

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LATIMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

LOCATION: Central and Ada Streets, Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition—N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--county government

OWNER: Latimer County Commissioners, County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A two-story building with a basement, the Latimer County Courthouse is a rectangular structure (96 ' x 76 ') constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with parapets, and the metal sash windows with pre-formed concret sills are generally placed by twos. Friezes above and below the windows, decorative pilasters around the entryway, and angular roof extensions give the building a distinct art deco flavor generally associated with more costly PWA structures in more urban areas. Although the exterior has been painted a buff color, the courthouse retains its essential architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; architect/builder: unknown

The courthouse is significant because within the Wilburton community its type, art deco style and workmanship are unique. Indeed in the eleven southeastern counties of Oklahoma, it is the only WPA-constructed county courthouse. Significant too is that construction of the building provided jobs for unskilled and unemployed workers where none had been available, easing the effects of the depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 48, Wilburton City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 83-A, 83-B