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Mouser Wood-frame Grain Elevator -- (Collingwood Elevator).

Location: Mouser, Oklahoma, Texas County. Off 5R 136

Owner of Property: Edna E. Collingwood - Trustee, Highway 54 NE, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Location of Legal Description: Texas County Courthouse, 319 N. Main St., Guymon, Oklahoma.

Description: Condition-good; unaltered; original site;

The Mouser elevator is constructed of wood and covered with metal siding. The stepped gable roof is also covered with corrugated metal. The outside has horizontal strips bolted to the frame for support, usually set three or four feet apart. The loft has single windows on the eastern and western elevations, while the southern elevation (facing the railroad bed) of the loft has a loading bay. The southern elevation also has a single door, ground-level entry, as well as a loading spout. There is a lean-to shed connected to the east shed used for storage and machinery. The unloading area inside the elevator runs from east to west with an exit on both sides. The western side has a covered entry with double swinging doors while the east entry is open. Approximately 120 feet to the northwest of the wood elevator are several large cement elevators, to the south, wheat fields.

Significance: 1928; Builder/Architect - Riffe and Gilmore Company.

The Mouser grain elevators are significant because they did and still do serve as the center of the areas agricultural-commercial activities. Wheat has been the primary occupation of the local residents since the early 1900s. Three elevators were contructed in 1928 when the Beaver, Mead & Englewood reached the Mouser townsite. Riffe and Gilmore built all three of which two remain. Only the elevator owned by Collingwood is still in use. The wheat was shipped to Galveston and Fort Worth until the late 1950s when the depot was removed from Mouser and the elevators changed companies. The Collingwood wood elevator has a capacity of 30,000 bushels and is still in use at the present. While the large cement elevators have certainly eclipsed this wood elevator in size and importance, the wooden elevator has served the local farmers, grain dealers, and commerce well.

Acreage: less than one acre. Quadrangle name: Straight SW. 1:24000.

<u>Verban Boundary Description</u>: T5N, R15E, Sec. 27 (S¹₂ of SE¹₄ of NE¹₄). Starting at a point 2700' north of the intersection of highway 64 and sectionline road 3122 to the railroad bed of the Beaver, Mead & Englewood and 200' west along the railroad bed; turn north and proceed 100'; turn west and proceed 80'; turn south and to 100' to the railroad bed; turn east and follow the railroad bed to the point of beginning.

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