

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MUSKOGEE FAIRGROUNDS 4-H CLUB BUILDING

LOCATION: Vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101

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

OWNER: Board of County Commissioners, Muskogee County, County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The 4-H Club building on the Muskogee County Fairgrounds is a single story structure that is composed to two intersecting units. It measures 210 feet from north to south and 96 feet from east to west. The structure is constructed of colorful uncut native stone laid randomly with beaded mortar. The roof consists of intersecting cross gables and valleys. To the east and west gables are attached smaller gables that extend to cover entryways and are supported by uncut stone piers at either corner. Window openings with concrete sills have all been enclosed with brick inserts. This major alteration has compromised the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The 4-Club building is an excellent example of the interpretation the WPA gave to "useful." The building was used by 4-H Club members during fair time as a dormitory and exhibit hall. Thus its educational and commercial purpose fit well with WPA guidelines. Of course construction also provided needed jobs for unemployed workers whose wages also helped to stimulate the local economy. The structure is also an excellent example of WPA vernacular architecture.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Muskogee SW, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the northwest corner of the fairgrounds go 416 feet south to a point of beginning, and then go 208 feet east, 312 feet south, 208 feet west, and 312 feet north, all in Block 303, Muskogee original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none