

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GAGE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Main and Church Streets, Gage, Oklahoma 040, Ellis County 045

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

OWNER: Gage Board of Education, Box 128, Gage, OK 73843

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Arnett, OK 73832

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Gage School is a one-story rectangular (184' x 40') building constructed of red brick. The building has a flat roof with parapets. The entry facade contains a recessed door under a brick archway framed with pilasters and a scrolled cornice at the roof line. Above the entry is a concrete frieze. Metal encased windows are triple spaced with concrete sills and are located beneath a concrete frieze.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

By providing employment during the Depression for destitute workers near the agricultural and railroad community of Gage, the construction of the Gage School provided an additional service to the community, besides the athletic and educational events it housed. As a WPA building, the school is exceptional in its brick construction materials, quality of workmanship, and state of preservation. Within the community, the building is especially notable because it was the genesis of an unusual enthusiasm for education that continues today.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14-432230-4019140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 1, School House Addition to Gage original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none