

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BLANCO SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pittsburg, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 7, T 3 N, R 15 E

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

OWNER: Pittsburg Board of Education, Box 118, Pittsburg, OK 74560

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A four room building, the Blanco school is a single story, rectangular (45' x 76') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Covered with composition shingles, the hipped roof has a gable dormer without lights, as well as a tent-like bell tower, above the centrally placed front entry. The front and side entries are recessed with archways. Wood sash on concrete sills windows reach to the eaves.

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

Architecturally the building is unique in the Blanco community because of its type, Richardsonian style, scale, materials and quality of workmanship. It is significant too because it represented the genesis of modern education in the region, replacing a dilapidated structure, and is still being used for educational purposes in the form that it was first constructed. The facility is also notable because construction of it helped to alleviate some of the consequences of the depression in the coal mining community of Blanco, providing work and a measure of economic security for laborers long unemployed and on state relief roles.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 245860 3848400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 63 northwest from Pittsburg to the community of Blanco, turning south on the county road intersecting at that point and proceeding for one-fourth mile to the building on the east side of the road. The property begins in the SW corner of the north 18.28 acres of Lot 2 of Sec. 7, T 3 N, R 15 E, then goes north 330.7 feet, east 261.9 feet, south 330.7 feet, and west 261.9 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 129-A, 129-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COLE CHAPEL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 17, T 5 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Hartshorne Board of Education, 520 S. 5th Street, Hartshorne, OK 74547

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition; unaltered; original site

The classic one-room building, the Cole Chapel school is a single story, rectangular (55' x 24') structure constructed of cut and roughly coursed native sandstone. The masonry is crude. The roof is gabled; the west front wood sash windows on cut stone sills reach to the eaves; the front doorway is arched and covered by a small porch.

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

The Cole Chapel school is an excellent example of WPA-built one room school constructed early during the program's life in Oklahoma, especially in that it is one of few that survives in relatively good condition. Within the rural community itself, the building is architecturally significant in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. It is notable too that construction of the building coincided with the coming of modern education in the Cole Chapel area. Moreover, unemployed and destitute coal miners found some economic security from the ravages of the depression by accepting jobs to help construct the school building.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 267730 3865310

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Take the paved county road from Hartshorne to Adamson for some three and one-half miles north of its intersection with U.S. highway No. 270; the property is on the east side of the road, being a 209 square foot tract in the SW corner of the NW 1/4 and a 209 square foot tract in the NW corner of the SW 1/4, in Sec. 17, T 5 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 130-A, 130-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CRAIG SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Haileyville, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 9, T 4 N, R 16 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Clifford Byrd, Rural Route #4, Box 370, McAlester, OK 74501

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Craig school is a single story, rectangular (30' x 72') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Covered with composition shingles, the roof is hipped with a central gable and porch (supported by two wood shafts) over a recessed front entryway of two doors. On the rear wood sash windows reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

In an area that suffered greatly by the closing of the coal mines, construction of the school building provided work opportunities and a measure of economic security for miners long on relief rolls and short on self respect. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously deprived educationally. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. As a residence lovingly maintained, the structure is a good example of adaptive reuse.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres  
Okla.

Quadrangle: Hartshorne Southwest,  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 259780 3858260

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 63 southwest out of Haileyville approximately two miles to the second county road that enters from the north. At the latter point go west one-half mile to school site, it beginning in the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of the section and running south 295.1 feet, east 295.1 feet, north 295.1 feet, and west 295.1 feet, all in Sec. 9, T 4 N, R 16 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 131-A, 131-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CROWDER SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: East Bond Street, Crowder, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: Crowder Board of Education, Box B, Crowder, OK 74430

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of more than fifteen classrooms, the Crowder school and gymnasium is a single story, E-shaped (206' along the vertical segment and 94' along the horizontal wings) structure constructed of rusticated native sandstone coursed but randomly placed. Masonry is excellent; the mortar is incised. With the exception of over the gym where it is slightly arched, the roof is flat with parapets. Windows, which extend to the level of interior ceilings and rest on cut stone sills, are placed by threes except on the central front section where they are singly placed. Angular lines and vertical extension of the roof lend an art deco flavor to the building. Installation of energy efficient metal windows has not impeached the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

