

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HEAVENER PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCATION: East C Street, Heavener, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079

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

OWNER: City of Heavener, City Hall, Heavener, OK 74937

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Heavener library building is a single story, rectangular (58' x 30') structure constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone of multiple colors. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is gabled, with an intersecting cross gable extending over the front entryway. On the west end is an external chimney. The one-half size windows sit on continuous sills and are divided by round columns of rusticated stone. The latter touch, along with the selection and placement of stone, demonstrate a mature and high quality workmanship.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Heavener library building is unique because of exceptional workmanship demonstrated by the stone columns dividing the windows and the colorful arrangement of construction materials. As much as any other, it reflects the improved skills over time of WPA directed labor forces. Within the community itself it is significant architecturally in terms of type, WPA style, materials and character of workmanship. It is especially important because construction of it provided needed jobs for destitute laborers at a time when no work meant virtual starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 353700 3861780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 9, Heavener City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 95-A, 95-B