

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DELAWARE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Jay, Oklahoma 040, Delaware County 041; SE 1/4, Sec. 6, T 23 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Community of Delaware, Rural Route, Jay, OK 74346

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Delaware County Courthouse, Jay, OK 74346

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

This rectangular shaped (60' x 34') building is constructed of uncut and uncoursed native stone with a porous texture. The mortar is beaded. The roof is gabled with projecting eaves and a center gable which combines with an extension of the roof to form a porch supported by columns on piers. Two single door entries with concrete lintels are located under the porch. Double-hung wood sash windows are grouped into bands and pairs that reach to the eaves with continuous concrete sills and lintels. A wooden belvedere is a most unusual feature of this vernacular structure.

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

The Delaware school is significant because it brought modern educational facilities to the rural children of the community. School construction constituted the major portion of WPA projects in Oklahoma. This testifies to the commitment to the future on the part of the WPA. During the 1930's construction of this school provided destitute men with jobs and brought money into the community at a time when money supplies were severely limited. Architecturally the building is unique for its belvedere which is most uncommon for structures of this type.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go approximately 5 miles north of Jay on U.S. highway 59 to a 208 square foot acre in the northwest corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 6, T 23 N, R 24 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 28-a; 28-b