSDALL SCHOOL INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING

LOCATION: Cedar and 9th Streets, Barnsdall, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Barnsdall Board of Education, Box 629, Barnsdall, OK 74002

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

A single story, rectangular (41' x 98') building, the Industrial Arts Building is constructed of undressed and untooled native sandstone. The roof is gabled, and the door is covered with a small shed-like roof supported with decorative wood braces. The metal casement windows that rise to the eaves sit on pre-formed concrete sills. To the south end of the building has been attached an addition of sheet metal siding. Fortunately, this alteration has not affected the essential integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Barnsdall Industrial Arts Building is significant because it demonstrates the varied nature of educational structures constructed under the WPA program. Moreover, vocational education facilities were relatively rare, with most resources going into class or gymnasium buildings. Architecturally, the structure is unique within the community in terms of type and workmanship. It is especially important because it helped to put unemployed oil field laborers to work at meaningful labor at a time when they had been without economic security for as long as five years.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 753560 4049630

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: North edge of the School Block, Red Eagle Addition to Barnsdall original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 98-a; 98-b

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BIRD CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pawhuska, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113; SE 1/4, Sec. 30, T 26  
NB, R 9 E

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

OWNER: City of Pawhuska, Pawhuska, OK 74056

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; unaltered; original site

Originally a two room facility, the Bird Creek School is rectangular (77' x 25') and is constructed of red brick laid with running bond. It has a stepped gable roof, with a cross stepped gable that extends over an enclosed, two door entryway. Above the front windows and at the base of the exterior walls, friezes are created by decorative brick work. At either end of the building masons have added other tasteful designs. Classroom windows retain their original wood sashes, although the panes have been destroyed. To the rear of the building at either end are entries reached by concrete stoops and covered with small, shed roofs.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: unknown

For a rural, WPA-built school, Bird Creek is most unique. This is especially true architecturally, particularly in the use of brick, stepped gables, decorative brick work and rear entryways. Even the floorplan is atypical. Within the community it is unique architecturally in terms of type, style and workmanship. The school is especially significant educationally and socially. It introduced a modern educational facility--and thus advanced instructional techniques--into the area, and it helped--by providing job opportunities to destitute workmen--to give people back some of their self-respect.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 735160 4064250

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north on the mainstreet of Pawhuska some two and 1/4th miles and turn west on a county road, proceeding some 2 miles to the sight of the school property, it being 657 feet west of the SE corner of Sec. 30, T 26 N, R 9 E, then north 187 feet, west 219 feet, south 201 feet and east 220 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 99-a; 99-b; 99-c

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BUCK CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bartlesville, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113, NE Sec. 12, T 26 N, R 11 E

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

OWNER: C. J. Munsell, et al., Rural Route 3, Box 357, Bartlesville, OK 74003

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

Initially, a two room school, the Buck Creek building is rectangular (32' x 58') and constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is hipped with a central gable over the front entryway which is decorated with pilasters. On the front at either end are single door entrances covered with small, hipped roof porches. Three windows on each side of the main entrance are arranged in a stepped pattern, while on the rear they rise to the eaves. Sills are of pre-formed concrete, and there is an exterior chimney in the back. A walkway enclosed with sheet metal connects the school building with an A-frame structure on the north end, an alteration that does not impair the architectural integrity of the original facility.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940-1941; architect/builder: unknown

The Buck Creek School is significant in that its architecture differs from other rural schools built by the WPA. Specifically, the stepped window placement and the location of three outside doors on the front are wholly unique. The building is notable within the community itself in terms of style, type, materials and workmanship. The building replaced a dilapidated, wood frame structure and provided a modern educational environment, an environment that encouraged and facilitated the learning process. Just as significant is that construction of the school provided job opportunities for persons who had been made destitute by the depression that retarded oil production, the economic mainstay of the area.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Bowring SE, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 761510 4071230

