

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROCKY HILL SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111; SE 1/4, Sec. 13, T 13 N, R 11 E

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

OWNER: Leslie Reese, Route 4, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school and gymnasium/auditorium combination has at least four rooms and is a T-shaped structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled on both sections. The doors have small triangular attachments. The windows in front on the lower level are arranged in groups of three and have decorative attachments. Some windows have been left in their original form, and all have concrete sills. The second level windows contain wood inserts.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This WPA project is unique in terms of style, type, scale, materials, and workmanship. No other structure in this area compares to it in size. This project provided job opportunities to unskilled and unemployed workers in this rural area and infused wages of some 24,680 man-hours of labor into the local economy during the depth of the depression. It also greatly enhanced educational opportunities. Children who were educationally deprived now had a new environment conducive to learning.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: Okmulgee Lake, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 763640 3942860

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Sec. 13, T 13 N, R 11 E, go north 416 feet, east 208 feet, south 416 feet, and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 94-a; 94-b