

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SIMPSON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Eufaula, Oklahoma 040, McIntosh County 091; NW 1/4, Sec. 33, T 10 N, R 15 E.

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

OWNER: Arch Yandell, Route 2, Eufaula, OK 74432

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This three-room school is a single-story, rectangular (26' x 54') structure constructed of uncut native stone of buff and auburn colors with masonry of random rubble. The roof is gabled with a center gable over the entrance. The main door is recessed behind an archway. All the windows have concrete sills and the windows in the back reach to the eaves. The cement in between the rocks has been painted white, which gives it a beaded look, though it is not actually beaded. All of the windows contain partial wood inserts. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

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

This small school is exceptional for its quality of workmanship that reaches the level of art. The strategic placement of the different colors of stone beautify this quaint little school in this rural and remote area. Construction of the school provided jobs for destitute workers in search of economic security and infused wages of some 20,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for children that were deprived of such an atmosphere earlier.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Stidham, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Eufaula on state highway 9 some 7.5 miles then continue west on county road 1 mile then north 1 mile to the school site, which is on a 1 acre square tract in the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 33, T 10 N, R 15 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 50-a; 50-b