Dependent upon the coal mining industry, the Crowder community was particularly hard hit by the depression. The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for destitute miners, enabling them to sustain themselves and their families without resorting to begging. The building also considerably improved the community's school plant, creating a new physical environment that promoted learning. As a rural WPA building, it is remarkable for its scale/size and its stylistic allusion to art deco. To the community it is unique architecturally because of its style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 256680 3889860

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 23, Crowder original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 132-A, 132-B, 132-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HARPER VALLEY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Kiowa, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 24, T 3 N, R 12 E

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

OWNER: Mr. O. E. Brandon, Rural Route 1, Stuart, OK 74570

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

Originally a two-room building, the old Harper Valley school is a single story, rectangular (56' x 27') structure with an offset constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Covered with composition shingles, the roof is gabled with one step; two of three doors are recessed behind archways. Window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size with wood inserts, which enclose metal sash windows. These alterations and an adjacent but unattached building do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

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

The school building represented the genesis of modern education in the valley, replacing deteriorated and outdated wood facilities. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. It continues to be well maintained, and as a church meeting house is an excellent example of adaptive reuse. Significantly, construction of the school building provided work opportunities for laborers hard hit by the depression in the rural and remote Harper Valley area, providing some economic security and self esteem.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: 15 226430 3845580

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow the county road that runs west from Kiowa four and one-half miles, bearing south (left) at the Y and continuing for three-fourths of an additional mile to the school property on the west side of the road. It begins at a point 60 feet south of the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24, T 3 N, R 12 E, and runs west 420 feet, south 150 feet, east 420 feet, and north 150 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 133-A, 133-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HAYWOOD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Haywood, Oklahoma 040; Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 21, T 5 N, R 13 E

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

OWNER: Haywood Board of Education, General Delivery, Haywood, OK 74548

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A building of some eight classrooms, the Haywood school is a single story, rectangular (54' x 145') structure constructed generally of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Beneath the front windows, however, the stone is laid in courses for artistic effect. Mortar is beaded. The roof is flat with parapets; doors are recessed behind archways. Windows, which reach to the level of interior ceilings, sit on concrete sills and are placed by threes, with the exception of the central segment of the building where they are set singly in arches.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because architecturally it is unique within the community in terms of style, type, scale, materials and workmanship. As a rural WPA school building, it is remarkable for its scale and arched window openings on the front. It is notable too because it constituted the genesis of modern education in the area and remains the principal focus of it. The building is especially significant because construction of it alleviated some of the effects of the depression for unemployed coal miners and destitute small farmers by providing them a work opportunity and a measure of self respect.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 230700 3864020

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the east side of the paved county road between state highway No. 31 and the railroad tracks, the school property begins at a point 209 feet north and 309 feet east of the SW corner of Sec. 21, T 5 N, R 13 E, and runs 209 feet north, 209 feet east, 209 feet south and 209 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 134-A, 134-B, 134-C

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

INDIANOLA SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Indianola, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 24, T 8 N, R 14 E

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

OWNER: Indianola Board of Education, Box G, Indianola, OK 74442

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Indianola school campus includes two WPA structures: One classroom building of four rooms and another classroom building of six rooms. The classroom building of four rooms is a single story, rectangular (54' x 79') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, with composition shingles, is gabled, with an intersecting frontal gable covering an entry once recessed behind archways. Sadly, the arch has been enclosed with buff colored bricks. End doorways are also recessed behind arches, and classroom windows, now metal sash, reach to the eaves. To the south end of the building is attached a concrete block extension that connects it to the second WPA building. The alterations, however, have not impeached the integrity of the structure.

