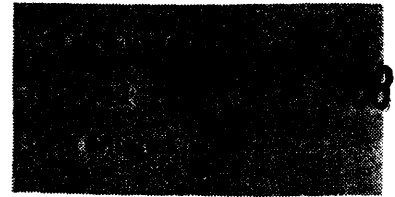


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WILLIAMS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Cameron, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec 15, T 8 N, R 26 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--hay barn

OWNER: Nina Mae Shoup, Rural Route 1, Box 62, Cameron, OK 74932

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

A four-room building initially, the Williams school is a single story, rectangular (40' x 72') structure constructed of untooled and unoccupied native sandstone. The hipped roof, now covered with composition shingles, has a gable dormer without lights above a frontal entry archway and recessed doors. End entryways are also recessed behind arches. Portions of the window openings that extend to the eaves have been enclosed with wood inserts. The integrity of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Architecturally this building is significant within the community because of its type, materials and character of workmanship. It is equally notable in that construction of it provided work opportunities and some economic security for destitute laborers in the Williams area who for too long had lived close to the edge of starvation as a consequence of the depression. The building also created a new learning environment for students previously deprived educationally and helped to instill a sense of pride within the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 358860 3892410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Cameron go northeast-north two miles to a paved county road; turn west and go one and one-half miles to the Williams community; the school is north of the road, the property beginning 208.71 feet west of the center point of Sec. 15, T 8 N, R 26 E, then south 417.4 feet, west 417.4 feet, north 417.4 feet, and east 417.4 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 115-A, 115-B

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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

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.

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