

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SALINA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Ross and Ferry Streets, Salina, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097

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

OWNER: Board of Education, Box 98, Salina, OK 74365

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Salina highschool gymnasium is a rectangular (35' x 100') building constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a masonry of random rubble. The bottom third of the building contains cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone of buff colors. The roof is gabled with parapets. The windows are singly placed. Concrete additions have been added to two sides of the gym, features that impair the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The gymnasium is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages for more than 46,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy and did much to shield mainstreet from economic devastation. Jobs generated by the construction of the gymnasium restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. Architecturally, the building is unique in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship, and it is a particularly good example of the artistic affect that can be achieved by mixing cut and uncut native stone in the same building. The gymnasium also enhanced education opportunities for children in the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Ross and Ferry Streets go 150 feet south, 170 feet east, 150 feet north and 170 feet west, all in the "School Block E," Salina original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none