

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL

LOCATION: 6th and C Streets, Antlers, Oklahoma 040, Pushmataha County 127

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

OWNER: Antlers Board of Education, 306 NE A Street, Antlers, OK 74523

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pushmataha County Courthouse, Antlers, OK 74523

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A three room building, the Antlers Negro school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 64') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Rock selection and placement is excellent. With a composition shingle covering, the hipped roof has a gable dormer without lights above the centrally placed front entryway. Original windows, which reached to the eaves and rested between concrete sills and lintels, have been replaced by ones more energy efficient. On the northwest corner has been added a small room of brick construction. This addition does not impair the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1938; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

This structure was the school building for Antlers blacks before integration. The WPA labor on the project was also black. The building, therefore, is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed black laborers in the Antlers area, providing a measure of economic security and self esteem. It also created a modern educational environment that promoted an enthusiasm for learning. As an urban WPA school building, the structure is notable for its modest scale, especially when compared with buildings for white students. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type (black school), style, scale, materials and workmanship. Indeed, it and other WPA school buildings became the prototype of subsequent buildings constructed from uncut native stone in the Antlers area.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Antlers East, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 259030 3790160

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 5, Block 34, Antlers original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 148-A, 148-B