

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CONWAY SCHOOL

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

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

OWNER: Margaret Mary Mayer, Rt. 1, Box 84, Allen, OK 74825

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old Conway School was a single-story, rectangular (66' x 31') structure constructed of brick. The hipped roof has a projecting (four foot) center gable, brick chimney stack and a lantern. Corners of the structure have quoins. The original windows have been bricked in, leaving smaller openings and thus creating smaller windows. The main entry is arched and recessed, and a door on the south side has been bricked in and a new one on the north side cutout. The roof has been raised and a second story added.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The schoolhouse is unique in style, type, and workmanship. It provided learning opportunities for many rural children of the area. The building is significant in that its construction provided jobs for unemployed oil field workers and farmers suffering from drought conditions. The structure stands today as a symbol of the value of the WPA.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two and one-half acra

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Encompassing the SE SE SE SE of Section 36, T 4 N, R 7 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: none