

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MORRISON SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Near Third and C Streets, Morrison, Oklahoma 040, Noble County 103

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

OWNER: Morrison School Board, Box 176 Morrison, OK 73061

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Noble County Courthouse, Perry, OK 73077

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Morrison School Gymnasium/Auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (78' x 59') structure constructed of rusticated and cut native stone laid in a random ashler pattern. The metal roof is flat with parapet. Metal frame windows are single spaced. No original entrances remain due to the attachment of additions to the west, south, and east sides. The gymnasium/auditorium retains much of its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Significantly, construction of the Morrison Gymnasium/Auditorium demonstrated the involvement of the WPA in the development of educational and recreational facilities. The project created jobs for unemployed laborers in the area during the Depression as well as nurturing a sense of civic pride and providing space for community activities. As a WPA building, the structure is notable for its scale, type, and materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block "A", Morrison original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none