OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEOSHO VALLEY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Commerce, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NE 1/4, Sec. 9, T 28 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Jack McCoy, Rural Route, Commerce, OK 74339

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, OK 74354

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This two-room, rectangular (70' \times 30') structure is constructed of uncut, dark red native stone. The roof is hipped and gabled and the entryways are recessed with stoop and wing wall. The windows have been covered with wood and smaller energy efficient windows installed. These windows have concrete sills. Iron fences in front of the windows and doors provide a decorative touch. A pink concrete addition has been built onto the west side of the building which destroys its integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-40; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre Quadrangle: Miami Northwest, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 3 miles west of Commerce on county road to a point beginning 208.7 feet south of the NE corner of Sec. 9, T 28 N, R 22 E; thence south 208.7 feet, thence 208.7 feet, thence north 208.7 feet, thence east 208.7 feet to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None

UTM: Undetermined