

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JENKS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 4th and A Streets, Jenks, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

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

OWNER: Jenks Board of Education, 1st and B Streets, Jenks, Ok 74037

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Tulsa County Courthouse, Tulsa, OK 74174

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Single story with high ceilings, the Jenks gym is rectangular (112' x 73') in shape and is constructed of cut but unrusticated native sandstone laid randomly. Masonry is rather crude. The building has both parapets, capped with pre-formed concrete slabs, and pilasters. The front two entryways are enclosed porches. Unfortunately, on either side of the building has been added concrete block additions that extend the length of the building. These have pretty much impeached the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

Relative to other WPA-constructed school gyms, the structure at Jenks is bigger. It obviously provided a considerable number of jobs for laborers who had long been unemployed because of the national depression. Locally, the gym is unique in terms of architectural style, type, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 21-24, Block 8, Jenks original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none