

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BEAVER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vic. West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma 040, Delaware County 041; SE 1/4, Sec. 25, T 20 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Jim and Mary Eubanks, Rural Route 4, Colcord, OK 74338

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Delaware County Courthouse, Jay, Oklahoma 74346

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Beaver School is a classic one room school building constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. The roof is gabled, while the window openings, filled with wood sash windows, reach to the eaves and contain pre-formed concrete sills. The single entry front door is recessed behind an archway and covered by a small gable awning supported by wood brackets. A similar cover is over the rear entry, which is not recessed.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

Beaver School is representative of the commitment of the WPA to the improvement of education in rural and isolated regions, even when the number of students were relatively few. The facility spawned a revival of educational enthusiasm and generated pride in the local community. Its construction also provided jobs in the early days of the depression for destitute agriculturalists, enabling them to support their own family and to give a boost to the local economy. Beaver school is also a remarkable example of WPA vernacular architecture.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Siloam Springs NW, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Just one mile west of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, the school property begins at a point 208 feet north of the southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 30, T 20 N, R 26 E and goes east 208 feet, north 208 feet, west 208 feet and south 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 25-a; 25-b