The six room building is a single story, T-shaped (100' by 54' vertically; 30' x 85' horizontally) structure constructed of beautifully rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets. Entryways are recessed behind arches; windows on concrete sills are placed by fours and sixes. This building has a distinct art deco flavor, and its architectural integrity is not impeached by a concrete block extension that connects it with its sister WPA building on the north.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37, 1939-40; builder/architect: in part Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

As rural WPA buildings, those on the Indianola campus are notable for their scale, number and style. They also reflect the improvement over time of the skills of WPA workmen; the four room building is earlier in construction date and less sophisticated in masonry and design than the six room building. Within the community the structures are also unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The two buildings are significant because construction of them provided work opportunities for destitute laborers who had lived with the spectre of starvation for more than a year. The influence of the structures upon the educational life of the community is also important, the best measurement of which is that they are still used by the school district.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A--15 247520 3894040; B--15 247520 3893980

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the southeast edge of Indianola on state highway No. 113, the nominated property begins at the NE corner of Sec. 24, T 8 N, R 14 E, and runs 100 feet west, 300 feet south, 100 feet east, and 300 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 135-A, 135-B, 135-C



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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KIOWA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: U.S. highway No. 69, Kiowa, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: Kiowa Board of Education, Kiowa, OK 74553

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 75401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Kiowa gym and auditorium is single story, rectangular (118' x 82') structure generally constructed of rusticated and coursed, cream colored native sandstone. The roof ranges from flat to arched with parapets; the exterior walls are decorated with pilasters. On the gym window openings, with concrete sills, reach to the eaves. The front facade is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone red in color. This stylistic touch, along with the pilasters and roof extensions, give an art deco allusion. Unfortunately, the front facade has been partially covered by the attachment of a sheet metal building. Despite this, the structure retains its original architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because it provided for the first time space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the Kiowa area beforehand. It also provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed coal miners who had long been on relief rolls. As a WPA school building, the structure is notable for its scale and art deco style. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 234500 3845760

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 and 2, Block 68, Kiowa original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 136-A, 136-B

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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KREBS CITY HALL

LOCATION: Main and Washington Streets, Krebs, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: Krebs City Council, City Hall, Krebs, OK 74554

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone, the Krebs City Hall is a rectangular (112' x 44') structure with a flat roof and parapets. Steel casement windows are singly placed, while the roof of the front portion of the building is higher than that at the rear. Covered by a porch, the main entryway is contained in a rectangular extension on the front and is decorated with modified, stepped pilasters, as are the corners of the building. The pilasters and the roof extension give the structure a distinct art deco flavor.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

Within the Krebs community, the city hall is remarkable because of its art deco style, type, materials and type of workmanship. Moreover, it is one of the best examples of a WPA constructed building in southeastern Oklahoma with clear art deco influence. It is especially significant because unemployed and unskilled coal miners found jobs constructing the building when none were available elsewhere at the depth of the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 251000 3868230

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 7, Block 31, Krebs City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 137-A, 137-B

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MCALESTER ARMORY

LOCATION: Third and Polk Streets, McAlester, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

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

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The McAlester Armory is a single story, rectangular (203' x 120') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. With a high interior ceiling, the central portion of the building has an arched roof, while sections on either side with lower ceilings have flat roofs. Parapets dominate the entire roof line, but they are especially prominent on the center segment. Simplified, stepped pilasters and recessed window lintels of pre-formed concrete that reach to the top of the wall provide decorative relief and an allusion to art deco style. Segmental arches above doorways and eight garage openings, as well as stone selection and placement suggest high quality workmanship.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA building, the McAlester Armory is exceptional for its scale and its suggestion of art deco style. These same qualities make it architecturally significant within the community, as does its type, materials of construction, and character of workmanship. Equally important is that the armory was completed in time to help prepare units of the Oklahoma National Guard for duty in World War II. Construction of it, moreover, permitted the hiring of unskilled and unemployed laborers who in 1935 and 1936 had little prospect of income and faced a real possibility of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 247890 3870040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 99, McAlester City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 138-A, 138-B, 138-C

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MCALESTER ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUM

LOCATION: West Polk Street, McAlester, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: McAlester Board of Education, Box 1027; McAlester, OK 74501

