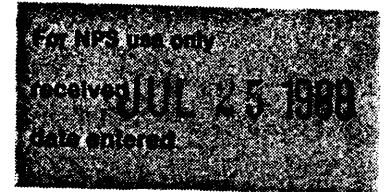


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DAYTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Lamont, Oklahoma 040, Grant County 053; SW 1/4, Sec. 26, T 25 N, R 3 W.

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; semi-restricted; present use--none

OWNER: Mr. Kenneth Schuelein, 815 Sandifer Road, Elk City, OK 73644

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK 73759

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

The Dayton School is a single-story, rectangular (43' x 22') structure constructed of lightly coursed and rusticated native stone of a dark red color and of fair masonry quality. The gable roof is now covered with metal sheeting, and on the building's north side is an exterior chimney constructed of native stone and brick quoins. The southwest entrance is recessed behind an archway of brick with an inscribed concrete frieze above. Wood sash windows reach to the eaves and rest on brick slip sills. Bricks are also used to "square" the windows to the stone walls.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

The exceptional significance of the Dayton School building is related to its architecture. A "stretched" one-room school, the structure perfectly reflects the character of early WPA building projects: unskilled workmen utilizing native materials. In addition to the rather crude masonry, the squaring of window openings with brick and the use of brick quoins on the chimney suggest a work force with little experience in the building trades. They also date the structure as early in the life of the WPA, for over time masonry skills improved. Equally significant is that the Dayton School is unlike most other WPA-constructed schools in Northwestern Oklahoma in that it was built of native stone and that it was only one room. Elsewhere in the region the schools were of brick and of multiple rooms. Construction also impacted the economic and social well-being of the Dayton community in that it infused some 6800 man-hours of wages into the local economy and prevented the further erosion of the self respect of destitute agricultural laborers.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

Acreage: One acre

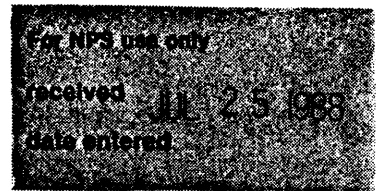
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go six miles south and three east of Lamont to the

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school site in the west 1/2 of the SW1/4 of Sec. 26, T 25 N, R 3 W, more particularly described as beginning at the northwest corner of said west half and running south 975 feet to point of beginning, then east 208.71 feet, then south 208.71 feet, then west 208.71 feet, then north 208.71 feet to point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 7-a; 7-b

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001359-83001371 Date Listed 9/8/88

Various Property Name	County	OK State
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<u>WPA Public Buildings, Recreational Facilities and Water Quality Improvements in Northwestern Oklahoma, 1935-1943 TR</u>		
Multiple Name		

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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.

*Carroll Shue*  
Signature of the Keeper

9-8-88  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

All of the individual resources included with this multiple property nomination can each be counted as one contributing building with the following exceptions: Medford Bathhouse and Swimming Pool (one contributing building and one contributing structure), Buffalo City Park Pavilion (one contributing structure), Blaine Stadium and Fieldhouse (one contributing building, one contributing structure), and Woodward Crystal Beach Park (one contributing building, two contributing structures). This is consistent with the total multiple property resource count of 12 contributing buildings and 5 contributing structures listed in the nomination cover form. This information was confirmed with Melvena Heisch, Oklahoma Deputy SHPO, during a 9/8/88 telephone conversation.

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DISTRIBUTION:

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