

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ALBANY SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Albany, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 9, T 8 S, R 11 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings, private; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--storage

OWNER: Mr. S. L. McKenzie, Albany, OK 74721

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: fair to deteriorated condition; unaltered; original site

The Albany school campus is composed of two buildings: an eight-room classroom and a gymnasium/auditorium with an attached home economic facility. The classroom building is a single, rectangular (142' x 57') structure constructed of poured concrete. The roof, now covered with sheet metal, is hipped; double and single window openings are alternately placed; the entry way is composed of a porch with hipped roof and recessed doors. The surface of the latter is incised.

The gym and auditorium, situated some 100 feet west of the classroom building, is a single story, rectangular (ca. 65' x 96') structure constructed with a wood frame and clapboard siding. The roof is arched with catlides on either side. The front door is entered through an enclosed porch with gable roof. To the south rear of this building is attached a single story, rectangular (24' x 52') structure with a gable roof constructed of material identical with that used on the gym. It housed the home economic department.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Albany campus buildings are significant because construction of them created an entirely new educational environment, having replaced a rotted wood frame structure, and promoted an enthusiasm for learning seldom seen previously in the system. They also provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in Albany who had long been on relief and were fast losing hope in the the American promise. As rural WPA school buildings, they are remarkable for their scale and construction materials--poured concrete and wood. To the community they were unique architecturally because of their type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Four acres

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

UTM: A--14 762710 3752350; B-- 14 762660 3752340

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the east edge of Albany, the school

property begins where Sec. 9 line crosses the alley east of townsite of Albany and runs east 140 yards, south 140 yards, west 140 yards, and north 140 yards, in Sec. 9, T 8 S, R 11 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 9-A, 9-B, 9-C, 9-D