

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HOFFMAN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Fourth Street and School Road, Hoffman, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Hoffman, Hoffman, OK 74439

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school of four rooms is a rectangular (99' x 55') structure constructed of cut, uncoursed, native stone of auburn and buff colors. The strategic placement of the different colors of stone raises the masonry to the level of art. The roof is gabled. There is a center gable over the main entrance on the west side of the school. This entrance and the entrances on the north and south sides are recessed behind archways. There are large windows that reach to the eaves. The smaller windows and the larger windows have concrete sills. The large windows have brown wooden inserts and smaller, more energy-efficient windows have been installed. The small size windows also contain brown wooden inserts, completely obstructing their view. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1941; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This school is unique in terms of type, style, scale, and especially workmanship and materials. The use of auburn and buff colored stone is quite unique to Okmulgee County. It is also exceptional for its quality of workmanship. Moreover, construction of the school enhanced educational opportunities in Hoffman. It also gave jobs to those desperately in need, giving them an income that prevented starvation. The WPA also infused wages of some 11,000 man-hours of labor into Hoffman's local economy.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 241910 3930820

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 25, Hoffman original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 87-a; 87-b