

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



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**1. Name**

historic Washington School

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 214 West Federal St.

not for publication

city, town Drumright

vicinity of

congressional district No. 2

state Oklahoma

code 40

county Creek

code 037

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Drumright School District

street & number 300 South Penn

city, town Drumright

vicinity of

state Oklahoma

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of County Clerk

street & number Creek County Courthouse

city, town Sapulpa

state Oklahoma

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Cushing Historic Oil Field Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society - State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City

state Oklahoma

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Washington School Building, built in 1915, was constructed of locally quarried native sandstone. The wall finish is rock faced coursed ashlar. The two story structure has a flat roof. The overall dimensions of the original building are 65' x 68'. Decorative elements of the building are eclectic, drawing from several classic features imposed on an art deco-type angular frame with the sandstone being Romanesque in nature.

The front facade of the building, facing Federal Street, is a frontier version of classical vocabulary. It includes a two story portico of the Doric order. In the center of the pediment an open book cartouche is located. Above the entrance doors to the first floor is a second cartouche of George Washington's face. There is an elliptical arch with a star-burst glass pane positioned above the double door entryway. At the upper part of the building a frieze runs on all four sides. The frieze, double doors, and portico are painted white. On the second story, there is a row of five windows on each side of the portico and two below the pediment. On the first floor front, there is also a row of five windows on each side of the portico. All of the original windows on the front facade have been replaced with new panes and casings. An elevated concrete walkway on the north and east sides of the building lead to entryways. Two 4' high masonry columns stand approximately 15' from the steps leading to the north entrance.

The east facade of the building has two recesses. One occurs 28' back, or south, from the front of the building, and runs 10' to the east. The second recess begins at the northeast corner of the first recess and runs 10' back south and 10' to the east. The remaining portion of the east facade runs 26' to the rear of the building. The first recess contains two original windows, one on the first floor and one on the second. The upper window includes the original wood trim, however, the lower one has been covered with plywood. Within the second recess, a side entrance door is located with two windows above it. The east entry door retains original wood trim, but the two original windows have been replaced with new panes and casings. Across the rear second story there is a row of eight windows with new panes and casings. A fire escape leads to a second floor door in the rear of the building.

In 1941, a gymnasium was added to the west side of the Washington School. It was also constructed of native sandstone to blend with the original school. An inner partition on the west side of the original building was removed when the gymnasium was added. The dimensions of the gymnasium are 93' across the front and 120' deep.

Some deteriorated playground equipment is located southeast of the school building.

The Washington School and Gymnasium still serves the social and educational needs of the Drumright community. The Drumright Senior Citizens and Nutrition Center has occupied the nominated property since the mid-1960's.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1915-Present      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Washington School is significant because of its association with education in Drumright, Oklahoma for over 65 years and because it is one of two buildings of locally quarried sandstone left intact from the oil boom days.

The Washington School building was constructed in 1915 shortly after the discovery of oil north of Drumright. Aaron Drumright, co-founder of the town, was the principal force in helping to erect Drumright's first school. The school provided vital educational needs during the oil boom period when enrollment of students rapidly increased due to the sudden overpopulation of the town. The growing influx of oil field workers and their families resulted in the Drumright School District becoming one of the largest in Oklahoma in terms of area covered and enrollment. The building has continuously served the social/educational needs of the Drumright community for 65 years as it is presently used by the Drumright Senior Citizens and Nutrition Center.

The building was constructed of native sandstone cut at the Hopkins Brothers' quarry which supplying building stone material for several commercial and educational buildings in the Creek and Payne County area.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Henry C. Weimer, former Superintendent of Drumright School District, June, 1980.  
Lloyd, Heather M., "Oklahoma's Cushing Oil Field," M.A. Thesis, Oklahoma State University, 1976.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

## 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property Under one acre

Quadrangle name Drumright, OK

Quadrangle scale 7.5 min.

### UMT References

A 

1	4	7	1	6	1	0	0	3	9	8	4	8	6	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1-24, Block 20, Broadway Addition, City of Drumright, OK.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert C. Sweet Directed by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Cushing Historic Oil Field Survey date July, 1980

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6248

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Glenn Jordan

title SHPO date 11/21/80

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date 1/28/81

Beth Groves  
Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

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