

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COLE CHAPEL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 17, T 5 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: Hartshorne Board of Education, 520 S. 5th Street, Hartshorne, OK 74547

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition; unaltered; original site

The classic one-room building, the Cole Chapel school is a single story, rectangular (55' x 24') structure constructed of cut and roughly coursed native sandstone. The masonry is crude. The roof is gabled; the west front wood sash windows on cut stone sills reach to the eaves; the front doorway is arched and covered by a small porch.

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

The Cole Chapel school is an excellent example of WPA-built one room school constructed early during the program's life in Oklahoma, especially in that it is one of few that survives in relatively good condition. Within the rural community itself, the building is architecturally significant in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. It is notable too that construction of the building coincided with the coming of modern education in the Cole Chapel area. Moreover, unemployed and destitute coal miners found some economic security from the ravages of the depression by accepting jobs to help construct the school building.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Take the paved county road from Hartshorne to Adamson for some three and one-half miles north of its intersection with U.S. highway No. 270; the property is on the east side of the road, being a 209 square foot tract in the SW corner of the NW 1/4 and a 209 square foot tract in the NW corner of the SW 1/4, in Sec. 17, T 5 N, R 17 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 130-A, 130-B