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COLE CHAPEL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 17, T 5 N, R 17 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--religious

OWNER: Hartshorne Board of Education, 520 S. 5th Street, Hartshorne, OK 74547

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition; unaltered; original site

The classic one-room building, the Cole Chapel school is a single story, rectangular (55' x 24') structure constructed of cut and roughly coursed native sandstone. The masonry is crude. The roof is gabled; the west front wood sash windows on cut stone sills reach to the eaves; the front doorway is arched and covered by a small porch.

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

The Cole Chapel school is an excellent example of WPA-built one room school constructed early during the program's life in Oklahoma, especially in that it is one of few that survives in relatively good condition. Within the rural community itself, the building is architecturally significant in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. It is notable too that construction of the building coincided with the coming of modern education in the Cole Chapel area. Moreover, unemployed and destitute coal miners found some economic security from the ravages of the depression by accepting jobs to help construct the school building.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 267730 3865310

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Take the paved county road from Hartshorne to Adamson for some three and one-half miles north of its intersection with U.S. highway No. 270; the property is on the east side of the road, being a 209 square foot tract in the SW corner of the NW 1/4 and a 209 square foot tract in the NW corner of the SW 1/4, in Sec. 17, T 5 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 130-A, 130-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

===== 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.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)