

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

historic name Administration Building
other names/site number Foster Hall, Community Building

2. Location

street & number 831 Southeast 172 Road not for publication
city or town Wilburton vicinity
state Oklahoma code OK county Latimer code 077 zip code 74578

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

[Signature] Signature of certifying official/Title July 17, 2010 Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper 9.3.10 Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
 (Check as many boxes as apply.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
 (Check only **one** box.)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
 (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | 0 | buildings |
| 0 | 0 | district |
| 0 | 0 | site |
| 0 | 0 | structure |
| 0 | 0 | object |
| 1 | 0 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

Social: Meeting Hall

Current Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

Social: Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: WPA

Materials
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Stone
 walls: Stone
 roof: Standing Seam Metal
 other: _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Administration Building, located at 831 Southeast 172 Road, is a one-story building, situated at the peak of a rise after entering the colony. Constructed in 1935, the building is the work of the Works Progress Administration. Although the Veteran's Colony encompasses over 700 acres, just the site of the Administration Building is covered by this nomination. Common elements identified on the building include the random course stone exterior siding and wood frame nine-over-nine double hung windows.

Narrative Description

The side gabled façade, north elevation, has a central entry covered by a gable front porch. Three slab steps with stepped stone knee walls, lead to the panel wood door. West of the entry are two sets of two nine-over-nine double hung windows and a smaller nine-over-nine double hung window. East of the entry is a nine-over-nine double hung window. Each window has a rusticated stone sill and a smooth stone lintel. Located at the northeast corner is a single bay gable front wing. Each elevation of this wing has a single nine-over-nine double hung window. Each window has a rusticated stone sill and a smooth stone lintel.

The east elevation has a metal panel door at the northeast corner. Historically, this was a wood panel door. There are no other openings on this elevation. The south elevation has a single bay gable front wing at the southeast corner. Each elevation of this wing has a single nine-over-nine double hung window. Each window has a rusticated stone sill and a smooth stone lintel. Located in the center of the south elevation are two aluminum frame glass doors. Above the door is a wood frame fan-light. On either side of the door are two nine-over-nine double hung windows. The four windows and doors are sheltered by a shed roof supported by three stone piers. Two stone steps with stone knee walls lead to the porch. Located in the center of the porch roof is a gablet. Located west of the porch are two nine-over-nine double hung windows and one smaller nine-over-nine double hung windows. All of the windows have a rusticated stone sill and a smooth stone lintel.

The west elevation has a central chimney. On either side of the chimney are two nine-over-nine double hung windows. All of the windows have a rusticated stone sill and a smooth stone lintel. Located at the northwest corner is a metal trap door for cleaning the chimney. Two additional stone chimneys punctuate the roof on the north elevation.

Interior:

The interior has a large open space with a chimney and built-in platform at the west end of the room. The east end of the building has office space, a kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Alterations include the installation of a metal roof and the replacement of the doors on the east and south elevations.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Social History

Period of Significance

1935

Significant Dates

1935

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

WPA

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance is associated with the date the building was constructed, 1935.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Administration Building is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the work undertaken by the Works Progress Administration and Criterion C for its architectural significance as an excellent example of Works Progress Administration construction. The work relief provided by the WPA allowed many local people to survive the trying times of the 1930's while also stimulating the local, and therefore state and national, economies. The building is located in the Veterans Colony near Wilburton, Oklahoma and was built in 1935.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Oklahoma in general was especially hard hit by the depression of the early 1930s. Within the State, the southeast counties suffered most. By 1930, 62% of all farms in Oklahoma were tenant operated, but in the southeast it was 10 to 15 percent higher than the rest of the state. Three successive droughts early in the 1930s only added to the misery already produced by tenancy and tilling of half fertile soil.¹

Other sectors of the economy in the southeast fared just as poorly. Between 1930 and 1935 coal production decreased by two-thirds. Mines closed and one-half of the total labor force was left unemployed. The absence of a market for timber products virtually closed the forest industry in the southeast as well. By October of 1934, 21% of all Oklahoma families on relief rolls were in southeastern Oklahoma.²

Economic and the morale of the southeastern region of Oklahoma were in dire circumstances in 1935. Fortunately, the WPA provided timely assistance. The construction component of the WPA greatly assisted those in need in southeastern Oklahoma. It provided meaningful employment and some degree of financial security. The Administration Building is significant for its association with the WPA program.

