

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NAPIER HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

OWNER: Paradise Hills Baptist Church, Rural Route, Ada, OK 74820

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Napier School is a single-story, eight-room, T-shaped (186' vertically x 153' horizontally) structure constructed of brick. The roof is flat, except over the gym, where it is arched. The entryways are recessed; and the front entry is framed by pilasters and a roof of poured concrete. Windows have concrete sills. Parapets and brick friezes add a decorative element. Windows have been reduced or enclosed by wood inserts or bricks. This alteration has not compromised the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Built for black students, Napier School is one of the more attractive schools in the area. It is significant that it was built by unemployed residents at a time when the district could ill afford such an undertaking without federal aid. Construction undoubtedly kept many workers off the dole while at the same time providing black school children excellent facilities for learning. Noteworthy for its scale, type, style, and workmanship, Napier School has done much to promote community pride among area black residents.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated north of the county fairgrounds, the school property begins in the NE corner of the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Sec. 21, T 4 N, R 6 E and runs west 300 feet, south 310 feet, east 300 feet and north 310 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 54-a; 54-b