OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DOUGLAS CEMETERY ENTRANCE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Douglas, Oklahoma 040, Garfield County 047; NE 1/4, Sec. 31, T 21 N, R 4 W

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

OWNER: The City of Douglas, Douglas, OK 73733

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Garfield County Courthouse, Enid, OK 73701

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Douglas Cemetery entrance consists of two red brick columns with concrete caps on either side of a metal/wire hinged gate. In addition, a metal rectangular sign above the entrance identifies the property as "Douglas Union Cemetery." The entire entrance occupied an area approximately 13' x 6'. The integrity of the improvement is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

The erection of an entrance to the Douglas Cemetery provided a much-needed civic improvement to the community during the Depression. In addition to stimulating local pride, the project created temporary employment to jobless laborers. As a WPA project, the Douglas Cemetery entrance is significant as an example of the cemetery improvement program conducted in the 1930s. Within the community, the cemetery entrance is unique for its type.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle: Fairmont, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 31, T 21 N, R 4 W, go west 576 feet to a point of beginning, thence west 172 feet, south 165 feet, east 172 feet, and north 165 feet to the point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none