

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WILL ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: West Canadian and Miller Streets, Vinita, Oklahoma 040, Craig County 035

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

OWNER: Vinita Board of Education, Rt 4, Vinita, OK 74301

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Craig County Courthouse, Vinita, OK 74301

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Will Rogers High School gymnasium is a two level, rectangular shaped (104' x 79') building constructed from buff colored brick. It has a high arched roof with stepped parapets. Double door entries access the building. Windows consist of elongated, singly placed casement windows with brick sills and arched lintels and half-sized singly placed windows with brick sills and arched lintels. Pilasters with preformed concrete caps frame each pair of singly placed windows. Brick quoins on the corners, and raised brickwork friezes add decorative relief to the structure. Reduction in the size of the front entryways has not impeached the essential integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Along with two NYA constructed buildings on the campus of Will Rogers High School, a project of this size constituted a tremendous resource for the community of Vinita. The wages from the more than 100,000 man-hours of labor that went into the buildings were infused back into local businesses and thus stimulated economic recovery. It is significant that brick building materials were utilized in the construction. The gymnasium provided a modern facility for educating the children and fostered a sense of pride within the community that their children would experience better conditions than their parents.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 306950 4056780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of West Canadian and Miller Streets, go 177 feet north and 130 feet east to a point of beginning, then go 145 feet north, 95 feet east, 145 feet south and 95 feet west, all in Block 52, Vinita original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 13-a; 13-b