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Beeman and Litz Elevator, Feuquay Elevator *(Clay tile roof. Elevator in southeast of town.)*

Location: Buffalo, Oklahoma, Harper County *off 64*

Owner of Property: Feuquay Elevator Co., Box 946, Enid, OK 73701

The Feuquay Elevator built in 1920 of hollow red clay tiles sits northeast of where the Santa Fe railroad tracks cut diagonally across the intersection of Turner Street and 5th Street.

The 50' tall elevator shaft with gabled tin roof is flanked on opposite sides by sets of three cylindrical bins (30' tall) with tin shed style roofs. The round bins out beyond the track facade of the elevator shaft with a one story shed roofed room attached between the bins. Another small shed-roofed section sewing as the powershed is attached to the southwest facade. The clay tiles form a small buttress-like support at the tops of the outer bins, connecting the bins to the shaft walls. A double hung sash windows centered on the upper level of the shaft is on the west facades. The opposite facade is next to the driveway, a thick concrete slab paralleling the elevator. Until recently, another shed-roofed section covered the driveway but it was removed due to deterioration.

Condition: good, unaltered, original site

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Significance: 1920 Builder: Unknown

Built in 1920 the Feuquay Elevator is significant for its role in the commercial developmental of Buffalo as an example of the technology of using clay tiles in construction to build larger, sturdier and more fire retardant grain elevators, instead of the more traditional wooden ones. Buffalo was established at statehood (in 1907) as the county seat of Harper County, but the commercial growth of the town began in 1920 when the Santa Fe Railroad completed a line to Buffalo. This provided the farmers in the county with an efficient means of transporting out the wheat that was the mainstay of the region converting Buffalo into an agricultural center. This elevator was constructed in 1920 as one of three (all using the clay tiles) and is one of two still standing and in use (the third elevator was destroyed in an explosion). With its 25,000 bushel capacity, it remains the most original in appearance, having never been painted.

Acreage: Under one acre

Quadrangle Name: Buffalo SE, Okla, 1970

Verbal Boundary Scale: The east half of Lots 11, 13, and 15, except for railroad right of way, Block 144, Miller's Addition, City of Buffalo.

UTM: Northing 4076645
Easting 444360