

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GRANT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Paden, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; NE 1/4, Sec. 26, T 13 N, R 7 E.

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

OWNER: Quinton Brooks, Route 1, Paden, OK 74860

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school of two rooms is a single-story, rectangular (69' x 36') building constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled. The entrance has a center gable with the doors recessed behind two archways. A large window opening now filled with wood separates the two arches. The north, west, and south sides each have a round shutter at the eaves. The window openings, than reach to the eaves, have new aluminum-framed panes. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

Construction of this school provided work opportunities for unemployed and unskilled laborers in a rural and remote area where few previously existed and enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 20,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for children theretofore deprived educationally. The entrance to the school makes this building unique in this part of Oklahoma as a WPA structure. The type, style, materials, and workmanship also give it uniqueness.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 72310 3940050

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Paden on county road 5 miles then east on county road 1.5 miles to a tract of land beginning at the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 26, T 13 N, R 7 E; thence east 6.3 chains; thence south 3.37 chains; thence west 6.3 chains; thence north 3.37 chains to the point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 74-a; 74-b