

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STARR SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 8, T 15 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: George Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 29, Stilwell, OK 74960

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This single story, rectangular shaped (35' x 43') building is constructed from uncut and uncoursed native stone with beaded mortar. The new gable roof has a roof overhang and wood siding under the gable. The original doorway and windows in the front have been filled with stone. Elsewhere the singly placed windows have been modified and replaced with new metal sash windows. There is a porch on the front of the building. Alteration of the doorways and windows combined with stone and concrete additions to the rest of the structure destroy the integrity of the building.

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

The construction of the Starr school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing 6898 manhours of work for depression stricken farmers. These 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 qualities were not widely in evidence. The masonry exhibited on this building is exceptional and of a quality rarely found in modern structure of like kind.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than on acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 2 miles west of Stilwell on State highway 100, then south 1.7 miles, then west 1/10 of a mile to a tract of land that begins at a point 728 feet east and 208 feet north of the southwest corner of the SE 1/4, Sec. 8, T 15 N, R 26 E, and goes 208 feet north, 208 feet east, 208 feet south, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None