

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

REIN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ponca City, Oklahoma 040, Noble County 103; SW 1/4, Sec. 11, T 24 N, R 2 E

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

OWNER: Dewey Wayne Kelly, Rt. 6, Box 245, Ponca City, OK 74601

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Noble County Courthouse, Perry, OK 73307

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

The Rein School is a single-story, rectangular (47' x 35') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone. The roof is gabled, with a small cross gable that, supported by four posts, covers the recessed entryway. An external stone chimney rests at one end; a single door entry opens on the other. Wood sash windows with stone lug sills are single spaced on the front, while window openings on the rear extend to the eaves. The schoolhouse retains its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The Rein School building is an excellent example of a classic one-room educational structure, only one of two that remains intact in Oklahoma's northwestern counties. To the extent that most WPA constructed schools in the northwest were multi-room and utilized brick construction materials, the Rein School is exceptionally significant regionally. The facility improved the ability of the rural school district to deliver modern educational curriculum, and its construction provided work opportunities for destitute agricultural workers. Wages from some 5000 man-hours of labor helped to revitalize the local economy. The structure is significant architecturally because it is virtually one of a kind in the region, and because of its construction materials, workmanship, scale and style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 672830 4048180

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of U.S. 177 and U.S. 60 in Ponca City, go eight miles south and one-half east to the southwest corner of Sec. 11, T 24 N, R 2 E, then north 200 feet, east 200 feet, south 200 feet, and west 200 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 21-a; 21-b