

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Panola, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 5, T 5 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Panola Board of Education, Box 6, Panola, OK 74559

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

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

A building of ten or more classrooms, the Panola high school and gymnasium is a single story, essentially rectangular (76' x 106') structure constructed of poured concrete that has been painted white. With the exception of over the gym where it is arched, the roof is flat with parapets. Pilasters decorate the exterior walls; windows, which reach to the level of interior ceilings, are placed by twos. Entryways are recessed.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because it provided work opportunities for destitute coal miners in the Panola community and because it created a new environment conducive to learning. The measure of its educational significance is that it remains in use today. As a rural WPA school building, the structure is notable for its poured concrete exterior and size/scale. To the community its allusion to an art deco style is architecturally unique as is its type of construction material and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: 15 297720 3867080

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On the southside of the railroad tracts in the Panola community, the property line begins 1640 feet west of the SE corner of Sec. 5, T 5 N, R 20 E, and runs north 308 feet, west 208 feet, south 308 feet and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 78-A, 78-B, 78-C