

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OAKS MISSION SCHOOL BUS GARAGE

LOCATION: Main Street, Oaks, Oklahoma 040, Delaware County 041

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

OWNER: The City of Oaks, Oaks, Ok 74359

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular shaped (60' x 33') structure is constructed of randomly laid native limestone. It has a gabled roof. Originally there were five garage doors on the south side of the structure, but three of these have been filled with rock. Two have been converted into entries. Windows are singly placed with stone sills. The two converted south entries are protected by porches. The alterations to this structure are so extensive that they damage the integrity of the structure and disqualify it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Oaks is a community that has grown up around a Cherokee Mission School. The school garage is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages from some 8400 man-hours of labor for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the garage restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally, the building is notable for its adaptability of use, passing from a bus barn to a city government center.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 8, Oaks original

PICTURE REFERENCE: None