

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BRADEN SCHOOL TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Spiro, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 1, T 9 N, R 26 E

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

OWNER: Tom Aishman, Rural Route 2, Box 318, Spiro, OK 74959

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

Bungalow-like in style, the Braden school teacherage is a single story, rectangular (24' x 21') structure constructed of red brick laid with a running bond. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled; wood sash windows are placed singly or by twos. The front entry is off a porch covered by a gable roof. The Braden school building itself, also constructed of red brick, lies in ruins to the north of the teacherage.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The building is important because it helped to attract and retain quality teachers in a remote and isolated region. As a WPA building, it is notable for its type and construction materials. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type and workmanship. The teacherage is significant because it too provided an opportunity for useful work for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural area where such opportunities were all too few.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 363600 3905500

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 9A southwest from Arkoma approximately six miles to Braden school teacherage property, which includes the SW one acre (209 feet by 209 feet) in the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T 9 N, R 26 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 87-A