

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GARVIN COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

LOCATION: Walnut and McClure Streets, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 040, Garvin County 049

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

OWNER: Board of Garvin County Commissioners, Garvin County Courthouse, Pauls Valley, OK 73075

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Garvin County Courthouse, Pauls Valley, OK 73075

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

A two-story, rectangular (89' x 41') structure, the Garvin County Office Building is constructed with heavily rusticated and randomly laid native stone. The roof is flat with parapets. Window openings on the front and sides have pre-formed concrete sills, lintels and jambs; while on the rear the jambs are lacking. All contain original metal casement windows. Pilasters and a large lintel, the latter with an inscription, frame the front doorway. The squareness of the building and its decorative details allude to an art deco architectural influence.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; architect/builder: Harold E. Flood

The Garvin County Office Building, located a block away from the County Courthouse itself, reflects that the depression still had a hold on the area as late as 1940. It and three major school construction projects in Pauls Valley constituted an attempt to provide job opportunities for destitute agricultural and oil field workers who had been without job security for nearly a decade. It was also significant architecturally in that it was one of the few two-story office buildings constructed by the WPA in the area; indeed in the entire state. Within Pauls Valley it is unique in terms of type, allusion to art deco style, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Pauls Valley, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 662830 3845400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 8, Block 93, Pauls Valley original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 16-a; 16-b