

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DUNBAR SCHOOLHOUSE

LOCATION: Sixth Street, Madill, Oklahoma 040, Marshall County 095

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

OWNER: T.L. Qualls, 411 West Francis, Madill, OK 73446

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Marshall County Courthouse, Madill, OK 73446

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The old Dunbar Schoolhouse is a single-story, rectangular shaped (71' x 34') cut and coursed stone building. Masonry is crude. The structure, which contains two rooms and an auditorium, has a stepped, gabled roof and a center gable. The windows, with concrete sills, have been altered with wood insets. The front entry is recessed inside a stone arch. A concrete inset is placed over the entry which states the name of the school--"DUNBAR." A brick addition on the south end does not impair the integrity of the structure, but three gable dormer windows do.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1939; builder/architect: Oklahoma Department of Education pattern book

Dunbar School was built for the black children in Madill. The building that they had previously had neither water, lights, nor gas. The new building was fully modern and much more conducive to learning. It is significant that without federal aid the project would probably not have been undertaken. Construction of the building also provided jobs for workers suffering from the Depression. Unique in type, style, and workmanship, Dunbar School was a truly beneficial project.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 83, Madill original

PICTURE REFERENCE: none