

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MOFFETT SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Moffett, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; NE 1/4, Sec. 33, T 11 N, R 27 E

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

OWNER: Moffett Board of Education, Box 98, Moffett, OK 74946

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This "T" shaped building is constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone with beaded mortar and measures 144 feet vertically by 58 feet horizontally. The roof is flat and has parapets everywhere except over the gym where it is arched with high pointed parapets. The front entry is recessed with a butress and a bell hung from a roof parapet which gives the building a distinct Spanish Mission flavor. Other entries are surrounded by cut stone arches with keystone. Single metal sash windows have concrete sills. A concrete addition to the rear of the building does not impeach the integrity of this remarkably attractive building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: T.O. Hensley

The school is significant for its vernacular architecture which approximates Spanish Mission style. It is also significant for its quality of workmanship and its large scale. The building is evidence of the value of the WPA to Moffitt in providing temporary relief during the depression that benefitted both destitute and unemployed laborers as well as local mainstreet merchants. The project infused wages from some 48,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The structure is also significant because it inaugurated modern education in Moffett, and it continues to be an exceptional resource in that it is used for school purposed some 50 years later.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Ft. Smith, Ark.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 368360 3517040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the southwest corner of Moffett at a point 416 feet east of the northwest corner of the NE 1/4, Sec. 33, T 8 N, R 27 E, go 312 feet south, 208 feet east, 312 feet north, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 139-a; 139-b