

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OSEUMA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Afton, Oklahoma 040, Ottawa County 115; NE 1/4, Sec. 24, T 26 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Kenneth Boyd, Rt. 2, Box 39, Fairland, OK 74343

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

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This one-room structure is rectangular shaped (34' x 18') with a small wing section. It is constructed of cut random ashlar. The roof is gabled with projecting eaves and extends out over the wing section. The front entryway has a single door covered by a hood with brackets. The windows on the front facade of the structure are grouped into bands and are partially covered with boards. Windows have concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: unknown

The Oseuma school was a particularly significant community resource. Construction of this structure provided employment for local men suffering from the economic depression. The school served as an educational facility for generations of local children and fostered a sense of pride among community residents. Its continued existence as a structure serves to illustrate the commitment on the part of the WPA to the future of the United States. Its small scale makes the school unique as most WPA built buildings tended to be larger in scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 331040 4065420

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles east of Afton on U.S. highway 59, then 2.4 miles north on a county road and from the SE corner of the NE 1/4 in Sec. 24, T 26 N, R 22 E, go north 208 feet, west 416 feet, south 208 feet, and east 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 118-a; 118-b