

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

AFTON HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: 4th and Main Streets, Afton, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115

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

OWNER: Afton Board of Education, Drawer H, Afton, OK 74331

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This "T" shaped (192' x 98') structure is constructed of brick which has been painted yellow. The school consists of two units: a classroom unit which has a flat roof with parapets and a gym unit, which forms the stem of the "T" and has an arched roof with stepped parapets. The double door front entry is arched with fanlight, framed by pointed pilasters and topped by a stepped cornice. The paired metal sash windows have continuous brick sills and lintels. Brick friezes above the windows and front entry add decorative relief to the structure. A brick addition to the west side of the building has not severely impaired the integrity of the structure. Since the building was constructed in 1934, it could not have been built by the WPA. Since residents insist that it derived from government sponsored labor, it must have been the PWA or the CWA. Thus it has not been nominated to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1934; builder/architect: unknown

The Afton High School is most significant for its use of brick building material. Work relief programs used brick very infrequently due to its cost which suggests that the district had more funds with which to build than most districts at that time or that it used recycled brick from a previous structure. Economically, construction of the school provided jobs to many destitute farmers stricken by the depression and stimulated the local economy through the infusion of the laborers' wages back into the local business community. The school provided improved learning facilities and was a source of pride and encouragement for area residents. Its usefulness has continued for more than fifty years.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, go 416 feet east, 208 feet north, 416 feet west, and 208 feet south.