

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

KINTA HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: State highway No. 2 north, Kinta, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public ownership--NA; occupied; unrestricted; present use--educational

OWNER: Kinta Board of Education, Box 219, Kinta, OK 74552

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: excellent conditon; unaltered; original site

A six-room building originally, Kinta High School is a single story, rectangular (55' x 122') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The masonry is impressive, especially on the corners. The Richardsonian influence is apparent. The roof is flat with parapets; two front entryways on the west are recessed behind arches. Windows, with concrete sills, are arranged by threes and reach to the level of interior ceilings.

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

The school building is significant because it provided work opportunities for unemployed coal miners in the rural Kinta community, permitting some economic security and the restoration of self pride. It also created an environment more conducive to learning for students that had previously had no separate high school facility. As a rural WPA school building, the structure is unique for its size. Architecturally the building is notable in its faint allusion to academic styles, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract 209 feet square in the southeast corner of Block 91, Kinta original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 42-A, 42-B