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated west of Bartlesville, from the northwest corner of the NE 1/4 Sec. 12, T 26 N, R 11 E the property goes 208 feet east, 208 feet south, 208 feet west, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 100-a; 100-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BURBANK SCHOOL/COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Burbank, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Burbank Board of Education, Box 148, Burbank, OK 74633

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Court House, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

Built as a community/public building on Burbank school property, the structure consists of four rooms and is rectangular (53' x 75'). It is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets capped with pre-formed concrete sills. The front and rear entryways contain double doors and are recessed behind archways. The windows, singly placed, are wood sash and rest on pre-formed concrete sills. Storm windows and a concrete block room added to the rear of the building do not impeach the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder; unknown

Once the queen of the Osage oil district, Burbank by the mid- 1930s suffered mightily because of the depressed condition of the oil industry. Construction of the school/community facility by the WPA afforded job opportunities for oil field workers who had been reduced to destitution by the national depression. Architecturally, the structure within the community is unique in terms of style, materials and workmanship. As a WPA building, it is notable in that its square shape and singly placed, elongated windows--a faint allusion to art deco style--is more often associated with city halls than educational facilities.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 702710 4063460

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The building is situated in 100 foot square tract in the southwest corner of Block 6, "School Reserve," Burbank original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 101-a; 101-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FAIRFAX SCHOOL STADIUM AND ATHLETIC FIELDS

LOCATION: Fairfax, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Fairfax Board of Education, Box 487, Fairfax, OK 74637

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

Rectangular and measuring 240 feet by 25 feet, the stadium is constructed of rusticated concrete blocks on its exterior walls, while the bleachers, rising eight tiers, are made of poured concrete. Pilasters decorate the outside walls. North of the stadium is situated a football and baseball field, both of which are enclosed in an eight foot high and eighteen inch thick, rusticated concrete block fence that connects to either end of the stadium. Pilasters along the fence are set on 21 foot centers. Masonry is rather crude. The enclosed area is 475 feet by 375 feet. A small press box has added to the top of the stadium, but this facility has not impeached the integrity of the entire complex.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

This athletic facility is significant in that it demonstrates the broad interpretation WPA officials gave to their mandate to construct "useful" public works with unskilled and unemployed labor. Recreation and athletic competition fell into the "useful" category. Architecturally the complex is notable because of its use of rusticated concrete blocks, an unusual material not frequently employed elsewhere. The length of the enclosing fence is also impressive. That a baseball field is included in the complex is equally unusual. The stadium and fields demonstrate as well--in the crudeness of construction--that workmanship on WPA projects left much to be desired early on but improved significantly over time.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: 4.5 acres

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

UTM: A-14 705750 4050480; B-14 705700 4050610; C-14 705820 4050610

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the north edge of Fairfax, beginning in the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 6, T 24 N, R 6 E, and running east 600 feet, north 400 feet, west 500 feet, and south 400 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 102-a; 102-b; 102-c

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OSAGE COUNTY GARAGE

LOCATION: First and Mulberry Streets, Fairfax, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

Constructed of untooled and randomly laid native sandstone, the County Warehouse is rectangular (101' x 43') with a stepped gable roof. A one-half moon vent is in each gable. Two garage doors on either side of the building directly across from each other permit vehicles to drive completely through. Window at the ends of the structure, either full or one half size, have sills, lintels and jambs of pre-formed concrete. Door and garage lintels are of the same materials as are the caps of the stepped gable. Windows are metal casements.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

Architecturally the structure is significant in the community in terms of type, style and workmanship. As a WPA building it is notable in that county warehouse facilities are relatively rare, especially ones with stepped gables and pre-formed concrete window jambs. Construction of the building also provided job opportunities for unemployed day laborers and oil field workers who had been pushed into economic destitution by the national depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 705680 4049570

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 1, Lanman's Addition to Fairfax original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 103-a; 103-b



## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

### GREYHORSE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Fairfax, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113; NW 1/4, Sec. 22, T 24 N, R 6 E

