

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CENTERVIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Prague, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; NE 1/4, Sec. 16, T 11 N, R 6 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Prague Board of Education, NBU 3504, Prague, OK, 74864

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The old Centerview School is a single-story, five-room, rectangular (93' x 56') structure constructed of brick. The flat roof has parapets with a brick cap. The front entry is recessed behind an arch of cut limestone and framed by two pilasters and a stepped roof line cornice. The pilasters and the cornice are highlighted by limestone insets. End doors are also recessed behind brick arches that have decorative limestone insets. The window openings have continuous brick sills that wrap around the entire building. Wood insets in the windows have not compromised the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The schoolhouse served the Centerview community for many years. It is significant that construction of the building provided jobs for men without any other source of income. Although these workers were not highly paid or skilled, their workmanship was superb. It is to their credit that they were able to erect the Centerview School in such a way that within the community it is notable architecturally for its type, style, scale and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one and one-half acres

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

UTM: 14 711910 3923370

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go three and one-half miles south of Prague on paved road to school site, it occupying property that begins in the NE corner of Sec. 16, T 11 N, R 6 E, and runs 208 feet west, 300 feet south, 208 feet east, and 300 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 60-a; 60-b