

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DEGNAN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 36, T 6 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Board of Regents, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Degnan school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 70') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped; the recessed two-door, front entryway is covered by a porch with gable. The old classroom window openings, with concrete sills, have been covered with wood inserts, but this alteration does not impeach the architectural integrity of the building. Adjacent but not attached to the structure is a wood building that may have been a teacherage. It is not a part of this nomination.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant within the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Indeed there is not much of a "community" left within the vicinity. Also construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and laborers left without jobs by the closing of the coal mining industry. The building restored some community spirit sapped by the length of the depression and created a new environment conducive to learning for students used to decayed wooden structures.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 northwest from Wilburton for approximately two and one-half miles to the second paved county road that goes west; turn west and go one mile to the property site on the north side of the road, it beginning at a point 1980 feet north and 955.8 feet west of the SE corner of Sec. 36, T 6 N, R 18 E, and then running 330 feet west, 264 feet south, 330 feet east, and 264 feet north.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 72-A, 72-B