

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HORACE MANN SCHOOL ADDITION

LOCATION: Draper and Whittaker Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Shawnee Board of Education, 306 N. Union, Shawnee, OK 74801

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent; unaltered; original site

The addition to Horace Mann School is two stories, rectangular (39' x 86') and constructed of brick. It runs perpendicular to the original building. The roof of the addition is flat with concrete capped parapets. Jambs and lintel of the front entryway are of cut limestone, as is the flat pediment above the door. The two door side entry is slightly subsurface and has transom lights. Window openings have cut limestone sills and continuous lintels of the same material, the latter having the effect of a frieze. Three different bas reliefs decorate the front. Other than different windows and the filling in of one-half of a small window, the building has not been altered.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

The addition to Horace Mann school is primarily significant because of its two stories, a feature that is rather rare on WPA buildings. The fact that the addition also symbolizes the social significance of the WPA program--putting destitute people to work--is also significant, as is its importance to the advancement of elementary education in Shawnee.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 45-50, Block 14, Whittaker Addition to Shawnee original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none