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The McAlester athletic field consists of a red cinder track and a football gridiron. The stadium itself is situated on the west edge of the field. It is rectangular (200' x 28') and constructed of poured concrete, the stands rising some eleven tiers. Seventeen buttresses support the facade, which is also decorated with a crenellation. These features, along with centrally placed arched entryways, give the stadium an appearance of a medieval castle. A small pressbox atop the stands and temporary, unattached concrete block structures at either end, do not destroy the architectural integrity of the stadium.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1940; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA structure, the McAlester athletic stadium is unique architecturally because of its battlements and buttresses. Although totally concrete structures do exist, there is nothing similar in design. The facility also demonstrates the varied character of the WPA work program and the agency's special definition of "useful." For the people of McAlester the stadium fostered a measure of pride that is still apparent in athletic competition. To the community the stadium is architecturally unique in terms of style, type, scale and character of workmanship. It is also significant because of the economic impact construction of the facility had upon the residents of the community, giving jobs to those who had none and subsequently sales to merchants who needed some.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: A-15 248100 3870120; B-15 248040 3869060; C-15 248020 3870950

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 12 and 14, Block 70 and Lots 3 and 4, Block 99, McAlester original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 139-A, 139-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JEFF LEE PARK BATH HOUSE AND POOL

LOCATION: Third and Fillmore Streets, McAlester, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: City of McAlester, City Hall, McAlester, OK 74501

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Key hole shaped, the Jeff Lee Park swimming pool measures 175 feet long and 60 feet wide and is constructed of poured concrete. Around it is a concrete apron, and between it and the bath house are two small wading pools. Forty-two feet from the west end of the pool is situated the bath house. Single story and rectangular (22' x 80'), the bath house is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is hipped, although an intersecting gable with a parapet extends over the entryway recessed behind three arches. Elevated one-half windows with pre-formed concrete sills and lintels are enclosed with wood inserts. The latter alteration does not impeach the integrity of the bath house.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

Jeff Lee Park Bath House and Pool are significant because they reflect the wide variety of construction projects, in this instance outdoor recreational facilities, which the WPA undertook to sponsor. For the agency, swimming pools and bath houses were "useful." Because there were not all that many pools constructed by the WPA, Jeff Lee Park is distinctive. It is also significant because construction of it provided jobs to persons who had been on relief rolls, enabling them to support their families and regain confidence in themselves.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: A--15 247900 3870190; B--15 247950 3870180

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 70, McAlester City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 140-A, 140-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MICHAEL J. HUNTER PARK POOL

LOCATION: Chickasaw and 14th Streets, McAlester, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: City of McAlester, City Hall, McAlester, OK 74501

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Michael J. Hunter Park Pool is circular in design, having a 42 foot radius. It is constructed of poured concrete and is no more than three feet deep. Surrounding it is a poured concrete apron.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; architect/builder: unknown

The Michael J. Hunter Park Pool is significant because it offers a study in contrast between recreational facilities constructed by the WPA for black and white citizens. Little more than a wading pool, the Hunter Park facility was built for the black residents of McAlester. It stands in stark contrast with the Jeff Lee Park bath house and swimming pool constructed for white citizens across town. Yet there was a recreational facility for blacks, which would have not been the case had there not been a WPA. The pool is also important in that construction of it provided jobs to black workers on relief who had suffered more from the consequences of the depression than most whites.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 248880 3868100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the southwest corner of Lot 6 go 228 feet east for a point of beginning, and then go north 60 feet, east 60 feet, south 60 feet, and west 60 feet, in Block 369, McAlester City original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 141-A, 141-B

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

L'OUVERTURE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: 14th and Chickasaw Streets, McAlester, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: McAlester Board of Education, Box 1027, McAlester, OK 74501

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The L'Ouverture school gym and auditorium at McAlester is a single story, rectangular (47' x 89') structure constructed of rusticated and roughly coursed native sandstone. Despite beaded mortar, the masonry is rather crude. The roof is arched with parapets; pilasters decorate the exterior walls. With continuous concrete sills that become a frieze on the front, window openings are elongated. The stylistic flavor is distinctly art deco. A red brick addition has been made to the west side of the structure, windows have been enclosed with wood inserts, and front doors have been filled with stone identical to that of the original. Despite the alterations, the building retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

