

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

FISH CREEK SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Kinta, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061; Sec. 15, T 8 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Kinta Board of Education, Box 219, Kinta, OK 74552

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

A two room building, the Fish Creek school is a single story, rectangular (56' x 30') structure constructed of untooled native stone laid randomly. The roof, covered with tin sheets, is hipped and a porch, supported by square columns on undressed and uncoursed stone, extends over the two-door, recessed entryway. Wood sash classroom windows that rest on cut stone sills extend to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect; Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a rural and remote, coal mining community where there had been none and because the structure created a new environment conducive to learning for students previously confined to dilapidated wood structures. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Indeed, it is the only structure left in the immediate community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Sans Bois, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 301940 3892750

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 north of Kinta one mile to the Sans Bois road and go east four and one-half miles to the end of the road; go north two miles and west one mile to the SE corner of Sec. 15, T 8 N, R 20 E; from there go north 70 yards, west 125 yards, south 70 yards, and east 125 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 39-A, 39-B