

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKEMAH SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

LOCATION: Date Street, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: Okemah Board of Education, Box 186, Okemah, OK 74859

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Okemah agricultural building has two rooms and is a V-shaped (91' x 91') structure constructed of cut native stone with a random ashlar-type masonry. The roof has intersecting gables with new shingles. The entryway facade extends above the roof at the point of intersection. The windows are singly spaced and reach to the eaves. They have concrete sills. The east end of the building has a chimney. New doors have been added. The alteration in no way impeaches the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this building gave jobs to those desperately in need of economic security. The high level of unemployment made public work opportunities particularly important. It also enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 17,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It facilitated a more modern educational curriculum in Okemah by providing a "vocational" workshop. The building is unique in terms of its style, type, scale, materials, and workmanship. The V-shape of the agricultural building makes it very unique within the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: In the SE corner of Block 2, McIntosh Addition to Okemah original, specifically, from the intersection of Third and Date Streets, go east 485 feet and north 35 feet where the property begins; then go 91 feet north, 31 feet west, 91 feet south, 31 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 77-a; 77-b