

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STEELY SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Salina, Oklahoma 040, Delaware County 041; NE 1/4, Sec. 12, T 21 N, R 22 E

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

OWNER: Steely Baptist Church, Salina, OK 74365

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Delaware County Courthouse, Jay, OK 74346

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This one-room, rectangular shaped (36' x 24') structure is constructed of cut and coursed native stone. It has a gabled roof with a recently added bell tower and projecting eaves. The front entryway is arched and recessed with a wooden hood supported by brackets. The wooden sash windows are grouped in bands with a concrete sill. They reach to the eaves and some of the south windows are partially covered by boards.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school is significant because it offered a measure of modern education to a very rural and isolated population. It also constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for almost 6200 man-hours of labor for local families which were infused back into the depressed local economy. Jobs generated by the construction of the school restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to provide for their families. It is significant architecturally for its pattern book design and as a classic example of the "little" one-room school house.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Four miles west of Kenwood, begin 416 feet west and 312 feet north of the southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 12, T 21 N, R 22 E, and go 150 feet east, 104 feet north, 150 feet west and 104 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None