

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: High School Road and Kiowa Street, Cleveland, Oklahoma 040, Pawnee County 117

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

OWNER: Cleveland Board of Education, 211 E. Wichita, Cleveland, OK 74020

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee, OK 74058

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Cleveland gym is a single-story, rectangular (86' x 124') structure constructed of red brick with the east wall being made of cut and coarsed native stone. The masonry of the brick is in running bond. The roof is gabled. Pilasters on the entrance display the art deco architectural style. The sash windows have lentils of brick laid vertically and slip sills of concrete. Decorative pilaster strips along the south wall also demonstrate an art deco flavor. An addition to the building on the west side does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; building/architect: unknown

The building is unique in type, style, and workmanship. The use of brick was unusual for the WPA in NE Oklahoma. This project also provided employment for unskilled, destitute workers during the depths of the depression and infused wages of some 15,000 man-hours of labor into Cleveland's local economy. The structure created a new environment conducive to learning for children in the area and contributed to the increase of morale among the citizens in Cleveland.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract 312.2' x 208.7' east of the Thorn tract in Block 4, Cleveland Kinney addition.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 121-a; 121-b