

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CAMBRIA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 27, T 5 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Wilburton Board of Education, 301 W. Caddo, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two room building originally, the Cambria school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 68') structure with an offset and is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with tin sheets, is gabled with one step; the recessed front entryway is beneath an intersecting gable that serves as a porch. The porch roof is supported by four shafts connected by rails. Classroom window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size on the rear with wood inserts and metal sash windows installed. Windows on the front have been covered with plywood sheets. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The Cambria community was particularly hard hit by the depression which closed the coal mines in the area. Construction of the school building, therefore, provided work opportunities for destitute laborers on the verge of starvation. It also tended to revive community pride, especially because the structure provided a better environment for the educational processes so important to future generations. Architecturally the building is unique in the Cambria area because of its type, Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 271065 3862780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 270 east out of Hartshorne to the Latimer County line and at the first county road that goes north, turn left and follow it for one quarter of one mile, or to the first county road that turns back west. The school property is on the south side of the road, being a two acre tract 208.7 feet by 208.7 feet in the NE corner of the NE 1/4, of the NW 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T 5 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 70-A, 70-B