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Optima Grain Elevator.Location: ^{U.S.} Highway 54, Optima, Oklahoma, Texas County.Owner of Property: Roaten H. Grice, etal., Box 103, 311 S. May, Guymon, Oklahoma.Location of Legal Description: Texas County Courthouse, 319 N. Main St., Guymon, Oklahoma.Description: Condition-deteriorated; unaltered; original site;

The Optima grain elevator lies to the west of the Rock Island Railroad to Amarrilo, Texas. The structure is constructed of wood planks and has corrugated metal siding. It has a stepped gable roof with metal covering as well. The loft has single set windows on the north, west, and south elevations, while the east elevation facing the railroad tracks has a loading bay window. The unloading area runs north to south through the western side of the structure, and both double door entries are open. Attached to the western elevation is a lean-to shed used for storage of machinery. The exterior walls have horizontal planks of wood bolted on for added support. The eastern elevation has a ground-level single door entry and a metal loading spout. The structure lies approximately 100 feet west of Highway 54 in a flat open field.

Significance: 1924; Builder/Architect - Unknown.

The Optima Grain elevator is significant because it served the outlying wheat producers in storing and marketing their grain. Optima was founded in 1905 and served as a commercial center for the locality until trucking made it more economical to ship grain out of Hooker to the north or Guymon, Oklahoma, to the south. The grain elevator being nominated is the last remaining elevator in the locality. The townsite never prospered as expected and once the elevators ceased functioning in the 1960s, nearly all the towns commercial activities shifted to Hooker or Guymon.

Acreage: Under one acre. Quadrangle name: Optima. 1:24000.

Verbal Boundary Description: T3N, R16E, Sec. 5, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$. Starting from a point 400 meters west of the intersection of section line road 3015 and Highway 54; proceed southwest (following the Rock Island Railroad bed) 60 meters; then proceed 60 meters southeast; turn northeast and go 60 meters; turn northwest and proceed 60 meters to the railroad track and the point of beginning.

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