

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PRAIRIE VIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Checotah, Oklahoma 040, McIntosh County 091; SE 1/4, Sec. 36, T 11 N, R 17 E.

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; restricted; present use--private residence

OWNER: Betty Buxman and Lucille Bowden; Trustees, 5020 Woodfield Place, Springfield, MO 65807

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McIntosh County Courthouse, Eufaula, OK 74432

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

This school of two rooms is a single-story, rectangular (25' x 50') structure constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. The roof is gabled and has shingles. The front entrance is recessed behind an archway. The window panes are gone. Most of the structure is covered by trees.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1935-1936; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Dept. of Instruction Pattern Book

This school is unique within the area in terms of type, style, materials, workmanship, and scale. Construction of it gave employment to unskilled and unemployed laborers on relief, giving them a chance to gain some economic security. With its completion, educational opportunities greatly improved for children in this rural and remote area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Warner Northwest, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Checotah on U. S. 266 some 4 miles then south on county road 5 miles then west 1 mile then south 1 mile then east 1/2 mile to school site in a 1 acre tract in the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 36, T 11 N, R 17 R.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none