

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OCHELATA GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Main Street, Ochelata, Oklahoma 040, Washington County 147; SW 1/4, Sec. 36, T 25 N, R 12 E

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

OWNER: Ochelata Board of Education, Box B, Ramona, OK 74061

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Washington County Courthouse, Bartlesville, OK 74003

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Ochelata Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (56' x 87') structure constructed of red brick laid with a running bond. The roof is flat with parapets, and the door has been altered in order to connect the gym to the school. Original windows have been replaced with ones more energy-efficient, and brick has been inserted to make the windows smaller. The alterations have impeached the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA gym, this one is unique in type, materials, and size. It also provided work for destitute people on relief during the depression when employment opportunities were scarce. Construction of the gym gave children of the community recreational opportunities which were not available to them before, while at the same time this WPA project raised morale among people living in the area. Architecturally, the building is unique in terms of style, type, materials, scale, and quality of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west on Main Street until the street ends, then go 41 feet south, then 180 feet west where the property begins at the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 36, T 25 N, R 12 E, and runs 87 feet east, 56 feet south, 87 feet west, and 56 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none