

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WINGANON GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Chelsea, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; SW 1/4, Sec. 13, T 24 N, R 16 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; restricted; present use--private residence

OWNER: Garland Boyd Jr., Route 3, Box 101, Chelsea, OK 74016

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

This gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (75' x 81') structure constructed of rusticated native stone of buff color. The masonry is crude. There was an attempt at cutting the stone and coursing it. The building has a flat roof with parapets and the entry is covered with trees and bushes. The windows panes have been removed. Hay is now stored within the structure. Large trees block the view of this gymnasium/auditorium.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This WPA project provided jobs for unskilled and unemployed people at a time when work opportunities were few in this remote and rural area. The type, style, materials, and especially scale of this gymnasium/auditorium make it unique within this area. No other structure in the vicinity is of comparable size.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Chelsea on highway 28, 1 1/4 miles then west on highway no. 28, 7 miles to the gym site which is located on a tract of land in the SW, SW, SW beginning at a point 324 feet east of the SW corner of Sec. 13; thence 157 feet east along the section line; thence north 330 feet; thence west 157 feet; thence south 330 feet to the point of origin in Sec. 13, T 24 N, R 16 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none