

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WATTS HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

LOCATION: Unmarked streets, Watts, Okla. 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: Watts Board of Education, Box 10, Watts, OK 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; builder/architect--unknown

This rectangular shaped (31' x 52') addition to the west end of the pre-existing structure is constructed from brick and consists of two stories. The roof is flat with concrete capping on the parapets. The main entryway is accessed by stairs enclosed with sidewalls having concrete capping. The double glass doors are framed by pilasters and a triangular cornice. An additional entry is located on the sublevel and is protected by a rock retaining wall. The sash windows are grouped into triples with concrete sills. A raised brick beltcourse surrounds the building near the level of the roofline. The fact that this work constitutes only an addition to a pre-existing structure disqualifies it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The construction of this addition to the Watts High school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. The building is also significant for its fine quality workmanship exhibited in its brickwork.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of block 18 in Watts original

PICTURE REFERENCE: None