

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOLEY FOOTBALL FIELD FENCE/GRANDSTAND

LOCATION: Oak Street, Boley, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: Boley Board of Education, Box 348, Boley, OK 74829

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Boley football field fence is constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. It is 281 feet long on the north and south sides. The masonry is random rubble. The grandstands are concrete but are slightly deteriorated. A metal fence and backstop have been added, which slightly impeaches the integrity of the bleachers and the fence.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this fence and its bleachers is significant because it provided work for destitute laborers at a time when work opportunities were scarce. It is especially significant because the structure is located in a town with a predominantly black population. Recreational opportunities were enhanced, and the facility is still in use as a baseball field. It is also unique within the city of Boley in terms of scale, materials, and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 4 through 11 of Block 13 and Lots 1 through 12 of Block 14 of City View Addition to Boley original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none