

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JAY CITY POLICE BUILDING

LOCATION: Rainbow and Whitehead Streets, Jay, Oklahoma 040, Delaware County 041

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

OWNER: The city of Jay, Jay, Ok 74344

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This "L" shaped (131' x 98') structure, originally built as an agricultural building, is constructed of uncut and randomly laid native stone. The roof is flat except for the east part of the building where it is gabled. Single door entries are found on the front facade of the structure along with garage door entries. Large fixed windows are located in the front of the structure. Additional garage door entries with concrete lintels are found elsewhere on the structure. Additions on two sides of the building have impaired its original architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This structure is significant because it provided a multiple use community facility for the city of Jay, first as an agricultural market center and then as a seat of city government. Its construction provided employment for destitute farmers and helped preserve their sense of pride by allowing them to feed their families. Construction of the structure also brought needed money, wages for some 17,000 man-hours of labor, into the community helping to ease the burdens of the limited money supply.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The west 120 feet of Lots 1 and 2 of Block "S" of Addition "A" to the town of Jay, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

PICTURE REFERENCE: None