

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CARSON SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two buildings)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Dustin, Oklahoma 040, Hughes County 063; Sec. 13, T 8 N, R 11 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--storage and residential

OWNER: Dustin Board of Education, Box 390660, Dustin, OK 74839

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Hughes County Courthouse, Holdenville, OK 74848

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Carson school campus consists of two WPA structures: a classroom/gymnasium facility and a teacherage. Constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone, the classroom/gym building is rectangular (59' x 141') and has a gabled roof over the gym and a flat roof with parapets over the two classrooms. Walls are capped with cut stone. Windows, with cut stone sills and singly placed, a slightly extended facade with an arch as an entryway, and the undulations of the frontal cornice give the structure a distinct romanesque quality. The masonry and rock color are excellent.

Bungalow-like, the teacherage is a single story, rectangular (27' x 36') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled, as is the cover for the front porch. The porch rests on pedestals. Windows are singly placed. The teacherage is located 100 feet southwest of the school/gym building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The two buildings are significant because construction of them provided job opportunities in a rural and remote area for unskilled and unemployed agricultural workers who for more than two years had survived barely with welfare relief assistance. The Carson campus structures also were handsome facilities that encouraged, almost for the first time, real interest in education. As WPA buildings, the class/gym structure is remarkable for its clear romanesque style. It is the only example of a two room class facility with its own gym encountered in southeastern Oklahoma. Within the community the facilities are totally unique architecturally because of their style, type, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: A--14 765220 3894490; B--14 765170 3894440

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Dustin follow state highway No. 9 two and one-half miles west to a paved county road going south; go south approximately six and one-half

miles to the school property on the west side of the road, it beinning in the SW corner of Sec. 13, T 8 N, R 11 E, and going north 418 feet, west 209 feet, south 418 feet and east 209 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 49-A, 49-B