

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JUMBO SCHOOL CAMPUS (Two structures)

LOCATION: Vicinity of Jumbo, Oklahoma 040, Pushmataha County 127; Sec. 28, T 1 S, R 15 E

CLASSIFICATION: buildings; public; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--vacant

OWNER: Jumbo Community, Jumbo, OK 74551

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

DESCRIPTION: deteriorated; unaltered; original site

The Jumbo school is composed of two WPA structures: a school building and a teacherage. A two-room building, the school is a single story, rectangular (70' x 30') structure constructed of untool and uncoursed native sandstone. Covered with original wood shingles, the roof is gabled; the principal entryways are recessed behind arches; and the classroom windows, which reach to the eaves, are wood sash and rest on pre-formed concrete sills. The roof is in much need of repair, as are the windows.

Situated some 150 feet northwest of the school is the teacherage. Measuring 35 feet by 24 feet and shot-gun in style, it is a single story structure constructed of wood frame and clap board siding. The later has been covered with asbestos siding. A porch and roof are at the north front; windows are wood sash. It too is in need of repair.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The two buildings are significant because they obviously created for students a new environment conducive to learning. As rural WPA school structures, they constitute a classic facility--a two room school with teacherage. Within the Jumbo community the school building especially is unique architecturally because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Construction of them, of course, gave much needed employment opportunities to unskilled and destitute agricultural laborers, who without the WPA would have faced certain starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: A--15 248900 3814670; B--15 248860 3814680

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go seven miles west and thirteen and three quarters miles north of Antlers to the Jumbo community, then turn east on an unpaved county road and follow it one-fourth of a mile to the school site. The property is legally described as Lot 17, Jumbo School, Jumbo original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 152-A, 152-B, 152-C