

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GRAHAM SCHOOL CAMPUS (TWO BUILDINGS)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Weleetka, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SW 1/4, Sec. 22, T 10 N, R 12 E.

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

OWNER: Weleetka Board of Education, Rt. 1, Weleetka, OK 74880

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Graham School Campus contains two WPA buildings: a home economics cottage and a gym. The Graham Home Economics Cottage has two rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (50' x 38') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The masonry is beaded. The roof is gabled. The door is recessed behind a stairway and pediments. The windows in front are arranged in groups of three, and wood has been inserted. Smaller windows replace the older inefficient panes. Some of the other window openings have been completely filled with wood. There are small square windows near the eaves on the north and south sides. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

The gymnasium/auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (101' x 58') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff colors. The roof is gabled. The double-door entry is on the south end. The windows reach to the eaves and have concrete sills. Vertical lines on the wall on the building's north end give it a unique feature. Some windows on the south side contain wood inserts, but this does not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown; 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of these two buildings created useful work for the unemployed in the Graham community at a time when such opportunities were scarce. The projects also enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 36,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Completion of these structures enhanced educational and recreational opportunities in this area as well. Architecturally, both buildings are unique in terms of style, type, materials, and most notably, scale and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: A-14 769650 3912980; B-14 769680 3912960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east 6.5 miles from Weleetka on highway 84 to school site which begins in the northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 22, T 10 N, R 12 E, and goes 416 feet east, 208 feet south, 416 feet west, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 73-a; 73-b; 73-c; 73-d