

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Murray State College, Tishomingo, Oklahoma 040, Johnston County 069

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

OWNER: Board of Regents, Murray State College, Tishomingo, OK 73460

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Johnston County Courthouse, Tishomingo, OK 73460

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered and unaltered; original site

The campus of Murray State College houses two WPA structures. One is a small house, the other a barn which has been converted and now houses the Veterinary Technology school. The single-story, two-room house is rectangular (26' x 18') and constructed of tooled native stone blocks randomly laid. The gabled roof, extends over a corner porch and entryway. The porch is supported by a stone pedestal. Gable ends are sided with clapboards. Windows are wood sash with concrete sills.

The barn is a two-story, rectangular (151' x 41') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. It has a gambrel roof, and windows are steel casement. Garage size door openings on either end originally permitted vehicles to drive through the structure. The front opening has been converted into a single doorway covered by a hipped porch roof, while the rear opening retains its double sliding barn doors. A second story opening on the rear was the hay door. Ventilators are situated in the apex of the gables. A concrete block wing on the south side of the building has not impaired its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: Date unknown; builder/architect: unknown

The two structures on the Murray State College campus are significant in different ways. The small stone house is architecturally unique on the campus in terms of type and style and even materials. It seems almost out of place, and it is even unusual for a WPA structure associated with post-secondary education. The barn, on the campus and with reference to the WPA construction program in general, is notable for its type, gambrel roof style and scale. WPA barns are most unusual! Construction of both buildings provided needed job opportunities for destitute workers and enabled them to regain some of their self-respect and to and to acquire a measure of economic security

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Tishomingo, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5

UTM: A-14 713960; B-14 714000 3788390

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The stone house is on property that begins 1765 feet west and 105 feet south of the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 9, T 4 S, R 6 E and goes 208 feet west, 208 feet south, 208 feet east and 208 feet north, while the barn is on a tract located in the same 1/4 section and begins at a point 1664 feet west and 100 feet north of the SE corner and goes 208 feet west, 208 feet north, 208 feet east and 208 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 33-a; 33-b; 33-c; 33-d