

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BUCK CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Panama, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 13, T 8 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Jimmy D. Pierce, Rural Route, Panama, OK 74951

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

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A four room building initially, the Buck Creek school is a single story, rectangular (45' x 75') structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is hipped, and front and side doors are recessed. Window openings have been closed with wood inserts and new sash metal windows installed. The more energy-efficient window alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because it constituted the genesis of modern education in an area previously serviced by a dilapidated wood-frame structure with small windows that admitted little light. Its construction also helped to alleviate some of the economic effects of the depression in that it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers too long on relief rolls. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. A well maintained residence, it is an excellent example of adaptive reuse.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

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

UTM: 15 343525 3891960

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Panama go west on its main east-west street, also a paved county road, two and one-half miles. The property begins at the SE corner of Sec. 13, T 8 N, R 24 E, and follows a line that goes north 2.44 chains, west 6.10 chains, south 2.44 chains, and east 6.10 chains.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 88-A, 88-B.