

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

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LOCATION: 113 Lowrey, Hugo, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: Hugo Board of Education, 208 N. 2nd Street, Hugo, OK 74743

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

A four room school initially, the old Negro high school at Hugo is a single story, rectangular (78' x 45') structure constructed of wood with clapboard siding. The roof is hipped, and the entryways, at either end, are recessed. Window openings, which extend to the eaves, had been enclosed with wood inserts and smaller, energy efficient windows installed. New wood, clapboard siding has also been placed on the structure. The architectural integrity of the building is still intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

This structure was the black high school in Hugo when the educational system was still segregated, and it was constructed by black WPA laborers. It is significant, therefore, because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed black laborers in the Hugo vicinity where few had existed previously. It also provided for the first time a building specifically dedicated to upper grade education for black students. As an urban WPA school building, it is remarkable for its modest scale and its use of wood as the construction material of choice. To the community it is unique architecturally because of type (a black school) and workmanship. That it continues significant is reflected by its present use as a headstart center.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 267850 3765100

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 3, Frisco Addition, Hugo original

PICTURE REFERENCE: ELIMINATED