

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROFF GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Burns and Broadway Streets, Roff, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: Roff Board of Education, Box 157, Roff, OK 74865

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Roff Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (130' x 83') structure constructed of brick on a stone foundation. The front projecting entryway has been moved forward about 12 feet, and an addition has been built between it and the gym proper. The rear of the gym has a wing which comprises the stage for the auditorium. It has a flat roof, while the rest of the structure has a high arched roof. The sash windows have brick sills. Parapets, pilasters, concrete insets, and brick friezes add decoration. The alteration of the front entryway has compromised the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The gymnasium/auditorium was built in order that the curriculum of Roff Schools might more fully meet the needs of its students. At the time, a scarcity of money could have prevented its construction, but with federal aid it was completed. Significantly, labor was hired from among the ranks of the unemployed, thereby keeping many in productive labor and off the dole. Architecturally, the structure is unique in type, scale, and style, as well as workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Roff North, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Southeast corner of Block 109, Roff original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: none