The physical, economic and cultural environment of the Veterans Colony shaped the built environment. As the Administration Building was part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) building program it had to be: useful in terms of the needs of the community, sponsored by a public body and project workmen had to come from persons on the relief rolls.

Both skilled and unskilled relief workers were used for the construction of the Administration Building. Because of the nature of the workers, the building was simple in design and uncomplicated in construction technique. At any one time sponsors of projects had to supply from ten to twenty-five percent of the total construction cost which meant that the building was generally modest. The construction cost contributed by the Veterans Colony consisted of materials: stone quarried locally, wood and roofing materials. The Administration Building is vernacular in style but distinctly identifiable as WPA architecture.

The method of construction, contribution of materials, and sources of labor were standard operating procedures for the WPA throughout the nation. WPA buildings are significant as the program through which they were funded significantly reduced the economic and social distress of the national depression of the 1930s. The Administration Building provides a legacy to the WPA through recognizable architecture by its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The Administration Building is significant as an excellent local example of WPA construction in Latimer County.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

During the Spanish-American War, which lasted from April into August 1898, men from Oklahoma and Indian territories enlisted for service. Others serving in the regular United States Army or Navy also fought. At the war's end most of the soldiers returned to their homes and resumed their lives.

¹ Baird, David. *Works Progress Administration Public Buildings, Recreational Facilities, and Cemetery Improvements in Southeastern Oklahoma, 1935-1942 Thematic Resources*. July 25, 1988.

² Ibid.

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Throughout the United States, veterans of the Spanish-American conflict, the Philippines Insurrection (1899–1902), and the Chinese Relief Expedition (Boxer Rebellion, 1898–1902) began to organize veterans' fraternal societies. The first of these to appear in Oklahoma formed in Guthrie as early as 1901 and was affiliated with a national group called Spanish-American War Veterans. In 1904 the various national organizations joined together as the United Spanish War Veterans (USWV). Each state had a "department" led by a commander and other officers. Local chapters were called "camps." Most states' camps held annual reunions and also sent delegates to a large national convention. In the Department of Oklahoma, by 1942 the USWV had thousands of members in thirty-one camps (the national USWV disbanded in 1992).ⁱⁱⁱ

In 1933 Oklahoma members of the USWV began to plan a "colony" for other veterans who needed assistance. C. C. Hawk, a businessman from Shawnee, state chair of the Republican Party, and past commander of the Department of Oklahoma, joined other affluent veterans to arrange for the purchase of over 700 acres of land south of Wilburton. A camp of USWV was established and an administrative board elected. By September 1935, the administration building stood on the property, and veterans had built and occupied fifteen cabins. The property included a dozen or so other buildings, a campground for nonpermanent residents, a large orchard, and two wells. The state's WPA and CCC participated in developing those and other facilities that would benefit veterans for generations.^{iv}

Eligibility was generally limited to Oklahoma's veterans. Each paid ten dollars for a "lifetime lease" to an acre of ground and constructed his own dwelling. Employed veterans in other parts of the state could build a "vacation" cabin there and pay an assessment, which was used for the colony's general operating support. Timber, rock, gravel and sand were furnished without charge.^v In future decades, admission to Veterans' Colony broadened to include veterans who belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion; a lifetime lease cost two hundred dollars; and veterans were still required to build their own residences.

ⁱⁱⁱ Everett, Dianna, "Veterans Colony," Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture, <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia> (accessed October 5, 2009).

^{iv} Ibid.

