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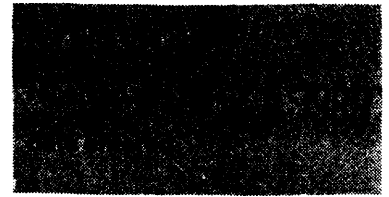
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CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: West Pine Street, Clayton, Oklahoma 040, Pushmataha County 127

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition—N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use—educational

OWNER: Clayton Board of Education, Box 190, Clayton, OK 74536

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pushmataha County Courthouse, Antlers, OK 74523

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Clayton high school auditorium is a single story, T-shaped (98' vertically and 98' horizontally) structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone. Masonry and stone placement is excellent. The roof is flat with parapets capped with limestone blocks; entryways are recessed; window placement is by twos. Angular lines lend an art deco flavor to the structure. The building is surrounded by a WPA constructed drainage ditch that is well maintained, as the auditorium itself is.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The building is significant because of the work opportunities construction of it provided relief roll laborers in the rural Clayton area, enabling them to attain a measure of economic security and self respect. The building also promoted community awareness and the presentation of theatrical productions, both of which raised spirits during difficult times. As a rural WPA school building, it is remarkable in its type (only one other auditorium as opposed to a gym/auditorium was located), scale/size and its allusion to art deco style. To the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale and workmanship. It and other WPA structures became the prototype of buildings constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone during and after World War II.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 284060 3829840

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 1, Clayton original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 150-A, 150-B

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: Various   Date Listed: 9/8/88

Various	Various	Oklahoma
Property Name	County	State

WPA Public Buildings, Recreational Facilities and Cemetery
Improvements in Southeastern Oklahoma, 1935-1943 TR
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.

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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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