

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TRENTON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hanna, Oklahoma 040, McIntosh County 091; SW 1/4, Sec. 32, T 9 N, R 13 E.

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

OWNER: Hanna Board of Education, Box H, Hanna, Oklahoma 74845

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This school of four rooms is a single-story, rectangular (80' x 30') building constructed of uncut native stone of auburn and buff colors. The beaded masonry of the school is cobweb rubble, which makes it particularly unique. The roof is gabled, and the doors are recessed behind archways. There is a series of windows on the west side that reach to the eaves. Smaller windows are located at various points on the other three sides of the school. All of these windows have concrete sills. These window openings have partial or total inserts of panels in order to reduce their size, but this does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

This school is very unique for its quality of workmanship. The cobweb rubble style masonry is quite unique for WPA buildings in McIntosh County. It is also notable in terms of type, style, and scale. Construction of the building is significant because it provided employment opportunities for black, destitute laborers who desperately needed work and infused wages of some 30,600 man-hours of labor into the local economy. Educational opportunities for black children in the area were enhanced in this rural area as well.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Hanna on county road 3.5 miles to school site on a 2 acre tract, 208 feet north, 416 feet east, 208 feet south, and 416 feet west, in the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 32, T 9 N, R 13 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 53-a; 53-b