

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DUSTIN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

LOCATION: Rutherford and Fourth Streets, Dustin, Oklahoma 040, Hughes County 063

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

OWNER: City of Dustin, City Hall, Dustin, OK 74839

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Hughes County Courthouse, Holdenville, OK 74848

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Dustin Agricultural Building is a single story, rectangular (64' x 77') structure constructed of slightly rusticated and crudely coursed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The roof is flat with parapets; principal entryways are large enough to accommodate motor vehicles. The major entry on the south front utilizes a flat arch. Side entries are covered with flat porches supported by braces extended from above. Windows, now filled with wood inserts, utilize cut stone sills and lintels.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

The Dustin Agriculture Building is an excellent example of an early WPA project where the quarry and mason work are rather crude. It also suggests just how varied were the different projects of the agency. The Dustin facility seems to have been built for no specific purpose and has been used for cotton storage and peanut drying. Presently it is used by the city to store equipment. Architecturally the building is unique to the community in its type, WPA style, scale and workmanship. That construction of it provided depression jobs to destitute laborers faced with starvation makes it especially significant. Indeed, to provide such employment opportunities seems to be the specific reason that it was built.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 770240 3906790

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The west 100 feet of lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 35, Dustin City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 50-A, 50-B, 50-C