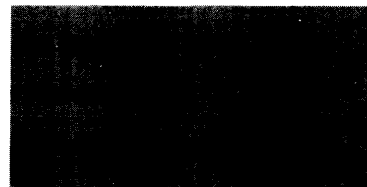


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Science Hall

and/or common Fine Arts Building

2. Location

street & number Northwestern Oklahoma State University N/A not for publication

city, town Alva N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Oklahoma code 40 county Woods code 151

3. Classification

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| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>N/A</u> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <u>N/A</u> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name State of Oklahoma, c/o Board of Regents

street & number Northwestern Oklahoma State University

city, town Alva N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the President

street & number Northwestern Oklahoma State University

city, town Alva state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Historical Preservation has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated near the middle of the university campus, the Science Hall is a three-story building of red brick construction. It is seventy-two feet wide and one hundred and forty-six feet long. It is of a Jacobethan Revival styling with a tower on either side of the main entranceway and crenellation along the roof line. The windows are rectangular and in bands rather than Early Gothic Revival arches and have continuous sills and labels of white stone. White stone stringcourses and quoins on the corners also add to the modest ornamentation. The main entranceway is a recessed pointed arch also of white stone. Two other outside doors are on either end of the building. The building remains exactly as it appeared in the earliest photographs, there having been no exterior alterations or additions.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) | | |

Specific dates 1906 **Builder/Architect** S.A. Layton

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Science Hall is significant because it is the oldest remaining building on the campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and because it is the design of Solomon Andrew Layton, one of Oklahoma's foremost architects.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is the second oldest institution of higher learning established by the Oklahoma territorial legislature. Established in 1897 as a normal school, it expanded twenty-five years later to a four year college offering bachelor degrees in science and liberal arts and a master's degree in teaching.

The Science Hall was the second building on the campus. The cornerstone was set in December 1906 and the building was completed during the following year. It contained a library, a gymnasium, and a lecture hall with a capacity of three hundred students. Another feature highlighted in the school catalog was the absence of any interior heating plant that might cause a fire; the building was heated from a separate facility (built in 1908).

It is an excellent example of Jacobethan Revival architecture. This was a popular style for educational buildings in Oklahoma around the turn of the century.

Solomon Andrew Layton, the architect, was destined to become one of the most important and influential architects of Oklahoma's history. From 1902 to 1943 Layton designed more than 100 public, educational, and commercial buildings, including the state capital.

The Science Hall, one of Layton's early works, has served a variety of purposes. Originally, it housed the departments of Agriculture, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, and Domestic Science. When the administration building (the only structure on campus which pre-dated the Science Hall) burned in the 1930's, it also provided offices for the various school officials and records keeper. Today, the interior has been altered to accommodate numerous small classrooms and academic offices. Although a number of other buildings have been added to the campus, the Science Hall retains a significant role in the university's effort to educate Oklahoma's youth.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Alva, OK

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point 200 feet south of the intersection of Oklahoma Boulevard and the main entrance of Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus go 196 feet to west 90 feet south, 196 feet east, and 90 feet north to the point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth N. Hopkins Supervised by Mary Ann Anders

organization Oklahoma Historical Preservation Survey date 1982, August

street & number 502 Math Sciences, Oklahoma State Univ. telephone 405-624-5678

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *C. Metcalf* date 5/31/83

title date

For HCPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
[Signature] date 7/14/83
Keeper of the National Register
Agent date
Chief of Registration

BUILDING KEY

1. Carter Hall - CH
2. Jesse Dunn Building - JD
3. Jesse Dunn Annex - JA
4. Vinson Hall - VH
5. Herod Hall - HH
6. Student Center
7. Student Health Center
8. Science Building - SC
9. Science Amphitheater
10. Percell Fieldhouse - PF
11. Swimming Pool
12. Physical Education Building - PE
13. Fine Arts Building - FA
14. Library - LB
15. Library Annex - LA
16. Industrial Education Building - IE
17. Education Center - EC
18. Oklahoma Hall
19. Shockley Hall - SH
20. Fryer Hall
21. Ament Hall
22. Coronado Hall
23. Cafeteria
24. South Hall
25. Maintenance Building
26. New Stadium
27. Baseball Field
28. Newby Field
29. Tennis Courts
30. President's Home

Letters identify parking areas.

