

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PIONEER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Waukomis, Oklahoma 040, Garfield County 047; SE 1/4, Sec. 24, T21N, R6W.

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

OWNER: Pioneer-Pleasant Vale School Board, Rt. 1, Waukomis, OK 73773

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Garfield County Courthouse, Enid, OK 73701

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Pioneer School Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (70' x 30') structure constructed of random coursed and rusticated native stone of a dark red color. The gable roof has parapets on the east and west ends. The west side entrance is a single door surrounded by concrete blocks. Two native stone pediments rise on either side of the door until they reach a concrete round arch above the door. Fixed metal windows are encompassed in similar archways with concrete slip sills below the window and at the base of the concrete blocks below the windows. A native stone protrusion is located near the apex of the roof on the west side of the building. Additions have been attached on the south and north sides of the gymnasium, detracting from its original integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Pioneer Gymnasium was significant in providing this rural agricultural area with improved educational facilities as well as an athletic and social gathering center. In addition, the Depression era project created needed temporary jobs for unemployed workers. Still in use today, the Pioneer Gymnasium is architecturally unique for north central Oklahoma in its use of native stone. As a WPA project, the gymnasium is important as an example of the country schools constructed by that agency. Within the community, the building is unique for its style, workmanship, and construction materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Five acres

Quadrangle: Enid SE, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point 448.61 feet north of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24, T 21 N, R 6 W., then west 485.5 feet, then south 448.61 feet, then east 485.5 feet, then north 448.61 feet to a point of beginning, said tract containing five acres more or less. Nominated portion of property is defined as beginning at a point 110 feet north of road intersection then 70 feet west, 30 feet north, 70 feet east, and 30 feet south to point of origin.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None