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DOG CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Shady Point, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 15, T 7 N, R 23 E

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

OWNER: Roy W. Reed Trust, Box 678, Poteau, OK 74953

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

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A classic one-room building, the Dog Creek school is a single story, rectangular ($24' \times 35'$) structure constructed of undressed and roughly coursed native sandstone. The roof, covered with tin sheets, is gabled; the front entry is recessed behind an archway. The window opening, which reaches to the eaves, is enclosed with metal sheets. Fortunately, the integrity of the building remains unimpeached.

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

As a WPA school building, the Dog Creek facility is significant in that it is one of very few one-room structures remaining in relative good condition. It also suggests the crude workmanship on early WPA projects. Within the community itself, it is notable architecturally in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. Construction of it also provided work opportunities for destitute laborers who had long been on relief rolls and faced the possibility of starvation, rekindling some self respect. The building also improved the quality of instruction in the Dog Creek area, a very remote region.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres Quadrangle: Potato Peaks, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

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UTM: 15 329960 3883360

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west on paved county road from Shady Point eight and one-half miles (two miles beyond the end of the pavement); go south one-half mile and then turn back west. Follow that road approximately three miles, or until it is possible to turn south; one and one-half miles further will bring you to the nominated property on the south side of the road, being described to wit: Begin 174.9 feet north and 2930.3 feet east of the SW corner of the SW 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 15, T 7 N, R 23 E, then North 15 degrees, 0 minutes east 239.5 feet, South 75 degrees, 0 minutes west 293.5 feet, South 15 degrees, 0 minutes west 293.5 feet, and North 75 degrees, 0 minutes west 293.5 feet.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD	
NRIS Reference Number: Various	Date Listed: 9/8/88
Various	Various Oklahoma
Property Name	County State
Improvements in Southeastern Oklamultiple Name	
This property is listed in the Na Places in accordance with the at	
subject to the following exception	
notwithstanding the National Par	k Service certification included
in the nomination documentation.	
Carala Shuel	9-8-88
Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action

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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