

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HEAVENER HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (Three structures)

LOCATION: E and 5th Streets, Heavener, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: Heavener Board of Education, Box 698, Heavener, OK 74937

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Heavener high school campus includes three WPA structures: a home economics building, a bus barn and a native stone fence. A two-room facility, the home economics building is a single story, rectangular (42' x 61') structure with offsets and constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone light in color. The gable roof, now covered with composition shingles, is stepped; the front entry is on the northwest corner, recessed behind an arch. Wood sash windows with cut stone sills extend to the eaves.

Situated just west of the home economics building, the bus barn is a single story, rectangular (30' x 66') structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native stone. The roof is hipped and covered with sheet metal. With places for six buses, the building is open on the east.

Surrounding the Heavener campus on two sides is a fence constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone. Mortar is incised. It measures some eighteen inches high and eight inches wide. Every few feet an uncut rock extends out of the main part of the fence giving a pickett-like appearance. Rock selection and placement are such as to make the fence a work of art.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; builder/architect: unknown

As WPA structures, the buildings and the fence on the Heavener campus demonstrate the variety of educational buildings constructed and that unskilled laborers could take masonry to the level of artistic expression. Within the community the structures are unique architecturally because of their type, style, materials and workmanship. They are also significant because construction of them offered work to persons, many of them railway workers, long unemployed and on the verge of starvation. Unquestionably the structures also advanced the cause of learning, providing at least one facility which furthered vocational training among women.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Approximately one acre

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

UTM: A--15 354140 3861520; B--15 354030 3861520; C--354040 3861390

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of 5th and E Streets (the northeast corner of the bus barn), go south 125 feet, west 200 feet, north 125 feet, and east 200 feet, all in Block 80, Heavener original, and from the NW corner of this tract go west on a parallel line 15 feet south of the right-of-way of E Street to its intersection with 4th Street; 15 feet east of the right-of-way of 4th Street on a parallel line go south to G Street; there go 15 feet west to the right-of-way of 4th Street, following it until it intersects with the right-of-way for E Street; turn east and follow the right-of-way until it reaches 5th Street.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 96-A, 96-B, 96-C, 96-D, 96-E