

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STILWELL HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Second and Ash Streets, Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001

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

OWNER: Flaming Rainbow University, Mabee campus, Second and Ash Streets, Stilwell, OK 74960

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The old Stilwell High School is a single story "L" shaped structure measuring 175' along the west front and 94' on the north side. It is constructed of cut and rusticated, most colorful native stone laid in a random pattern. The roof is flat with parapets capped by pre-formed concrete blocks. Modified stepped pilasters provide decorative relief on the front, while entryways are recessed and covered with a pre-formed, curved concrete awning. Windows are arranged by twos and threes with continuous lintels and generally with continuous sills. The building was apparently attached to a pre-existing gym on the south and a classroom section on the northeast. These structures do not impair the integrity of the WPA building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school is significant as an economic resource for the community. Approximately 112,500 manhours of labor were spent in completing the building. The wages from the labor were infused back into the local community helping to fuel the economy and counteract the problems of a limited money supply. Its size also suggests that large numbers of men were employed in the actual construction of this structure, many of these men might otherwise have not been able to feed their families given the dire economic conditions of the time. Educationally the structure has served and continues to serve the educational needs of the area. As a high school the structure provided for consolidation of several districts into a single district with improved facilities. Today the school houses Flaming Rainbow University a largely Indian facility.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stilwell West, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 353020 3964880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the northwest corner of Block 11, Stilwell original plat go south 225 feet, east 150 feet, north 225 feet, and west 150 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 4-a; 4-b