

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NOWATA BUS GARAGE

LOCATION: Osage and Walnut Streets, Nowata, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105

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

OWNER: Nowata Board of Education, 700 W. Osage, Nowata, OK 74048

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This single-story bus garage is a rectangular (53' x 38') structure of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of buff and light buff colors. The strategic placement of the stone raises the quality of masonry in this structure. The roof is flat with parapets. There are four garage openings. New garage doors have been added. The windows have some red brick lentils and some concrete lentils. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure, this bus garage is exceptional for its quality of workmanship. It also demonstrates the agency's commitment to projects relevant to local areas, in this instance, a structure to house vehicles that serviced a far-flung and rural educational district. Construction of this garage provided badly needed job opportunities for unemployed and unskilled laborers and also infused wages of some 20,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Nowata West, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Begin 3152 feet west and 728 feet south from the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 31, T 26 N, R 16 E, and go 208 feet west, 208 feet south, 208 feet east,, and 208 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 70-a; 70-b