^v United Spanish War Veterans and the Ladies' Auxiliary, Department of Oklahoma. Shawnee, Okla: Herald Print. Co, 1942.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Baird, David. *Works Progress Administration Public Buildings, Recreational Facilities, and Cemetery Improvements in Southeastern Oklahoma, 1935-1942 Thematic Resources. July 25, 1988.*

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United Spanish War veterans and the Ladies' Auxiliary, Department of Oklahoma. Shawnee, Okla: Herald Print. Co, 1942.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |

Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

Starting at an invisible point ten feet from the northeast corner heading south for seventy feet to an invisible point thence heading west for ninety feet to an invisible point thence heading north for seventy feet to an invisible point thence heading east for ninety feet to the original beginning point.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

The boundary includes only the Administration Building as the remainder of the property is private residences and park land.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Administration Building

City or Vicinity: Wilburton Vicinity

County: Latimer

State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Lynda B. Schwan

Date Photographed: 06 February 2009

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

| No. | Subject | Dir. |
|------|-------------------------|------|
| 0001 | Administration Building | NE |
| 0002 | Administration Building | SE |
| 0003 | Administration Building | NW |

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Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name The United Spanish War Veterans Department of Oklahoma Colonization Project
street & number 831 Southeast 172 Road telephone _____
city or town Wilburton state OK zip code 74578

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Administration Building
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OKLAHOMA, Latimer

DATE RECEIVED: 7/20/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/13/10
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/30/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/03/10
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000626

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9.3.10 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Administration Building

