

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLEVELAND GRADE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Delaware and Ortner Street, Cleveland, Oklahoma 040, Pawnee County 117

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

OWNER: Cleveland Board of Education, 211 E. Wichita, Cleveland, OK 74020

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee, OK 74058

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of eight rooms, the Cleveland Grade School is a single-story, rectangular (152' x 124') structure constructed of red brick. Masonry of the building is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets and has a cross gable at the central portion of the building. The entry is recessed behind pilasters with art deco styling. The metal encased windows have been reduced in size, and the top pane of each has been painted with blue paint. An additional building has been constructed on the north side of the school. This alteration does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Architecturally, this building is unique because of its type, art deco style, scale, and workmanship. In particular, the use of brick by the WPA was unusual in NE Oklahoma. Construction of this school also provided some security for destitute workers during the depression. The project enabled the WPA to infuse the wages of some 83,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Completion of the school greatly enhanced educational opportunities in this area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Cleveland, Okla.
1:24.000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 7 through 8 in Block 4 of Cleveland original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 120-a; 120-b