

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

VIAN GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Rogers and S 4th Streets, Vian, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135

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

OWNER: Vian Board of Education, Rt. 2, Box 148B, Vian, OK 74962

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This essentially rectangular building measures 75 feet by 75 feet and is constructed from very colorful uncut and uncoursed native stone. The roof is arched with parapets on the front and rear; it extends to eaves on the sides. One of the two front entryways is obscured by the addition a small cinder block enclosure. Window openings, with concrete sills, reach to the eaves on the sides. All are either enclosed with fiber glas panels or new fixed metal windows. Unfortunately a cinder block addition to the south end of the structure impeaches its integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The gym is exceptional for its workmanship, scale, and beauty. Its construction provided jobs for destitute persons suffering from the economic depression. The gym has served many years in promoting physical education among the youth of the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Rogers and S 4th Streets, go south 175 feet, east 125 feet, north 175 feet and west 125 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none