OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BOUDINOT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tahlequah, Oklahoma 040, Cherokee County 021; NW 1/4, Sec. 36, T 17 N, R 22 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied, unrestricted; present use--vacant

OWNER: Boudinot Baptist Church, Route 3, Tahlequah, OK 74464

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cherokee County Courthouse, Tahlequah, OK 74464

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The old Boudinot school is rectangular shaped (37' x 22') and constructed of randomly laid, uncut native stone. The mortar is beaded. It has a new roof which is hipped with a center gable which extends to form a porch supported by wooden columns. The two single door entryway is recessed. Reaching to the eaves on the rear, the sash windows are singly placed and grouped into bands; all have concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1936-1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families 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. Wages spent in the local community helped to preserve mainstreet. The school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community. It is representative of WPA constructions in that the quality of workmanship is excellent.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 3 miles east of Tahlequah and one-half mile south to the school site; from the northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 36, T 17 N, R 22 E, go 208 feet west to a point of beginning, then south 208 feet, west 208 feet, north 208 feet, and east 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 8-a; 8-b