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Baker Wood-frame Grain Elevator - (Riffe and Gilmore Company).

Location: Section line 2847, Baker, Oklahoma, Texas County. *off US 54*

Owner of Property: Riffe & Gilmore Grain Company, %Gerald Riffe, Rt. 1 Box 103, Baker, OK.

Location of Legal Description: Texas County Courthouse, 319 N. Main St., Guymon, Oklahoma.

Description: Condition—excellent; unaltered; original site;

The Riffe & Gilmore Elevator is constructed of wooden planks, and is covered with corrugated metal. The stepped gable roof has a metal covering as well. The loft has two single set, double hung windows separated by larger paired windows, one of which is open and one is covered on the eastern elevation. The southern elevation has an open bay loading window. The western elevation of the loft has two single set double hung windows, while the northern elevation has one single set double hung window. The eastern elevation has a lean-to shed with a single door entry. The western elevation has a gabled covered entrance to the unloading area, with double swinging doors. The eastern elevation has an open entrance to the unloading area. Moving from ground level upwards, the southern elevation has a single door entry; two metal loading spouts, and a small single set window at the base of the loft. The northern elevation is connected by a conveyor tube to two large storage bins immediately behind it.

Significance: 1926. Build/Architect - Riffe and Gilmore Company.

The Riffe & Gilmore Grain Elevator is significant because it served in a vital capacity in the local agriculture, commerce, and economy of Baker. Constructed in 1926, at the time the Beaver, Mead & Englewood intersected the Rock Island Railroad, the Riffe and Gilmore elevator has been in operation since under the same management. Baker's economy has always being oriented to the local wheat economy and marketing, and the Riffe & Gilmore elevator has always been in the middle of the towns economic complex.

Acreage: Under one acre. Quadrangle name: Adams. 1:24000.

Verbal Boundary Description: T5N, R19E, Sec. 29 (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$). Starting at the northwest corner of Section line intersection 2847 (8 miles south of Highway 54) proceed west 200'; proceed north 180'; proceed east 200'; then proceed south 180' to the point of beginning.

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