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Adams Wood-frame Grain Elevator-- (Tex-Co Elevator)

Location: Adams, Oklahoma, Texas County. N of OK 3

Owner of Property: James W. Ansley, Rt. 2, Box 84, Adams, Oklahoma.

Location of Legal Description: Texas County Courthouse, 319 N. Main St., Guymon, Oklahoma.

Description: Condition-good; unaltered; original site;

The Adams elevator has a wood-frame and is covered with corrugated metal siding. Horizontal support beams, spaced between three to four feet apart, run from the ground level up to the exterior wall to the stepped gable roof. The roof is covered with corrugated metal as well. The building is approximately seventy feet high and twenty-five feet square. The east elevation faces the Rock Island Railroad bed and has one ground level, single door entrance; a loading spout and two windows in the loft (one above the other). The southern elevation has two single story sheds attached. The smaller shed has a double sliding door entrance and is used for storage of equipment. The larger shed has a double swinging door entry, and leads into the unloading area for the grain wagons and trucks. The loft on the southern elevation has two sets of single windows (one above the other) which have been boarded over. The western elevation resembles the eastern, only it lacks the loading spout. The northern elevation has a double sliding door entry that served as the exist from the unloading area. The northern elevation has four windows (two sets with one window above the other).

Significance: 1926; Builder/Architect: Tex-Co Grain Company

The Adams Tex-Co elevator is significant because it played an important role in the settlement, and economic development of the Adams townsite. Adams and the elevator both trace their inception to the same year 1926. The Chicago Rock Island line connecting Amarillo, Texas and Liberal, Kansas was begun in 1926 and finished in 1929. Adams was established by the Chicago Townsite Company and the elevator was one of the first buildings to go up and has been in continuous rise for storage purposes sense. The elevator served the farmers in Adams and the surrounding community in storing and marketing their grain which usually was shipped to Galveston or Fort Worth. Wheat production was and is the chief industry of the region.

Acreage: under one acre. Quadrangle name: Adams, Oklahoma. 1:24000

Verbal Boundary Description: Starting from the intersection of section line road 2843 and the Rock Island Railroad, follow the railroad bed 1,800 meters in a south westerly direction-this spot will be the point of beginning; proceed east 50 meters; south 30 meters, west 45 meters to the railroad bed; then proceed north 50 meters following the railroad bed to the point of beginning.

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