L'Ouverture was McAlester's black school during the period of racial segregation. The gym/auditorium is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for black unskilled and unemployed laborers who had long been without work and because it provided space for school and community activities that promoted a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the black ward. As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its art deco style and for being constructed by black laborers. Within the McAlester community it is unique architecturally because of its type (facility for black students), style, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: McAlester, Okla.  
1:24,000; 7.5 min.

UTM: 15 248740 3868040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 4, Block 406, McAlester original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 142-A, 142-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEW STATE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 15, T 3 N, R 16 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Mead Norton, P. O. Box 1734, Oklahoma City, OK 73101

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition; altered; original site

The classic one-room building, the New State school is a single story, rectangular (26' x 34') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled and covered with sheet metal; the east front sash window on cut stone sills reach to the eaves; the front door is recessed behind an archway. On the east a sheet metal, lean-to garage has been added. Despite the addition, the integrity of the building has not been impaired.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; 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 very remote area where the effects of drought and agricultural depression and put many on the state relief rolls. For the youngsters in the isolated area, the building meant a chance at a relatively modern education. Previously any formal learning was haphazard. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The fact that the New State school building is one of few WPA-constructed one-room school houses that survives also makes it significant.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 261800 3846040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From U.S. highway No. 270 in Hartshorne, follow the paved county road south by the city lake; two miles beyond the lake bear south at the Y toward Counts. Approximately six miles beyond the Y, or at the first right turn, turn west one-fourth of a mile, then back to the north one-half of a mile. The property begins at a point 209 feet south of the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 15, T 3 N, R 16 E, and runs west 209 feet, south 209 feet, east 209 feet and north 209 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 143-A, 143-B



## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PITTSBURG SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pittsburg, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 20, T 3 N, R 14 E

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

OWNER: Pittsburg Board of Education, Box 118, Pittsburg, OK 74560

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A building of some fifteen classrooms, the Pittsburg school and gymnasium is a single story, U-shaped (152' across; 152' on one wing; 132' on another) structure constructed of buff brick. The roof is flat with parapets. Wood sash or metal casement windows rise to interior ceilings and are placed by twos and threes. Doors are recessed behind arches. Red tiles over the front entry ways, the gym entry pediment, and a scrolled cornice above the gym give the building an architectural style reminiscent of mission revival and art deco.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; architect/builder: unknown

As a rural WPA school building, it is remarkable for its scale/size, its use of buff colored brick, and its art deco/mission revival style. To the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale and workmanship. But the school building is especially significant because it provided work opportunities for unemployed coal miners primarily in the Pittsburg area who had long been on state relief rolls, giving them some self respect and a measure of economic security. In that the structure provided space for a grade school and a high school as well as a gym, it constituted the beginning of modern education in the area--which it continues to nurture.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 738630 3844780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the western edge of the community, the school property is described as a two acre square tract (295 feet by 295 feet) in the SE corner, of the SW 1/4, of the NW 1/4, of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 3 N, R 13 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 144-A, 144-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SAVANNA SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: East A Street, Savanna, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: Savanna Board of Education, Box 266, Savanna, OK 74565

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Savanna school campus includes two WPA structures: a classroom building and a gymnasium/auditorium facility. A building of 15 rooms or more, the Savanna class building is a single story, U-shaped (158' horizontally; 113' vertically on each wing) structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets; entryways are recessed behind arches. Without affecting the integrity of the building, energy efficient, metal windows have been installed. Excellent masonry and rock selection are enhanced with pilasters. The pilasters, singly placed windows on the front, and the vertical extension of the roof line give the building a distinct art deco flavor

