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Great Western Coal and Coke Company Building

Location: 701 E. Main Street, Wilburton, OK

Owner of Property: Mrs. Opal Wann, 614 E. Main Street, Wilburton, OK

Location of Legal Description: County Clerk's Office, Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK

Description: The Great Western Coal and Coke Building is a two-story rectangular building approximately 100 feet long and 73 feet wide. The (front) west side contains six large windows and two circular porthole windows. The center store front with double doors is original and a concrete loading apron (10 feet wide) extends across the front and around the southwest corner. The south side contains 13 windows, the east contains ten, and the north contains 18. Inside, only the wooden stairway, the company doctor's office and the company vault (both on the second floor) are original.

Significance: The building is one of the last surviving coal company store buildings in southeastern Oklahoma. Built shortly after 1900 to house the company store and company offices, the building was the center of commercial activity for miners and their families. Social and religious functions were also held on the second floor for the multiethnic mining population that included Irish, English, Scottish, Italian, Slovakian and Lithuanian immigrants. The building served as a county courthouse until 1936 and since that time has been used as an armory, grocery store, furniture store, restaurant and discotheque. Today the building is empty except for a small liquor store in the approximate original company office space on the first floor.

Acreage: Under one acre

Verbal Boundary Description: West 160 feet of Block 137, city of Wilburton.

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