

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DEER CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Main Street and State Highway 11, Deer Creek, Oklahoma 040, Grant County 053; NE1/4, Sec. 21, T 27 N, R 3 W.

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

OWNER: Deer Creek School Board, Box 67, Lamont, OK 74643

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK 73759

DESCRIPTION: good/excellent condition; altered; original site

The Deer Creek School contains two WPA additions (extensions) to the original structure. They were constructed of red brick, so remarkably blended into preexisting walls that it is difficult to discern where WPA masons began. The roof is flat with parapets and is in good condition. The west side entrance is a recessed, single metal frame door. Fixed metal windows are spaced alternately in threes and sixes. A continuous white band frieze is located above the windows. The brick walls of the school are decorated with symmetrically placed extrusive symbols of thunderbirds and diamond-shaped objects. The integrity of the building is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Deer Creek School is notable as an example of the WPA's involvement in construction of educational centers. The school additions erected at Deer Creek are still in service today. Additionally, the project provided job opportunities to unemployed workers during the Depression as well as enhancing civic pride. The school is significant as a WPA structure in its style, workmanship, and construction materials. Within the community, the building is unique in its style and scale.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Deer Creek, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: One block of land situated as follows to wit: beginning 55 rods west of the NE corner of Sec. 21, then south 300 feet, then west 300 feet, then north 300 feet, then east 300 feet to the point of beginning, all in Sec. 21, T 27 N, R 3 W.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None