

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BARNSDALL SCHOOL INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING

LOCATION: Cedar and 9th Streets, Barnsdall, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113

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

OWNER: Barnsdall Board of Education, Box 629, Barnsdall, OK 74002

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

A single story, rectangular (41' x 98') building, the Industrial Arts Building is constructed of undressed and untooled native sandstone. The roof is gabled, and the door is covered with a small shed-like roof supported with decorative wood braces. The metal casement windows that rise to the eaves sit on pre-formed concrete sills. To the south end of the building has been attached an addition of sheet metal siding. Fortunately, this alteration has not affected the essential integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Barnsdall Industrial Arts Building is significant because it demonstrates the varied nature of educational structures constructed under the WPA program. Moreover, vocational education facilities were relatively rare, with most resources going into class or gymnasium buildings. Architecturally, the structure is unique within the community in terms of type and workmanship. It is especially important because it helped to put unemployed oil field laborers to work at meaningful labor at a time when they had been without economic security for as long as five years.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: North edge of the School Block, Red Eagle Addition to Barnsdall original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 98-a; 98-b