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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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Great Western Coal and Coke Company Mine #3

Location: Wooded area east of 600 E. Ash, Wilburton, OK

Owner of Property: City Housing Authority, Wilburton, OK

Location of Legal Description: City Hall, 210 E. Main, Wilburton, OK

Description: Great Western Mine #3 was filled in and closed by the federal government after the company went out of business in the late 1920s. The mine opening has since been covered by foliage and is unrecognizable. All that remains is an 8 feet by 12 feet section of a stone wall of the engine bed and machinery storage area.

Significance: Great Western Mine #3 was the largest slope mine in the Wilburton Coal fields with a slanted shaft extending 3000 feet under the earth's surface. The section of stone wall that is visible today is the only evidence that remains of the once thriving coal mines. The three companies operated a total of 50 mines during the height of the coal boom in the early 20th century.

Acreage: Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description: Along N edge, NE1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4, Sec 9, T5N, R19E

UTM: 15 Easting 290 100
15 Northing 3865 940