

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GREYHORSE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Fairfax, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113; NW 1/4, Sec. 22, T 24 N, R 6 E

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

OWNER: Cleo and Carol Dilbeck, Rural Route 2, Box 72, Fairfax, OK 74637

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

Consisting initially of four rooms plus the gym, the Greyhorse School is L-shaped (65' x 128' vertically, with a 43' x 47' extension) and constructed of both rusticated and coursed as well as untooled and randomly laid native sandstone. Entryway facades, corners and pilasters on the gymnasium are of rusticated and coursed stone, while the rest is of colorful untooled native rock. The roof is flat with parapets, Window sills, continuous lintels, friezes and wall caps are of cut limestone. Doors are recessed behind archways, and windows are wood sash. One window on the west is filled with concrete blocks, while one on the east is filled with a wood insert. Neither of these alterations affect the architectural integrity of the building.

### SIGNIFICANCE:

1938; architect/builder: unknown

As a rural WPA building, this structure is unique with regard to size and its construction of two different rock types (cut and uncut stone). Within the community it is notable in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. Indeed, Greyhorse is an Osage Indian settlement with no building comparable to that of the school; the identification of the Indians with the school in itself makes the structure important. After its construction the school had a student body made up in large part of Osage children. Moreover, the Osages were some of those destitute and unemployed laborers who were given job opportunities when the school was constructed. The economic security that thus accrues to them, after long months of virtual starvation, makes the Greyhorse school building especially significant.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: 14 710090 4047340

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated four miles southeast of Fairfax on paved county roads, the Greyhorse school property is 2 acres in the NE 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 in Sec. 22, T 24 N, R 6 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 104-a; 104-b