

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WATTS COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: Main and Second Streets, Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: Community of Watts, Watts, Ok 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This rectangular shaped (87' x 48') structure is constructed from uncut random rubble with crude masonry. It has a gambrel-like roof with wood siding in the gable. There is only one entryway located on the south end of the structure having double doors and transom. Windows are singly placed 6/6 wood sash.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This structure was built in the early days of the WPA's existence. This is reflected in the crude masonry and simple design of the building. Construction of this building and a surrounding park provided 62,000 manhours of labor for depression stricken residents of Watts and the surrounding area. These wages were infused back into the local economy helping to ease the problems of the limited money supply. Employment preserved a sense of pride for many men who might otherwise have been unable to adequately feed and clothe their families.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 358295 3996725

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Main and Second Streets, go north 110 feet, east 65 feet, south 110 feet, and west 65 feet, in Block 12, Watts original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 6-a; 6-b