

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HAYWOOD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Haywood, Oklahoma 040; Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 21, T 5 N, R 13 E

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

OWNER: Haywood Board of Education, General Delivery, Haywood, OK 74548

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A building of some eight classrooms, the Haywood school is a single story, rectangular (54' x 145') structure constructed generally of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Beneath the front windows, however, the stone is laid in courses for artistic effect. Mortar is beaded. The roof is flat with parapets; doors are recessed behind archways. Windows, which reach to the level of interior ceilings, sit on concrete sills and are placed by threes, with the exception of the central segment of the building where they are set singly in arches.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The school building is significant because architecturally it is unique within the community in terms of style, type, scale, materials and workmanship. As a rural WPA school building, it is remarkable for its scale and arched window openings on the front. It is notable too because it constituted the genesis of modern education in the area and remains the principal focus of it. The building is especially significant because construction of it alleviated some of the effects of the depression for unemployed coal miners and destitute small farmers by providing them a work opportunity and a measure of self respect.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 230700 3864020

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on the east side of the paved county road between state highway No. 31 and the railroad tracks, the school property begins at a point 209 feet north and 309 feet east of the SW corner of Sec. 21, T 5 N, R 13 E, and runs 209 feet north, 209 feet east, 209 feet south and 209 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 134-A, 134-B, 134-C