

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROSSTON SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Unmarked Streets, Rosston, Oklahoma 040, Harper County 059

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; restricted; present use--storage

OWNER: Mr. George Lenz, Rosston, OK 73855

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Harper County Courthouse, Buffalo, OK 73834

DESCRIPTION: poor/fair condition; altered; original site

The Rosston School/Gymnasium is a ten to twelve room, single-story, L-shaped (126' x 122) structure constructed of coursed brick. The roof is flat with a parapet over the classrooms and arched over the gymnasium. An interior chimney is located where the two sections of the building merge. The main entrance is recessed. Wood sash windows, spaced in threes, now have the panes broken out. Some of the doors also are damaged, and the cellar is flooded with water.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The agricultural community of Rosston received improved educational facilities in addition to an athletic and social gathering center from construction of the school/gymnasium. Additionally, the Depression era project provided needed employment for jobless workers and poured wages from more than 40,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. As a WPA project, the school/gymnasium is important for its scale, style, workmanship, and construction materials. Within the community, the building is notable for its type and scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Part of Block 2, Ross Addition to Ross original, more particularly described as follows: beginning at the NE corner of said Block 2, thence west 123 feet, thence south a distance of 233 feet, thence east for a distance of 123 feet, thence north a distance of 233 feet to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None