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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Thematic Resources Relating to Coal Mining, Latimer County

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER				
See Continua	tion Page		NOT FOR PUBLICATION	
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DISTR	ICT
		VICINITY OF		
state Oklahoma		CODE 40	COUNTY Latimer	CODE Q77
CLASSIFIC	ATION			
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENTUSE	
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	XOCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
BUILDING(S)	PRIVATE	XUNOCCUPIED	X_COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	<u>Х вотн</u>	WORK IN PROGRESS	X_EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	-YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
x Thematic	BEING CONSIDERED	XYES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

__NO

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STATE

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X_OTHER: Vacant

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

6 REPRESE	NTATION IN EXISTIN	NG SURVEYS	
TÎTLE			
Oklahoma Co	mprehensive Survey		
DATE			
1979		FEDERALSTATECOUNTYLOCAL	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS	Preservation Office, Ok	lahoma Historical Society	
CITY. TOWN Oklahoma Ci	ty	STATE OK	<u>-</u>

7 DESCRIPTION

	CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
X_EXCELLENT GOOD	DETERIORATED	XUNALTERED	XORIGINAL SITE MOVED DATE	
X_FAIR	UNEXPOSED			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The sites in this thematic nomination of resources in Latimer County, Oklahoma relating to coal mining, are all located in the city of Wilburton. The ruins of the Great Western Coke and Coal Company, Mine #3 and the company store building are on the east side of the city while Mitchell Hall can be found at the west end on the campus of Eastern Oklahoma State College. The Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Rectory fall between the other sites in the middle of Wilburton.

The properties included in this nomination are the physical evidence of the varied impact coal mining had on the development of southeastern Oklahoma. They were the arenas for activities of area people which are representative of commercial, industrial, religious, and educational aspects of life.

The mine is filled now and only a brick low wall is visible, however, the company store, church, and rectory are in fair to good condition and are currently in use. The architectual styles are disimilar, probably reflecting lack of planning for visual continuity which is typical of most of the area buildings. The exteriors of the three structures remain relatively unaltered although Mitchell Hall's interior has been completely renovated.

The methodology used for this nomination include personal interviews, field investigation, and documentary research in the Wilburton-Latimer County Library and the Edmond Lowe Library at Oklahoma State University.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE		MILITARY	X_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
X3 900-	COMMUNICATIONS		POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
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SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1903 to 1922	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The thematic resources in Latimer County relating to the coal mining industry are significant because they exemplify the varied impact of mining activity on southeastern Oklahoma. Not only did coal mining have an industrial effect, but also it influenced education, religion, commercial, and social/humanitarian interests.

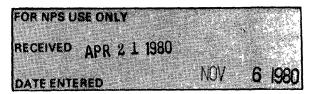
The most prosperous years for the coal mining industry and residents of Latimer County were from 1903 to 1922. Shaft explosions in the late 1920s and decreasing demand for coal led to the industry's decline in the 1930s. Fuel oil and natural gas replaced coal while bank failures, strikes, and mechanization further added to the coal companies' difficulties. By the late 1930s, coal mining activity had virtually ceased. Today, however, the coal industry is once again emerging as a significant economic factor throughout southeastern Oklahoma.

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