

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DAVIS GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Fourth and Ferguson Streets, Davis, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: Davis Board of Education, 400 E. Atlanta, Davis, OK 73030

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Davis Gymnasium is a single-story, high ceilinged and rectangular structure (108' X 120') that is constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native sandstone. Over the gym the roof is arched, although over the wings it is flat. Parapets are capped with pre-formed concrete slabs. Window openings have concrete sills and some of them have been filled with inserts. Addition of classroom facilities around the structure has pretty much destroyed the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Davis Gym provided jobs for destitute workers during the worst of the depression and provided a new dimension to the educational curriculum of the district. Architecturally it is notable for its scale especially, but also its style, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 5 and 6 in Block 149, Davis original

PICTURE REFERENCE: none