

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

RABBIT TRAP SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; NW 1/4, Sec. 13, T 16 N, R 24 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--other

OWNER: Emmit Nolan, 437 Mission Drive, Camerillo CA 93010

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated condition; unaltered; original site

This rectangular (50' x 35'), two-room school is constructed of randomly laid uncut native stone with beaded masonry. The roof is hipped with projecting eaves and a projecting center gable supported by crude wooden columns. The double door front entryway is recessed with an open porch. Double-hung wood sash windows are arranged in pairs and have concrete sills and lintels.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Rabbit Trap school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. Architecturally the building is unique for its projecting gable on hipped roof.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acres

Quadrangle: Stilwell West, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Stilwell on State highway 51 approximately 7 1/4 miles, then north 1/2 mile to a tract of land beginning 416 feet south of the NW corner of Sec. 13, T 16 N, R 24 E, then east 208 feet, south 208 feet, west 208 feet, and north 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none