

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BLANCO SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pittsburg, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 7, T 3 N, R 15 E

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

OWNER: Pittsburg Board of Education, Box 118, Pittsburg, OK 74560

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A four room building, the Blanco school is a single story, rectangular (45' x 76') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Covered with composition shingles, the hipped roof has a gable dormer without lights, as well as a tent-like bell tower, above the centrally placed front entry. The front and side entries are recessed with archways. Wood sash on concrete sills windows reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Architecturally the building is unique in the Blanco community because of its type, Richardsonian style, scale, materials and quality of workmanship. It is significant too because it represented the genesis of modern education in the region, replacing a dilapidated structure, and is still being used for educational purposes in the form that it was first constructed. The facility is also notable because construction of it helped to alleviate some of the consequences of the depression in the coal mining community of Blanco, providing work and a measure of economic security for laborers long unemployed and on state relief roles.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 245860 3848400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 63 northwest from Pittsburg to the community of Blanco, turning south on the county road intersecting at that point and proceeding for one-fourth mile to the building on the east side of the road. The property begins in the SW corner of the north 18.28 acres of Lot 2 of Sec. 7, T 3 N, R 15 E, then goes north 330.7 feet, east 261.9 feet, south 330.7 feet, and west 261.9 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 129-A, 129-B