

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KONAWA HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two facilities)

LOCATION: West and South Streets, Konawa, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

CLASSIFICATION: a building and a structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Konawa Board of Education, Box 127, Konawa, OK 74849

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Two structures on this campus are being identified for the State Landmarks Survey: a gymnasium and two tennis courts. The Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (166' x 100') structure constructed from untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The building has an arched roof and parapets. The entryways are recessed and framed by pilasters and are reached by long stairways with blind stone rails. Windows are metal casement, although some have been replaced with wood inserts. Pilasters on the sides provide decorative relief. Unfortunately the exterior walls have been covered with stucco.

The tennis courts at the campus are situated some 85 feet north of the gymnasium. They measure 113 feet by 92 feet, and the original concrete court has been covered with asphalt. Retaining walls of stone and seating of concrete surrounds the court.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

The significance of the Konawa campus is that it reflects the major relief program undertaken by the WPA and the willingness of the agency to support projects of different types (there is also a band room and a vocational agriculture building, both of which have been nominated to the National Register) at a single place. Construction also provided a host of jobs for the economically destitute at Konawa.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: In block 7, Shirley Townsend Addition to Konawa.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none