

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COTTONWOOD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Coalgate, Oklahoma 040, Coal County 029

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

OWNER: Cottonwood Board of Education, Route 1, Coalgate, OK 74538

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Coal County Courthouse, Coalgate, OK 74538

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A four room building, the Cottonwood school is a single story, rectangular (72' x 44') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The hipped roof has a gable dormer without lights above the entry archway leading to recessed doors. Classroom window openings that reach to the eaves have been reduced in size with wood inserts, concrete block additions have been made to one side and to one-half of the rear, and the stone has been painted white. Despite these alterations, the building retains its essential architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

With coal mining as an economic base, Cottonwood was severely affected by the depression of the 1930s. Construction of the school building fortunately provided work opportunities for destitute miners and enabled them and their families to survive the economic catastrophe. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students theretofore deprived educationally. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 17, Block 10, Cottonwood original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 38-A, 38-B