

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NEW HOPE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Welty, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SE 1/4, Sec. 3, T 13 N, R 8 N.

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

OWNER: Pete and Vida Watts, Star Route, Castle, OK 74833

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This school of four rooms is a single-story, rectangular (35' x 64') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled with a large center gable on the front. The main entrance is recessed behind a porch in the northwest corner with concrete steps leading to it. The window openings, that extend to the eaves, have been filled with concrete blocks and smaller windows added. This alteration impeaches the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this WPA school is significant because it created a new environment conducive to learning in this rural and remote area. It also gave useful work to those badly in need of some kind of economic security during hard times. Architecturally, the structure is unique in comparison to other buildings nearby in terms of type, style, materials, scale, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two and one-half acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Welty on county road 2 miles, the school is on a tract of land beginning at the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec.3, T 13 N, R 8 E; thence north 314 feet; thence west 314 feet; thence south 314 feet; thence east 314 feet to the point of commencement.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none