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Ingersoll Tile Elevator

Location: Ingersoll, Oklahoma, Alfalfa County *off US 64*

Owner of Property: Kim Stauffel, 617 W. 5th, Cherokee, OK 73728

The Ingersoll Tile Elevator in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, built between 1915 and 1925, is constructed of hollow red clay tiles and is situated on U.S. Highway 64, two miles west of that highway's intersection with state highway 8. The elevator consists of a shaft fifty feet high (with a gabled composition roof) flanked by four cylindrical bins (two on each side) thirty feet high, with composition shed roofs. On one facade of the shaft (and between two bins) is located a 25 foot delivery dock (with a composition shed roof); opposite the dock and between the other two bins, is a ten foot tin shed roofed storage room. Immediately above the storage room is a wooden shoot (approximately twenty feet up the shaft), being about ten feet long. On the top level above the shoot is a boarded window; on the opposite facade at the top level is a double-hung sash window. Another double-hung sash window is located off center on the highway facade above the bins. In recent years a majority of the facades had been painted white. ✓

Condition: fair, unaltered, original site

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The Ingersoll Tile Elevator, built between 1915 and 1925, is significant because it reflects the development of wheat as Oklahoma's major agricultural crop (thus adding to the commercial development of Oklahomas as well as Alfalfa County) and also provides an excellent example of developing agricultural technologies around Ingersoll specifically the use of hollow red clay tile as a building material that would provide permanence of location, greater protection from the elements as well as from the possibilities of fire due to combustion and expand storage capacity by making cylindrical bins.

Due to this impetus of this railroad, Ingersoll was plotted and settled in 1901 and rivaled Cherokee in business activities and population. At statehood, in 1907, the citizens of Ingersoll contested the location of the county seat at Cherokee. The population of the town began to decrease following the county's affirmation of Cherokee. By 1909 there were four grain elevators in the town. The building of this hollow red clay tile elevator insured the continued existence of Ingersoll as a visible agricultural community within the county. The 20,000 bushel capacity insured continued commercial intercourse for Ingersoll and prolonged its life as an agricultural community.

Acreage: Under one acre

Quadrangle Name: Ingersoll, OK 1969

Verbal Boundary Scale: Lots 2-5 Blocks 47, Town of Ingersoll

UTM: Northing 4072330

 Easting 554510