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Turpin Grain Elevator.

Location: Turpin, Oklahoma, Beaver County. 0 4 2 4 0 6 4

Owner of Property: Perryton Equity.

Location of Legal Description: Beaver County Courthouse, Box 56, Beaver, Oklahoma.

Description: Condition-fair; unaltered; original site; 1925.

The Turpin Grain elevator is a wooden-frame structure with a corrugated metal siding. It is divided into 3 tiered connecting sections. The northern most section has a stepped gabled roof on the loft. The loft also has single set windows on all four elevations. The middle section has a simple gabled roof, with a single set window at the base of roof crest. Connected to the middle section on the west elevation is a lean-to shed housing the elevators' machinery. The southern most section has a hipped roof. It has a metal loading spout on the south elevation. Adjoining all three sections on the east elevation is another lean-to shed housing the elevators' machinery. The east elevation of the northern most section has a metal conveyor belt connecting the loft with a newer storage bin. The elevator has horizontal planks bolted to the walls for additional support.

Significance: 1925. Builder/Architect: Charles M. Light.

The Turpin Grain Elevator is significant because it was an integral part of the local agriculture, commerce, and economy of Turpin. Turpin, named after the general manager of the Beaver, Mead and Englewood Railroad, Carl J. Turpin, literally came into existence as a townsite in August 1924 with the arrival of the railroad. Local farmers provided the land, labor and capital to build the railroad, so that they could reduce their marketing costs. Wheat farming has served as the principal occupation of the local residents since the early 1900s. The importance of the grain industry to the establishment of Turpin is illustrated by the fact that the first town lot sold was used as a grain elevator site. The Light Grain and Milling Company built the Turpin elevator in 1925. The elevator was used until the late 1960s.

Acreage: less than 1 acre. Quadrangle name: Turpin west. 7.5.

Verbal Boundary Scale: Block 4, Lots 1-6.

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