

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pryor, Oklahoma 040, Mayes County 097; Sec. 32 T 21 N, R 20 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied, unrestricted; present use--community activities

OWNER: Board of Education, Pryor Public Schools, 521 SE First, Pryor, OK 74361

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mayes County Courthouse, Pryor, OK 74361

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This two room, single story, rectangular (36' x 50') building is constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors in a masonry of random rubble. The roof is both hipped and gabled with a gable dormer window. The main entrance is accessed through a portico. The sash windows are by fours on the east and west sides and contain concrete sills and reach to the eaves. The windows on the north and south ends have concrete lentils and sills. An additional doorway has been added, as well as a concrete block addition on the north side. These alterations do impair the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages from some 16,000 man-hours of labor 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. Architecturally, the school is a rich example of WPA vernacular style, especially unique within the Cole community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go east of Pryor on highway no. 20 some 6 miles then north on county road 2 miles then east 1/2 mile to the school site, a 208 square foot tract in the SE corner of the SW quarter of Sec. 5, T 21 N, R 20 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none