

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PADEN SCHOOL/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Oak Street, Paden, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107; SE 1/4, Sec. 16, T 12 N, R 7 E.

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

OWNER: Paden Board of Education, Box 218, Paden, OK 74860

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Paded School/Auditorium combination of eight rooms is a single-story, T-shaped (137' x 93') structure constructed of cut and rusticated rock of auburn and buff colors. The rock is coursed at the base, but uncoursed on the top portion. The random rubble at the top is divided from the bottom by a concrete horizontal frieze. The roof is flat with parapets. The window openings have wood inserts and smaller, energy-efficient windows have been attached. The doors are new and are slightly recessed. Newer red brick has been placed in between the windows, and they look like pilaster strips. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

The building of this WPA project is significant because it provided jobs for unskilled and unemployed oil field laborers desperately in need of some type of economic security to preserve their pride and health. It also infused wages of some 46,000 man-hours of labor into Paden's economy. And it created a new environment conducive to learning for children of Paden and the surrounding area. The building is unique in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and especially workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: 14 720250 3931900

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: In the northwest corner of Paden, the property begins 624 feet east of the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, T 12 N, R 7 E, and goes north 312 feet, east 208 feet, south 312 feet, and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 78-a; 78-b