

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

VALLEY SUMMIT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Warner, Oklahoma 040, Muskogee County 101; NW 1/4, Sec. 28, T 12 N, R 20 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--hay storage

OWNER: Ronnie Shanks and Cindy Clayton Shanks, Rt. 1, Webbers Falls, OK 74470

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This single-story one room school is rectangular (34' x 46'), and is constructed of cut and crudely coursed native stone. The roof is gabled. The entrance is centrally placed on the front facade and contains a concrete lintel. The windows are singly placed on the west side and reach to the eaves on the east side. All the windows have concrete sills. The north end of the building contains a louver near the roof. Windows on the east side contain wood inserts, and the south wall has been open to create a huge opening to facilitate loading and storing of hay. This unfortunate "wound" destroys the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State. Dept. of Education Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided local families with wages from some 6200 man-hours of labor 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 for the first time in many years were able to provide for their families. Architecturally, the structure is an excellent example of vernacular styles and demonstrates the immaturity of craftsmanship that later WPA buildings demonstrated.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Holt Mountain, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go west of Warner on highway no. 64, 6 miles then south on county road 1 mile to the school site, specifically in a one acre tract in the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 28, T 12 N, R 20 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none