

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ELMWOOD CEMETERY FENCE

LOCATION: On West Downs Street, Woodward, Oklahoma 040, Woodward County 153; NE 1/4, Sec. 2, T 22 N, R 21 W.

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

OWNER: Briarwood Investors, Inc., c/o City of Woodward, Woodward, OK 73801

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Woodward County Courthouse, Woodward, OK 73801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Woodward Elmwood Cemetery entrance and fence is an L-shaped fence (1221' x 3', 371' x 3') constructed of uncut native stone and an iron grated archway entrance. The wall rises from about two feet high to five feet high near the main entrance on the west side and near the secondary entrance at the northeast corner of the fence. The stone wall has a random rubble masonry pattern with jagged rock battlement parapets and turrets. The fence and entrance retain their architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Woodward Elmwood Cemetery entrance and fence created desperately-needed employment for jobless workers of this agricultural and railroad community during the Depression. Additionally, the project provided a much-needed civic improvement to the community. As a WPA project, the entrance and fence are significant as examples of the cemetery improvements aspect of the WPA program. The structures are notable architecturally for their type, scale, style, workmanship, and construction materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-14 462720 4030300; B-14 463110 4030300; C-14 463110 4030080

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the southwestern edge of Woodward, Elmwood Cemetery is located in the NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 2, T 22 N, R 21 W.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None