

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PAXTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hominy, Oklahoma 040, Osage County 113; NW 1/4, Sec. 12, T 22 N, R 7 E

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

OWNER: Jack H. Cox, Rural Route 2, Ralston, OK 74650

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Osage County Courthouse, Pawhuska, OK 74056

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

A rectangular structure that measures 28 feet by 39 feet, the Paxton school is the classic one-room school house sitting in lonely isolation from anything else. It is constructed of red brick laid with running bond. The roof is gabled, with a small cross gable serving as the porch for a recessed entryway. Before both entries there are concrete stoops. The windows with the remnants of wood sashes are now filled with metal sheets, the same material that covers the roof. Sills and lintels are of red brick. The enclosed windows do not alter the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: Oklahoma State Dept. of Education pattern book

One room school buildings constructed of brick by the WPA are most unique. Most are built of native stone. The materials of which Paxton school is built, therefore, makes it relatively significant. Sitting in lonely isolation amidst producing oil wells, the building personifies the strengths and weaknesses of rural education, promoting self-reliance as well as provincialism. And obviously it makes it unique architecturally in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. Construction of the building also provided much needed jobs for workers reduced to destitution by the national depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

Quadrangle: Bug Creek, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles west of Hominy on state highway No. 20 to a intersection with an unpaved county road from the south; turn south and stay on the right at the fork, going west two and 1/2 miles. The Paxton school property is a 208 square foot tract in the NW corner of Sec. 12, T 22 N, R 7 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 110-a; 110-b