

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SEMINOLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: Seminole and Main Streets, Seminole, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

OWNER: The City of Seminole, Seminole, Ok 74868

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Seminole Community Building is essentially a rectangular (138' x 75') structure with an auditorium in back of a two-story, front section. The building is constructed from lightly-tooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The auditorium has an arched roof with stepped parapets on the end. The front section of the building has a hipped roof covered with Spanish tile. The roof has eight modified dormer windows. The front entry is recessed within and framed by a clipped triangular arch. The first story front windows rest on concrete lintels. A garage door is located on the west end of the building. Windows on the sides of the auditorium have been filled with materials identical to that used originally, an alteration that does not seriously compromise architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The community building is significant primarily because of its architectural style. The chipped, triangular arch framing the front entry is wholly unique in WPA buildings. Equally notable is the two level front section of the structure. It is also significant because its construction provided employment for many men left without jobs because of the economic depression. The building has hosted dances, wrestling matches, Bob Wills concerts, and many other types of entertainment. The building has proven its value as a place where people could go for diversion from their troubles. Architecturally, the building is unique in type, style, scale, and materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 712170 3900550

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 14 in Block 9 in OT Seminole plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 79-a; 79-b