

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SKELLY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 20, T 19 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Skelly Board of Education, Rt. 1, Watts, OK 74964

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This rectangular shaped building measures 25'x 40' and is constructed from uncoursed and irregular shaped native stone with beaded mortar. Its gable roof has projecting eaves and is stepped. Two recessed entryways are located on the east and west behind arches with cut stone keystones; the west entry has a hood with brackets. Two bands of metal sash windows reach to the eaves on the west and have concrete sills. Additions to both sides of the structure have destroyed its integrity and disqualify it for inclusion on the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Skelly 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 pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. Architecturally the building is unique for its stepped roof design.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

Ouadrangle: Chewey, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow highway 59 south of Watts 2 1/2 miles, then go west 10 1/2 miles on paved county road to a tract of land beginning at the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 20, T 19 N, R 24 E, thence north 90 yards, thence west 105 yards, thence south 90 yards, thence east 105 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none