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

OWNER: Cleo and Carol Dilbeck, Rural Route 2, Box 72, Fairfax, OK 74637

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

Consisting initially of four rooms plus the gym, the Greyhorse School is L-shaped (65' x 128' vertically, with a 43' x 47' extension) and constructed of both rusticated and coursed as well as untooled and randomly laid native sandstone. Entryway facades, corners and pilasters on the gymnasium are of rusticated and coursed stone, while the rest is of colorful untooled native rock. The roof is flat with parapets, Window sills, continuous lintels, friezes and wall caps are of cut limestone. Doors are recessed behind archways, and windows are wood sash. One window on the west is filled with concrete blocks, while one on the east is filled with a wood insert. Neither of these alterations affect the architectural integrity of the building.

### SIGNIFICANCE:

1938; architect/builder: unknown

As a rural WPA building, this structure is unique with regard to size and its construction of two different rock types (cut and uncut stone). Within the community it is notable in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. Indeed, Greyhorse is an Osage Indian settlement with no building comparable to that of the school; the identification of the Indians with the school in itself makes the structure important. After its construction the school had a student body made up in large part of Osage children. Moreover, the Osages were some of those destitute and unemployed laborers who were given job opportunities when the school was constructed. The economic security that thus accrues to them, after long months of virtual starvation, makes the Greyhorse school building especially significant.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: 14 710090 4047340

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated four miles southeast of Fairfax on paved county roads, the Greyhorse school property is 2 acres in the NE 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 in Sec. 22, T 24 N, R 6 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 104-a; 104-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HERD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bowring, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113; NW Sec. 35, T 28 N, R 10 E

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

OWNER: Jim B. McKinley, Trustees, Box 99, Pawhuska, OK 74056

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

A three-room structure originally, the Herd School building is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. It is T-shaped (35' x 72', with a 34' x 25' extension), and the roof, now covered by composition shingles, is hipped. The main entryway is covered by a gabled porch supported by two wood shafts. Original wood sash windows extend to the eaves; window sills are of cut stone. Under the T or the rear an addition of concrete blocks has been constructed, but this alteration has not destroyed the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder: unknown

Situated in a community isolated by the expanses of northern Osage County, the Bigheart School constituted the principal manifestation of the WPA in a region at least 150 square miles in size. In a much larger area it is the only WPA-built structure that remains. As such the building had an educational significance of major proportion, providing a modern facility that promoted progressive standards of education. Within the community it is wholly unique in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. And as a WPA structure it is notable for its T-shape and a principal entryway that extends off the underside of the T parallel to the stem.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 749330 4083300

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The property is one mile east of the intersection of state highways Nos. 10 and 99, on the north side of the road and begins at a point 832 feet east and 1040 feet north of the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35, T 28 N, R 10 E and goes 208 feet east, 208 feet north, 208 feet west and 208 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 105-a; 105-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CARVER SCHOOL

LOCATION: West Main and Jefferson, Hominy, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Hominy Board of Education, Box 400, Hominy, OK 74035

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

A single story, L-shaped building (95' x 48' vertically, with a 70' x 64' horizontal extension), the old Carver school is constructed of buff brick laid with a running bond. Decorative brick work provides the effect of a continuous lintel and sill, although the sill beneath the window is of cut limestone as are the wall caps. Most original casement windows have been replaced with single pane, metal encased windows. Except over the gym where it is arched, the roof is flat with parapets, while the entry way is recessed in a slightly extended front facade. The new windows have not affected the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: unknown

From the time of its construction until the 1950s, Carver school was the segregated black school in Hominy. It is important because it reflects the history of educational discrimination in Hominy and its conclusion--today the building is the community's Junior High School. Construction of the building provided job opportunities for black workers whose basic poverty had been made unbearable by the depression, offering them some self-pride and a small measure of economic security. Architecturally, the structure is notable within the community in terms of original type (black school) and character of workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated in the NW 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 22 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

