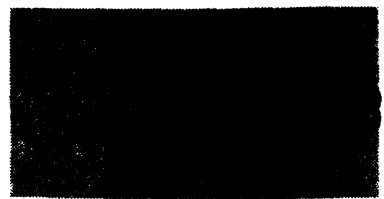


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TIPTON RIDGE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Blocker, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 34, T 8 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Mr. M. O. Roberts, Rural Route 1, Box 2217, Quinton, OK 74561

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition; altered; original site

The classic one-room building, the Tipton Ridge school is a single story, rectangular (36' x 23') structure constructed of cut and roughly coursed native sandstone. The masonry is crude; the mortar is incised. The roof, covered with metal sheets, is gabled; the west front door is recessed behind an archway covered by a small porch. Window openings with cut stone sills have been enclosed with wood inserts; a small metal building has been added to the northeast corner. Neither alteration impeaches the integrity of the structure.

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

Construction of the school building provided work opportunities and some economic security for unemployed coal miners in a remote area where mines had been closed for some five years and residents had faced the prospect of starvation. A new physical atmosphere supportive of learning also resulted for students previously confined to a poorly lighted wood structure. Architecturally the building is unique in the community in terms of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Now used as a hunting lodge, the structure is a good example of adaptive reuse.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: 15 271525 3889115

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From state highway No. 31 just north of Blocker take the first unpaved county road that goes north, following it for approximately four and one-half miles. The building is on the east side of the road, occupying property that begins at a point 105 yards south of the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 34, T 8 N, R 17 E, and then runs south on the section line 105 yards, east 70 yards, north 105 yards, and west 70 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 147-A

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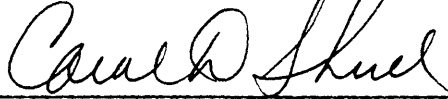
SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: Various Date Listed: 9/8/88

Various Various Oklahoma
Property Name County State

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.



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.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)