831 Southeast 172 Road

Wilburton Vicinity, LeFlore County, Oklahoma

Lynda B Schwan

OKSHPO

February 6, 2009

Facing northeast

photograph 0002



Administration Building

831 Southeast 172 Road

Wilburton Vicinity, Latimer County Oklahoma

Lynda B Schwan

OKSITPO

February 6, 2009

Facing southeast

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Administration Building

831 Southeast 170 Road

Wilburton Vicinity, Latimer County, Oklahoma

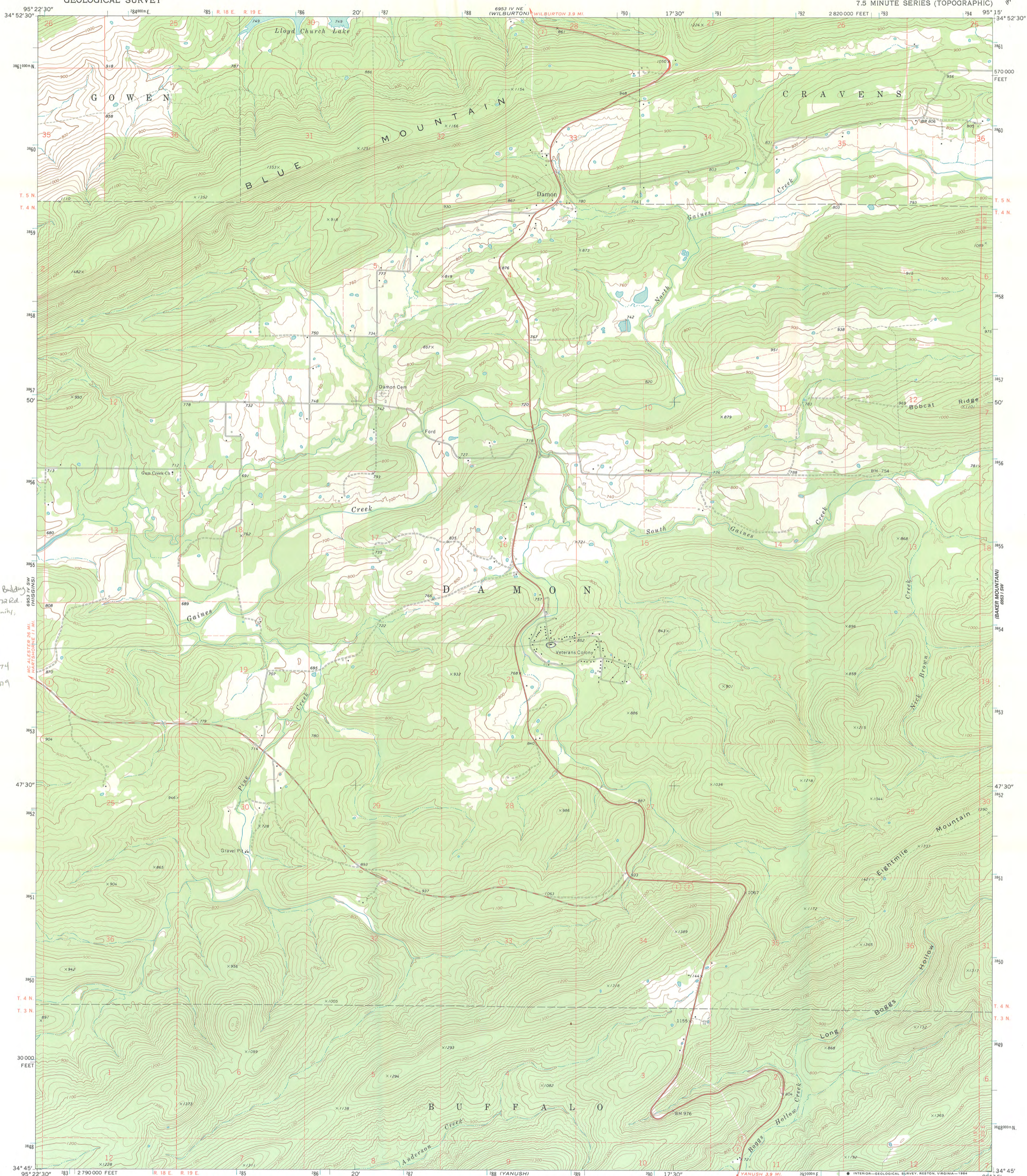
Lynda B Schwan

OK SHPO

February 6, 2009

facing northwest

photograph 0003



Administration Building
831 Southeast 172nd Rd
Wilburton Vicinity,
Latimer Co
Oklahoma

Z=155
E=288874
N=3854079

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1970. Field checked 1971

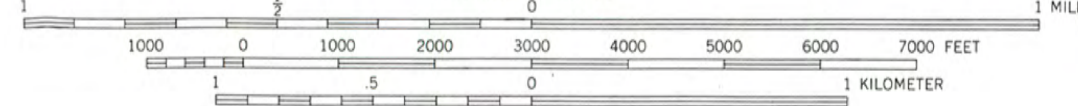
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Oklahoma coordinate system, south zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 6 meters south and 22 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

Map photoinspected 1977

No major culture or drainage changes observed



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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AND OKLAHOMA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73069
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

| | |
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| Primary highway, hard surface | Light-duty road, hard or improved surface |
| Secondary highway, hard surface | Unimproved road |
| Interstate Route | U. S. Route |
| | State Route |

DAMON, OKLA.
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July 19, 2010

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the Register
National Park Service 2280, 8th floor
National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20005



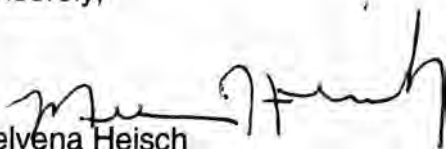
Dear Ms. Shull:

We are pleased to transmit twelve National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Brady Historic District, Tulsa, Tulsa County
Casa Loma Hotel, Tulsa, Tulsa County
Morrow Home Place, Collinsville, Tulsa County
Moore Ranch, Nowata Vicinity, Nowata County
White Cloud Lodge, Payne County
Wentz Camp, Ponca City, Kay County
Pond Creek Masonic Lodge #125, Pond Creek, Grant County
Nickels Ensor McClure House, Alva, Woods County
First United Methodist Church, Fairview, Major County
Squirrel Creek Bridge, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County
American Baptist Home Mission House, Tahlequah, Cherokee County
Administration Building, Wilburton Vicinity, Latimer County

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda B. Schwan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely,


Melvena Heisch
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures



United States Department of the Interior


NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

September 3, 2010

Notice to file:

This property has been automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This is due to the fact that the publication of our Federal Register Notice: "National Register of Historic Places: Pending Nominations and Other Actions" was delayed beyond our control to the point where the mandated 15 day public comment period ended after our required 45 day time frame to act on the nomination. If the 45th day falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, the property will be automatically listed the next business day. The nomination is technically adequate and meets the National Register criteria for evaluation, and thus, automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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