

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SALLISAW HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Creek and Walnut Streets, Sallisaw, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135

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

OWNER: Sallisaw Board of Education, 312 S. Walnut, Sallisaw, OK 74955

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74995

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This single story with basement 26 room "V" shaped structure measures 280 feet along the sides by 57 feet wide. The construction material is yellow brick laid in running bond. It has a flat roof with parapets capped with tin. The entryway is towered with glass doors and set windows separated by pilasters. The metal sash windows are grouped into bands with concrete sills and concrete lintels above the bands. Brickwork friezes and a water table add decorative relief to the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Joseph I. Davis

Construction of this school boosted the local economy. Wages earned by the laborers for some 114,000 man-hours of effort and infused back into the local economy stimulated economic activity and helped ease the effects of the depression. Construction meant individually that workers could provide for their families with a measure of dignity. The building continues as an exceptional community resource as wages currently earned by teachers and workers are turned back into local businesses helping to generate growth. Even more important is that the school over the past 50 years has provided opportunities for educational excellence. Architecturally the building is unique in style, materials, and scale. Brick WPA buildings are particularly unusual in northeastern Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 15 337440 3925020

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 52, Lots 1 through 4 on the Sallisaw original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 141-a; 141-b; 141-c