HOMINY ARMORY

LOCATION: Pine and Regan Streets, Hominy, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Oklahoma Military Department, 3501 Military Circle NE, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A single story, rectangular (257' x 141') structure, the Hominy Armory is constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native sandstone. Pilasters, an extended front entry facade with decorative stone work and elongated windows provide stylistic features. Equally important are bas-reliefs of the American Eagle and crossed rifles. Above the drill floor the roof is arched, while elsewhere it is flat. Parapets are capped with and window sills are constructed from pre-formed concrete blocks. Five garage doors provide vehicle entrance into the building. Windows are metal casements. Enclosing three of the front windows with wood inserts have not impeached the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

The Hominy Armory is significant because it symbolizes the maturity of the Oklahoma National Guard as a military unit. Hardly 30 years old in 1936, the guard had served well in state and national crises but still occupied temporary-like facilities and thought of itself as second class. The Hominy Armory and 56 others like it, all built by 1943, brought pride and self-respect, instilling a measure of confidence that enabled the guard to render distinguished and heroic service during World War II. Construction also provided jobs for the jobless and created a structure that architecturally was wholly unique in Hominy in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 733520 4033170

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 2-7, Block 20, Hominy original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 106-a; 106-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JAVINE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Skiatook, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113; Sec. 20, T 22 N, R 12 E

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

OWNER: City of Skiatook, Skiatook, OK 74070

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered original site

A two classroom, single story structure, the Javine School building is rectangular (35' x 87') with offsets and constructed of dressed but randomly laid native sandstone. The roof is gable with steps, and a cross gable, supported by four wood shafts, extends above the porch and recessed double door entry. There is an external as well as an internal chimney. Windows on the east have been enclosed with wood inserts, while window openings on the west, which extend to the eaves, have been enclosed with concrete blocks. The latter alteration diminishes but does not destroy the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Located in an area of intensive agricultural activity, the Javine school district suffered considerably from the national depression of the 1930s. Construction of the building provided WPA job opportunities to laborers who had been driven to despair by their inability to get jobs and to provide for their families. Most important is that the building became a center of community activity as well as educational opportunity. Architecturally, the Javine school is wholly unique in the area in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. Indeed, it is virtually the only public building left in the community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 20 west of Skiatook two and one-half miles, the school property, on the NE corner of the intersection, being two acres in the southwest corner of Sec. 20, T 22 N, R 12 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

OSAGE AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING ANNEX

LOCATION: Osage Agency Complex, Pawhuska, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. 20000

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

Two story and rectangular (48' x 33'), the Osage Agency Administrative Annex is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The roof is flat with parapets that are capped with pre-formed concrete blocks. Metal casements, resting on cut stone sills, fill one-half windows. First and second story windows are perpendicularly placed in a plane recessed from the exterior surface and that extends from the top of the second story window to the ground. Perpendicular placement also applies to the exterior doors, the top one leading to the second floor and the bottom one to the first floor.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Agency Building Annex is significant in that it is one of the few WPA-constructed buildings associated with an Indian tribe--despite the large number of Native American groups in Oklahoma. Architecturally it is unique in terms of its two stories with entryways on each level. That its construction provided job opportunities for destitute whites and Indians during the course of the disastrous national depression is particularly significant.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 737640 4060940

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the south east corner of the "Osage Agency Reserve" on the original Pawhuska plat, go west 400 feet (to the alley), then north 150 feet and east 50 feet to a point of beginning, then go 50 feet east, 40 feet north, 50 feet west and 40 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 107-a; 107-b

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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PAWHUSKA ARMORY

LOCATION: 8th and Ruble Streets, Pawhuska, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

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

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

A one unit facility, the Pawhuska Armory is rectangular (125' x 135') with offsets and is constructed of rusticated and generally coursed native sandstone. The stones were quarried some 3.5 miles west of the armory and many are huge. The roof is flat except over the drill foore where it is arched. Parapets and pilasters, the latter at the corners and framing the main entry, provide decorative relief--as do vertical indentations in the rock work above the windows and below the parapets. The armory has elongated metal casement windows symetrically placed, three garage doors and a recessed main entryway.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: Bryan Nolan

