

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PERRY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Ivanhoe and Thirteenth Streets, Perry, Oklahoma 040, Noble County 103

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

OWNER: Perry School Board, 610 Elm Avenue, Perry, OK 73077

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Noble County Courthouse, Perry, OK 73077

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Perry School is a single-story, multi-roomed, rectangular (135' x 95') structure constructed of rusticated and cut native stone arranged in a random coursed ashler pattern. The roof is flat with parapets capped with concrete blocks. The southeast entry is a single door recessed beneath a protruded stone round archway at the top of a stone stairway. The southwest entrance is a doorway recessed behind perpendicularly-placed stone round archways. Fixed metal windows with stone lintels and concrete continuous sills are spaced in twos, threes, fours, or singly. Unfortunately, a section of the structure has been removed and a red brick wall inserted.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The Perry School building, still in use today, was important in expanding the educational facilities of this north-central Oklahoma community. Moreover, the construction of the school provided temporary employment for jobless workers during the Depression and created a sense of optimism in the local citizenry. Moreover, it poured wages from some 70,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. As a WPA structure, the building is significant as an example of the educational projects sponsored by the program. Architecturally, the school is notable in terms of its type, unique style, superb workmanship, and construction materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Ivanhoe and Thirteenth Streets, go 60 feet north, 60 feet east to point of beginning, then 100 feet east, 140 feet north, 100 feet west, and 140 feet south to point of beginning in Block 31, designated "Academy Reserve," North and West Perry original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none