

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HARJO SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Earlsboro, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125; SE 1/4, Sec. 36, T 9 N, R 4 E

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

OWNER: Earlsboro Board of Education, Box 95, Earlsboro, OK 74840

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old school building at Harjo is a single-story, rectangular (84' x 30') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. It has beaded mortar, an arched roof with stepped gables on the ends only, and sash windows with concrete sills. The southwest side has been altered with sliding glass doors replacing the original garage door entry.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: unknown

This school building is most notable for its unique style (especially stepped gables), type, and materials. But more significant is its workmanship. Labor was furnished from the ranks of the unskilled and unemployed suffering from the economic depression. The construction of the building provided an income for these men and a fine building for the school. (Yet it is not absolutely certain that this is the WPA building on the Harjo school campus.)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Four acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning 33 rods north of the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 36, T 9 N, R 4 E; thence north 27 rods, thence west 23 2/3 rods, thence south 27 rods, thence east 23 2/3 rods to the point of beginning

PICTURE REFERENCE: none