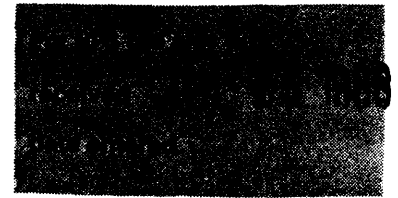


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BOWERS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 8, T 5 N, R 18 E

CLASSIFICATION: building, private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--storage

OWNER: Mr. Roger L. Coyer, 1108 W. 2nd Place, Mesa, Ariz. 85201

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: good; unaltered; original site

Originally a two-room building, the Bowers school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 68') structure with an offset and is constructed of cut blocks of native sandstone laid in courses. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled with one step; the two-door entry way is recessed and covered by a centrally placed porch with gable. The porch rests on concrete pillars and an architrave. Wood sash classroom windows, resting on concrete sills, reach to the eaves. On the north end of the building a small room of concrete blocks has been added. It does not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is architecturally significant within the community because of its type, allusion to Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship. Equally important is that construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and remote area hard hit by the depression, enabling them to preserve themselves and their families with "useful" employment. The structure also promoted a new enthusiasm for learning, depressed in the recent past due to decayed facilities.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 278795 3865960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 270 west from Wilburton until the road turns southwest, a point one mile west of the Wilburton Municipal Airport. At the Y continue on west on the paved county road for one-half mile to the school building on the north side of the road. The property begins at a point 20 feet north of the extreme SW corner of the SE 1/4, then runs 26 rods east, 13 rods north, 26 rods west and 13 rods south, all in Sec. 8, T 5 N, R 18 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 68-A, 68-B

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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.

Carol D. Shuel
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.

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