

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FRANCIS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Francis, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: The Byng Board of Education, Box 2509, Ada, OK 74821

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Francis Auditorium was built in the early days of the WPA, as evidenced by its shabby workmanship. The structure is a single-story, rectangular (51' x 25') structure constructed of cut and lightly tooled, coursed native stone. Its flat roof is covered by parapets. The sash windows have cut stone sills. The stones are painted white, and an addition has been built off the north end of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

This structure displays a rare lack of workmanship for a WPA building. This is because of its early construction date and the fact that it was built with unskilled labor. Architecturally, it is unique for its type, style, and materials. The fact that the building now serves as a classroom building illustrates the role of the WPA in promoting education.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located in Block 49, Francis original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: none