

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STIDHAM SCHOOL/GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Stidham, Oklahoma 040, McIntosh County 091

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

OWNER: Stidham Board of Education, General Delivery, Stidham, OK 74461

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The school has 14 rooms and is a single-story, U-shaped (98' x 208') structure constructed of coursed and rusticated native stone of auburn and buff colors. The school roof is flat with parapets, and the gymnasium roof is arched with parapets. The two main entryways are recessed behind archways and have pilasters. Pilaster strips are along the front wall and corners, giving the building a hint of art deco styling. Most of the encased windows are in groups of three. Some of the windows are covered or partially covered with white painted wood. There is a brick addition on the east side of the school and a brick addition attached to the north side of the gymnasium. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

This school is most unique because of its large size. Nothing in the rural area compares in scale. Educationally, it created a new environment conducive to learning for children theretofore deprived educationally. Construction of this school provided employment opportunities for men willing and able to work, but on relief because of the serious economic conditions in the area. It also enabled the WPA to infuse 26,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy and to help prevent the collapse of main street.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Stidham original, in the NE, NE of Section 3, T 10, R 15.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 52-a; 52-b