

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FIELDS CHAPEL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Vian, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135; SE 1/4 Sec. 3, T 12 N, R 23 E

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

OWNER: Earl W. Keck, Rt 2, Box 77, Vian, OK 74962

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The old Fields Chapel School is an essentially rectangular (70' x 37') two room structure constructed from uncut native stone laid in a cobweb pattern. It has a hipped roof with a pedimented center gable over a recessed front entry. Double hung wood sash windows with cut stone sills in front and wood sills in the rear have a continuous stone lintel with a keystone pattern which sets it apart from the masonry on the building's facade.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1942; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

This school is significant because it constituted an economically important community resource. Its construction provided wages for local families paid for some 19,000 man-hours of labor which were infused back into the depressed local economy helping to soften the impact of the depression on rural mainstreets. Jobs generated by the construction of the school enabled men to provide for their own families and restored a sense of pride to many men who might otherwise have been unable to feed their families. The school served for many years as an educational facility for children of the community, inaugurating a modern curriculum and encouraging a sense of academic excellence.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 331590 3933880

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go seven miles northeast of Vian to the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 3, T 12 N, R 23 E, and go 208 feet north, 416 feet east, 208 feet south, and 416 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 134-a; 134-b