

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DURANT CITY JAIL

LOCATION: Fifth and Lost Streets, Durant, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Durant City Council, City Hall, Durant, OK 74701

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A single-story structure, the Durant city jail is rectangular (26' x 36') and constructed of large, poured concrete blocks painted white. The flat roof has parapets, and windows are singly placed with smaller ones located to the rear. Pilasters on either side of the front doorway and a horizontal frieze at the top of each exterior wall hint at art deco style.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Durant City jail is unique in type and materials. Within the community the building is notable because of its allusion to art deco style, its type, its materials and its character of workmanship. Its real significance lies in the fact that construction of the jail provided employment for destitute workers on relief, giving them an income that prevented starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Durant South, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 741940 3764060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 6, Block 199, Durant City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 14-A, 14-B