

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BROKEN BOW COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: North Main Street, Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

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

OWNER: City of Broken Bow, City Hall, Broken Bow, OK 74728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A multi-purpose facility, the Broken Bow Community Building is a single story, essentially rectangular (49' x 23', with a 19' x 14' appendage on the rear) structure constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone. The composition shingle covered roof is composed of intersecting gables. The front entry is covered by a gabled porch supported by small shafts. Wood sash windows are placed singly between concrete sills and lintels.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

The community building is significant because it is the only multi-purpose facility in Broken Bow. In addition to type, it is also architecturally important within the town in terms of WPA style and character of workmanship. Construction of the building, moreover, gave employment to workers previously on relief and who possessed little confidence in themselves or their country. Doing "useful" labor improved their attitudes and provided a small measure of economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Broken Bow, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: South 1/2 of lots 10 and 11, Block 39, Broken Bow City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 120-A, 120-B