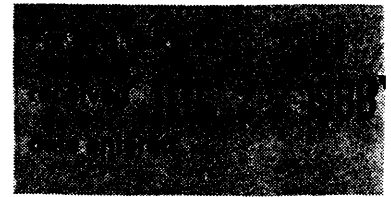


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MOSS SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Holdenville, Oklahoma 040, Hughes County 063

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

OWNER: Moss Board of Education, Route 2, Box 52, Holdenville, OK. 74848

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Hughes County Courthouse, Holdenville, OK 74848

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Moss gym is a single story, rectangular (88' x 69') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The masonry is very crude. The composition shingle covered roof is gabled; the recessed entry is covered by a small porch. Small sash windows with cut stone sills are placed under the eaves. To either end of the building have been added concrete block lean-to structures, but neither impair the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA school building, the structure is notable for its crude workmanship and very early construction date. It reflects that the program was just in its genesis. Within the community it is unique architecturally for its type and workmanship. Moreover, the building seems to have been a prototype for structures later built on the Moss school campus. The gym is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the rural Moss area where none had previously existed and because it provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region beforehand.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 752580 3884320

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of U.S highway No. 270 and No. 75 nine miles east of Holdenville, go one mile south and one mile east. Gym property begins at the NE corner of Sec. 22, T 7 N, R 10 E, and goes south 225 feet, west 120 feet, north 225 feet and east 120 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 60-A

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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

<u>Property Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<u>Various</u>	<u>Various</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>

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

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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.

*Carol D. Shuel*  
Signature of the Keeper

9-8-88  
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.

**DISTRIBUTION:**  
National Register property file