

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BRENT SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; SW 1/4, Sec. 33, T 11 N, R 24 E.

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

OWNER: Brent Community Church, Rural Route, Gans, OK 74936

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This single story rectangular structure measures 60 feet by 25 feet and is constructed of wood clapboard siding and rests upon a stone foundation. The roof is hipped with a center gable, which forms a portico, and dentils. The double door front entry is centered under the portico and single door entries are located on either end of the building. Windows are double-hung, wood sash and singly placed. The replacement of the rear entryway with wood siding has destroyed the integrity of the building and disqualifies it for inclusion on the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school is unique as a WPA building, especially in northeast Oklahoma, in that it is constructed of wood. It provided educational facilities for area children and its construction provided jobs for the impoverished population during the depression. It remains today as a symbol, although not widely recognized, of an enlightened federal policy that was committed to preserving self-esteem as much as an economic system.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Quadrangle: West Gans, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated 4.5 miles west of Gans on state highway 141, the property is located in the SW 1/4, Sec. 33, T 11 N, R 24 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none