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Hooker Wood-frame grain elevator - (Wheat Pool Elevator Company)

Location: Hooker, Oklahoma; Texas County. *off Texas Ave.*

Owner of Property: Glen Teel, Box 634, Hooker, Oklahoma.

Location of Legal Description: Texas County Courthouse, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Description: Condition-deteriorated; unaltered; original site;

The old Hooker Elevator is located next to the former Beaver, Mead & Englewood Railroad line, just to the north of the Hooker town limits. The structure is constructed of wood planks and covered with corrugated metal siding. It has a stepped gable roof with single set windows on east, south, and west elevations. The north elevation of the structure has a loading bay window in the loft, and a ground level double door which has been filled in to make a single door entry. The northern elevation has a metal loading spout as well. The southern elevation has a lean-to shed for unloading the grain with double door entrances on the east and west elevations. The southeast corner a metal shed has been added with swinging double doors.

Significance: 1926; Builder/Architect - Riffe & Gilmore Co.

The Hooker elevator on the Beaver, Mead & Englewood Railroad was significant because it served a vital function in promoting the agriculture, commerce, and general economy of the area. The Beaver, Mead & Englewood elevators were built in response to the farmer's protests against a monopoly in grain movement and marketing by the Rock Island Railroad which had operated in Hooker since 1904 when the town was platted. The Beaver, Mead & Englewood Railroad did not reach Hooker until 1926, but the grain elevators which arose on this line immediately assumed the greater bulk of wheat shipments out of Hooker. The Wheat Pool Elevator shipped out 30 cars of wheat a day during the harvest months and assumed a leading role in the price setting for local wheat. The Wheat Pool elevator assumed leadership in Hooker grain market in the late 1920s and held it until the larger elevators assumed a great share of the load in the 1940s.

Acreage: Under one acre. Quadrangle name: Hooker. 1:24000.

Verbal Boundary Description: NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 27, T5N, R17E. From the point where Jefferson Street crosses the old Beaver, Mead & Englewood bed proceed east 400 meters. From this point of beginning proceed north of the railroad bed 60 meters; proceed due east 40 meters; turn south and proceed 60 meters; turn west and follow the railroad bed 40 meters to the point of beginning.

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