

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SUNNY SLOPE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Warner, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; NE 1/4, Sec. 35, T 13 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: W.E. Fulston, Rt. 1, Box 45, Warner, OK 74469

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Muskogee County Courthouse, Muskogee, OK 74401

DESCRIPTION: very good condition; unaltered; original site

This single-story rectangular (26' x 45') structure contains two rooms. It is constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff and auburn colors. The mortar is beaded. The roof is gabled. At either end of the front facade there are two entries recessed behind archways that have arched lentils made with strategically placed stones. The wood sash windows are placed in fours; the openings reach to the eaves and contain concrete sills. The top one-half of the windows have been covered with wood panels which serve as sun screens.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: unknown

This building is significant because it is an outstanding example of a small rural school that was able to provide a more modern educational curriculum as a consequence of the work of the WPA. Equally important is that its construction provided job opportunities during the depths of the depression for unemployed and destitute workers, enabling them to provide for their families and to purchase goods and services that stimulated the local economy. Architecturally, the building stands as a remarkable and virtually untouched example of vernacular styles associated with the WPA building program.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 286300 3938140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go four miles north and 2.5 miles west of Warner to a tract 208 feet east to west and 416 feet north to south in the northeast corner of Sec. 35, T 13 N, R 18 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 65-a; 65-b