

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CHILDERS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Delaware, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105; NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T 26 N, R 16 E.

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

OWNER: Childers Full Gospel Church, c/o Otto Pace, Route 1, Delaware, OK 74027

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Childers School contains four rooms and is a single-story, rectangular (49' x 68') structure constructed of cut, coarsed, and rusticated native stone. The roof is flat with parapets. The encased windows have concrete lentils and sills. New cross gables have been added to doorways in the front and back of the building. Boards have been inserted into the windows to make them smaller. The structure has been painted a pinkish color. The alterations, however, do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: unknown

Within the community, the building is unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. Construction of this school provided work for the unemployed and infused wages of some 16,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. This assistance helped ease the social and economic distress caused by the depression. It also created educational opportunities for those in a rural area of Oklahoma.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Delaware on highway no. 28 some 6 miles and south on highway no. 28, 1/2 mile to the school site, being in the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 26 N, R 16 E, and goes 416 feet south, 208 feet east, 416 feet north, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 68-a; 68-b