Situated just south of the school building is the gymnasium/auditorium/classroom facility. With high ceilings, the single story, T-shaped (67' x 68' vertically; 23' x 100' horizontally) structure is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Over the gym the roof is arched, while over the classroom section it is flat; both have parapets. The south front entryway is decorated with pilasters, which, with the placement of a window opening above the doors and a concrete porch roof, suggests an art deco style. Masonry and stone selection are excellent. Casement windows rest on concrete sills. The enclosure of the front window to install an air conditioning system has not affected the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The two buildings are significant because construction of them provided work opportunities for destitute coal miners in the Savanna area who had been on relief rolls for more than a year. Both facilities created a new environment conducive to learning, but the gym/auditorium created a sense of pride and community spirit. The latter was most often associated with indoor athletic events. As rural WPA buildings, they are notable with regard to scale, number, art deco style and quality of masonry. Within the community they are unique architecturally because of their style, materials, scale and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A--15 240090 3857270; B--15 240040 3857220

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property is contained within a rectangle centered on the above UTM reference points. For the school building (UTM reference A), the west line runs parallel to and 10' from the west wall of the building; the north line runs parallel to and 10' from the north wall of the building; the east line runs parallel to and 10' from the east wall of the building; and the south line runs parallel to and 10' from the south wall of the building. For the gym/auditorium (UTM reference B), the west line runs parallel to and 10' from the west wall of the building; the north line runs parallel to and 10' from the north wall of the building; the east line runs parallel to and 10' from the east wall of the building; and the south line runs parallel to and 10' from the south wall of the building.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 145-A, 145-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SCIPIO SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of McAlester, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 20, T 7 N, R 13 E

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

OWNER: Scipio Baptist Church, Route 1, McAlester, OK 74501

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

A two-room building, the Scipio school is a single story, rectangular (76' x 26') structure with an offset constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Masonry is rather crude. With a composition shingle covering, the roof is gabled with one step; two of three doors are recessed behind archways and are covered by small porches. Wood sash windows, resting on cut stone sills, on the west side reach to the eaves.

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

The school building is significant because construction of it was the genesis of modern education in the Scipio area, a rural and isolated region. Architecturally it is notable within the community in terms of type, Richardsonian influence upon style, scale, materials and workmanship. Construction also helped to alleviate the consequences of the depression of the 1930, providing work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers long on the relief rolls of the state because of the closing of the coal mines. These jobs stimulated the local economy and rekindled individual self respect.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 230485 3883330

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 270 west from McAlester to the first county road going north beyond the turnpike entrance; there turn north and follow the paved and unpaved county road for approximately ten miles to an intersection with another county road; turn north and go one mile; turn back east one-quarter of a mile; the property is on the north side of the road, beginning at a point 209 feet east of the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 7 N, R 13 E, and running 209 feet north, 418 feet east, 209 feet south and 418 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 146-A, 146-B

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TIPTON RIDGE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Blocker, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 34, T 8 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Mr. M. O. Roberts, Rural Route 1, Box 2217, Quinton, OK 74561

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition; altered; original site

The classic one-room building, the Tipton Ridge school is a single story, rectangular (36' x 23') structure constructed of cut and roughly coursed native sandstone. The masonry is crude; the mortar is incised. The roof, covered with metal sheets, is gabled; the west front door is recessed behind an archway covered by a small porch. Window openings with cut stone sills have been enclosed with wood inserts; a small metal building has been added to the northeast corner. Neither alteration impeaches the integrity of the structure.

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

Construction of the school building provided work opportunities and some economic security for unemployed coal miners in a remote area where mines had been closed for some five years and residents had faced the prospect of starvation. A new physical atmosphere supportive of learning also resulted for students previously confined to a poorly lighted wood structure. Architecturally the building is unique in the community in terms of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Now used as a hunting lodge, the structure is a good example of adaptive reuse.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: 15 271525 3889115

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From state highway No. 31 just north of Blocker take the first unpaved county road that goes north, following it for approximately four and one-half miles. The building is on the east side of the road, occupying property that begins at a point 105 yards south of the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 34, T 8 N, R 17 E, and then runs south on the section line 105 yards, east 70 yards, north 105 yards, and west 70 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 147-A