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HUGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCATION: East Jefferson Street, Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: City of Hugo, City Hall, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Hugo Public Library is a single story, irregular size structure that at its greatest extent is 53 feet across and 75 feet deep. It is constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone. The roof is gabled with intersecting gables and valleys, while metal casement windows are placed singly and by twos. Window sills and lintels are concrete. The front entryway is covered by a gabled porch supported by columns constructed of uncut stone. On the west wall there is an exterior chimney.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

The library building is significant because it has served Hugo since its construction as a center of community activity. Indeed, immediately after it was built it was the regional headquarters of the WPA itself; later it was the site of agricultural fairs and the like. Architecturally it is unique in type, style, materials and workmanship. In the early days of the depression it also provided employment opportunities for destitute laborers with no hope of work in the private sector. In the Hugo area construction of it helped prevent starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 268140 3765720

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 10 and the west 1/2 of lot 9, Block 89, Hugo City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 31-A, 31-B, 31-C

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD		
NRIS Reference Number: Various	Date Listed: 9/8/	<u>'88</u>
Various		Oklahoma
Property Name	County	State
WPA Public Buildings, Recreation Improvements in Southeastern Okl Multiple Name		¥.
This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation. Signature of the Keeper Date of Action		
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Amended Items in Nomination:

The actual resource count for the entire multiple property nomination should be 50 contributing buildings and 9 contributing structures (no non-contributing resources). Each of the individual properties should be counted as one building with the following exceptions: Roberta School Campus--2 buildings; Spencerville School Campus--2 buildings; Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse--1 building, 1 structure; Wetumka Cemetery Pavilion and Fence--2 structures; Twyman Park--2 buildings, 4 structures; Jeff Lee Park Bathhouse and Pool--1 building, 1 structure; and Colony Park Pavilion--1 structure. (Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse is being returned to the OK SHPO because of substantive problems which must be clarified.)

Scipio School--Ownership should be private, not public.

Roberta School Campus--Acreage should be two, not less than two.

The level of significance for all properties is local.

The above information was confirmed during a 9/8/88 telephone conversation with Oklahoma Deputy SHPO Melvena Heisch.

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