

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COUNTY HEALTH BUILDING

LOCATION: Delaware and Second Streets, Jay, Oklahoma 040, Delaware County 041

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

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Delaware County Courthouse, Jay, OK 74346

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Delaware County Courthouse, Jay, OK 74346

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This two level, rectangular shaped (53' x 39') structure is constructed of random ashlar masonry. It has a hipped roof with projecting eaves and two interior chimneys. The single door front entry contains a concrete lintel and is reached by a stoop with three steps. An upper level entry on the south side is reached by stairs with side walls. Double-hung wood sash windows are singly placed and grouped into pairs. These have concrete sills and lintels.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant because it constituted an important community resource. Wages for some 24,000 man-hours of labor earned in its construction were infused back into the local community stimulating business and easing the destitution of depression stricken local families. It also was important in that it enabled the county government to initiate for the first time a major social service/health care program. Architecturally the building is significant for its fine workmanship obtained from unskilled laborers, and as a WPA building its two-level design.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 339310 4032090

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the northeast corner of Sec. 1, T 22 N, R 23 E go 300 feet west and 270 feet south to a point of beginning, then go west 208 feet, south 208 feet, east 208 feet, and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 33-a; 33-b