

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CRAIG SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Haileyville, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 9, T 4 N, R 16 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Clifford Byrd, Rural Route #4, Box 370, McAlester, OK 74501

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

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Craig school is a single story, rectangular (30' x 72') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Covered with composition shingles, the roof is hipped with a central gable and porch (supported by two wood shafts) over a recessed front entryway of two doors. On the rear wood sash windows reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

In an area that suffered greatly by the closing of the coal mines, construction of the school building provided work opportunities and a measure of economic security for miners long on relief rolls and short on self respect. It also created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously deprived educationally. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. As a residence lovingly maintained, the structure is a good example of adaptive reuse.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres
Okla.

Quadrangle: Hartshorne Southwest,
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 259780 3858260

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 63 southwest out of Haileyville approximately two miles to the second county road that enters from the north. At the latter point go west one-half mile to school site, it beginning in the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of the section and running south 295.1 feet, east 295.1 feet, north 295.1 feet, and west 295.1 feet, all in Sec. 9, T 4 N, R 16 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 131-A, 131-B