

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WARD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 33, T 19 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Geraldine Whitten, Rt. 1, Box 201, Westville, OK 74965

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This three-room, T-shaped building measures 124' x 30' and is constructed of uncut and randomly laid multicolored native stone. The roof is gabled and stepped with projecting eaves. It has an arched front entryway with cut stone keystone and a single wooden door. The windows are singly placed with concrete sills and lintels. Unfortunately an addition has been added which destroys the architectural integrity of the structure and disqualifies it for inclusion on the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Ward school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two and one-fourth acres

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

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south from Watts 2.3 miles on U.S. highway 59, then west 3.2 miles on upaved county road, then north .2 of a mile to a point of beginning at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 33, T 19 N, R 25 E, thence west 315 feet, thence north 315 feet, thence east 315 feet, thence south 315 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: None