The Pawhuska Armory is particularly significant because it was one of the structures sponsored by the WPA shortly after the agency was established. Along with other armories across the state, it was to provide job opportunities for unemployed and destitute workers during the desperate winter of 1935-1936. That the building program helped to salvage broken and hopeless lives makes the armory a symbol of a government that cared for its citizens. Just as notable is that the armory helped to prepare units of the 45th Infantry Division that within five short years would be winning distinction in battles in North Africa and Europe. The Pawhuska Armory, in this sense, contributed directly to American victory during World War II.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: 14 738820 4060910

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 18-24, Block 42, Pawhuska original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 108-a; 108-b



## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PAWHUSKA SCHOOL STADIUM

LOCATION: Lynn and 19th Streets, Pawhuska, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Pawhuska Board of Education, 1505 N. Lynn, Pawhuska, OK 74056

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

Rectangular in shape (25' x 154'), the Pawhuska stadium consists of a superstructure of poured concrete that rises to a level of nine tiers. The exterior walls are constructed of untooled and randomly laid native sandstone. Pre-formed concrete blocks cap and decorate the parapets and the stepped pilasters adjacent to entryways beneath the stands. Red bricks are fashioned into friezes above and below small windows, while sills, lintels and jambs of the windows are also of bricks. Brick work above the main doors between the pilasters provides additional decoration. The addition of a press box has not impeached the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Pawhuska stadium is significant architecturally because of the blending of native stone with brick and the capping of pilasters with pre-formed concrete materials. Unlike other stadiums, this one alludes faintly to art deco themes. The structures also suggests the broad interpretation WPA officials gave to "useful" public structures, appreciating that recreation and athletic activity was just as "useful" as armories and city halls. That the stadium is still in use demonstrates just how "useful" it was and the nature of its long-range contribution. Of course, construction of the structure also provided job opportunities for destitute workers who had lost their jobs and most of their self-respect as a result of the depression that plagued the land in the 1930s.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 738630 4061980

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the corner of 19th and Lynn streets, go east 540 feet as a point of beginning, then south 210 feet, east 50 feet, north 210 feet, and west 50 feet, in School Preserve, Pawhuska original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 109-a; 109-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PAXTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hominy, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113; NW 1/4, Sec. 12, T 22 N, R 7 E

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

OWNER: Jack H. Cox, Rural Route 2, Ralston, OK 74650

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

A rectangular structure that measures 28 feet by 39 feet, the Paxton school is the classic one-room school house sitting in lonely isolation from anything else. It is constructed of red brick laid with running bond. The roof is gabled, with a small cross gable serving as the porch for a recessed entryway. Before both entries there are concrete stoops. The windows with the remnants of wood sashes are now filled with metal sheets, the same material that covers the roof. Sills and lintels are of red brick. The enclosed windows do not alter the integrity of the building.

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

One room school buildings constructed of brick by the WPA are most unique. Most are built of native stone. The materials of which Paxton school is built, therefore, makes it relatively significant. Sitting in lonely isolation amidst producing oil wells, the building personifies the strengths and weaknesses of rural education, promoting self-reliance as well as provincialism. And obviously it makes it unique architecturally in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. Construction of the building also provided much needed jobs for workers reduced to destitution by the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

Quadrangle: Bug Creek, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 722990 4031540

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles west of Hominy on state highway No. 20 to a intersection with an unpaved county road from the south; turn south and stay on the right at the fork, going west two and 1/2 miles. The Paxton school property is a 208 square foot tract in the NW corner of Sec. 12, T 22 N, R 7 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 110-a; 110-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PETERS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity Ponca City, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Donald J. Nieman, Sr., Rural Route 3, Box 593, Ponca City, OK 74601

