

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

EDNA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Beggs, Oklahoma 040, Creek County 037; NW 1/4, Sec. 12, T 14 N, R 10 E

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

OWNER: Darrell and Susan Shelton, Rt. 4, Box 350, Bristow, OK 74010

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Creek County Courthouse, Sapulpa, OK 74066

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school of six or more rooms is a single-story, essentially square (64' x 62') building constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors arranged in a random rubble pattern. The strategic placement of the different colors of stone raises the masonry to the level of art. The roof is flat with parapets, and the doors are recessed behind archways. The small round window and the arched entryway in the front of the building hint at a mission revival style of architecture. Most of the windows have been covered with plastic inserts, but this alteration does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA project, the structure is notable for its stylistic illusion to mission revival architecture and its use of the colorful native stone. The fact that such a building is located in a rural area also makes it very unique. The school is unique within the area architecturally because of its style and workmanship. It is significant because construction of the school provided some economic security to the unemployed, infusing wages of some 27,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It also gave students in the rural area additional educational opportunities.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Beggs on highway no. 16 some 8 miles and south on county road 2.5 miles to school site, it being on property that begins at the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 12, T 14 N, R 10 E, and goes 416 feet north, 208 feet east, 416 feet south, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 18-a; 18-b