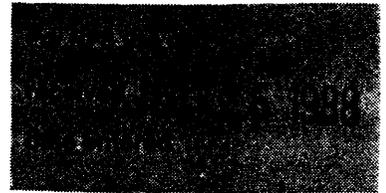


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DEGNAN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 36, T 6 N, R 18 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--religious

OWNER: Board of Regents, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Degnan school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 70') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped; the recessed two-door, front entryway is covered by a porch with gable. The old classroom window openings, with concrete sills, have been covered with wood inserts, but this alteration does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building. Adjacent but not attached to the structure is a wood building that may have been a teacherage. It is not a part of this nomination.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant within the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Indeed there is not much of a "community" left within the vicinity. Also construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and laborers left without jobs by the closing of the coal mining industry. The building restored some community spirit sapped by the length of the depression and created a new environment conducive to learning for students used to decayed wooden structures.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 285180 3869495

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 northwest from Wilburton for approximately two and one-half miles to the second paved county road that goes west; turn west and go one mile to the property site on the north side of the road, it beginning at a point 1980 feet north and 955.8 feet west of the SE corner of Sec. 36, T 6 N, R 18 E, and then running 330 feet west, 264 feet south, 330 feet east, and 264 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 72-A, 72-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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