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

A rectangular structure (25' x 50'), the Peters School is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is hipped and is still covered by wood shingles. A full basement lies beneath the building. The recessed, front entryway is reached by steps; below the steps is the entry to the basement. Windows that rise to the eaves are wood sash. The partial windows that open to the basement have been enclosed with concrete blocks, but this alteration does not affect the basic integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education Pattern Book

The uniqueness of the Peters School lies primarily in its full basement. No other WPA-built rural school in Osage County, or elsewhere in Oklahoma given the state of our present knowledge, contains a basement. Since the adjacent community no longer exists, the building is relatively significant in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. It is notable too because it provided the basis of modern education in a remote area previously without facilities appropriate to progressive instruction. Of course construction of it provided job opportunities for unskilled laborers who had been reduced to poverty and welfare rolls by the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Ponca City SE, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 676940 4053040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the Arkansas River bridge on U.S. highway No. 60, go approximately two and one-half miles east to an intersection with a paved county road; go south five miles to the school building property, being the NW 208 square feet in Sec. 31, T 25 N, R 3 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 111-a; 111-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OLD PRUE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Prue, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrertricted; present use--storage

OWNER: Marion E. Lamkin, Box 117, Prue, OK 74060

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: fair; altered; original site

A single story, essentially rectangular (231' x 59') structure, the Old Prue School and Gymnasium is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The masonry is excellent, suggested especially by the rounded corners of the classroom segment of the structure and the modified pilasters surrounding the front entryway. Continuous window sills and lintels, a frieze below the windows and a heavy cap on the exterior walls reflect this excellence as well. There is an attractive bas-relief of a male and female student above each of the outside doors. The windows are wood sash. On the north rear corner a room of concrete blocks has been added, but this in no way detracts from the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The Old Prue School and Gymnasium complex is significant architecturally in that the masonry of the structure exceeds the quality of most WPA-constructed buildings. The rounded corners are expecially unique. The structure as a whole is notable within the community in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. On the fringe of the Osage oil field, Prue suffered from the depressed energy industry, with more than its share of unemployed "reliefers." Construction of the Prue school, large for a rural community, provided those persons with job opportunities and a measure of economic security. Construction also provided monetary infusion for the community as a whole, an amount equal to wages paid for more than 35,000 man hours of labor. Today the community of Old Prue is pretty much under Lake Keystone. The school building, virtually on the edge of the lake, stands as a monument to the humanness of the WPA and to a town that once was.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

Quadrangle: Keystone Dame, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 741190 4013490

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 9-28, Block 2, "Old" Prue original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 112-a; 112-b; 112-c

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WYNONA HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Antwine and 3rd Streets, Wynona, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Wynona Board of Education, Box 700, Wynona, OK 74084

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

Constructed of red brick laid with a running bond, the Wynona High School building is single story and rectangular (271' x 200'). The roof is flat with parapets capped with cut limestone blocks. Continuous pre-formed concrete sills and lintels on the side and front, corner pilasters, decorative friezes and modified pilasters at the entryways give the building a unique stylistic quality. The rear exterior wall is constructed of a different type, apparently older, brick than used elsewhere. Original windows have been replaced with aluminum encased panes, an alteration that does not impeach the architectural integrity of the structure.

### SIGNIFICANCE:

1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Wynona High School building is especially important because of the impact it had on education within the community. Utilizing part of an older structure, the WPA created a modern facility that provided space for a separate "high school." Physical separation of age and class groups constituted progressive education at its best in the 1930s, and the new building meant that Wynona could provide the best for its students. Today it stands as a symbol of that advancement. It is also a monument to a social program that provided jobs to persons made destitute by the national program. Architecturally, it is unique within the community in terms of type, style and workmanship. The fact that it is constructed with brick materials makes it notable relative to most other WPA-built school buildings.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 739300 4047920

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The west 135 feet of Block 10, Wynona original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 113-a; 113-b