

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LOCUST GROVE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Wyandotte Street and Joe Koelsch Drive, Locust Grove, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 68, Locust Grove, OK 74352

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Locust Grove School of six rooms or more is a rectangular (62' x 60') building constructed of red brick. The roof is flat with parapets. The main entrance is recessed behind a square arch slightly extended from the plane of the main facade; above it at the roof line is a stepped cornice. The sash windows are paired or singly placed with brick sills and continuous lintels of vertical bricks. To both east and west ends of the structure brick additions have been made, the brick work so expertly blended that it is difficult to distinguish between the old and the new. These additions, however, and alteration of one rear window impairs the original integrity of the structure.

The gymnasium is a rectangular (78' x 79') structure constructed of uncut native stone with a masonry of random rubble. The roof is arched with parapets. Some of the windows are paired and have concrete sills, while others are near the eaves and also contain concrete sills. The gym has been stuccoed and painted a dark brown color. Unfortunately, the stucco application impeaches the integrity of the gym.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937 and 1939; builder/architects: unknown

The school and gymnasium are significant because they constituted an economically important community resource. Their construction provided local families with wages from some 66,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of these structures restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Locust Grove, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 4 of the Dowdy-Pettman addition to the town of Locust Grove, Oklahoma.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none