

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GLENDAL SCHOOL TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wister, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec 7, T 5 N, R 25 E

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

OWNER: Mr. B. Elder, Rural Route 1, Howe, OK 74940

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated condition; unaltered; original site

Bungalow-like in style, the Glendale school teacherage is a single story, rectangular (34' x 36') house constructed of crudely cut native stone laid in uneven courses. The roof is gabled, and wood sash windows are placed by twos. The front entryway is off a wood porch covered by the main roof supported by pedestals and square columns; the rear entry has a similar porch arrangement. The Glendale school itself lies to the east of the teacherage in total ruins.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

The teacherage is significant because it is the only remaining structure associated with the Glendale school, a facility long administered by the politically dominant Hamilton family. It too provided useful labor to unemployed and unskilled workers destitute because of the depression. It also is significant because it enabled a rural and isolated school district to hire and to retain qualified teachers, who would not have taken an out-of-the-way position without adequate housing. As a WPA building, the teacherage is unique in type and scale. Within the community it is unique because of its materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 343970 3865540

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On U.S. highway No. 270 after crossing the dam of the Wister Reservoir going south, take the first right turn on a paved county road and go approximately one mile south to a church building. Just southeast of the church building across the road is the location of the teacherage, occupying a tract of land beginning 120 rods south of the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 7, T 5 N, R 25 E, and running west 200 feet, north 200 feet, east 200 feet, south 200 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 93-A, 93-B