

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ELMORE CITY SCHOOL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BUILDING

LOCATION: Muse Avenue and C Streets, Oklahoma 040, Garvin County 049

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

OWNER: Elmore City Board of Education, Box 97, Elmore City, OK 73035

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Garvin County Courthouse, Pauls Valley, OK 73075

DESCRIPTION: good; altered; original site

Rectangular in shape, the Elmore City School Vocational Education Building measures 38 feet by 79 feet. It is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone, and it is covered by a gabled roof with one step. The south entryway is recessed and is covered with a small wood porch. Window openings, with pre-formed concrete sills, extend to the eaves. Metal casement windows are utilized in the shop portion of the building, while in the home ec portion the window openings have been reduced in size by wood inserts and aluminum sash windows openings. The inserts and a concrete block full addition to the east end of the building have not seriously affected the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: unknown

The Elmore City vocational education building is significant because it reflects the broad interpretation of WPA officials in selecting "useful" projects. Rather than construct buildings devoted completely to traditional subjects, they were willing to invest in structures that promoted the vocational arts--fields that were relatively new in secondary school curriculums. Architecturally the facility was unique in the community in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship. And in keeping with the principal purpose of the WPA, its construction provided work opportunities for individuals who were long on the relief rolls and short on self-respect.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Elmore City South, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point 724 feet east and 416 feet north of the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 22, T 2 N, R 2 W, go east 150 feet, north 75 feet, west 150 feet and south 75 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 11-a; 11-b