

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LEON SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Leon, Oklahoma 040, Love County 085; NW 1/4, Sec. 17, T 8 S, R 2 W

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

OWNER: Leon Board of Education, Box 572, Leon, OK 73441

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Love County Courthouse, Marietta, OK 73448

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Leon School consists of a schoolhouse/auditorium with a combined gymnasium. It is a single-story, rectangular (119' x 90') structure constructed of brick. The gym has a gable roof with catslide, while elsewhere the roof is flat with parapets. Windows are sash and have brick sills. Pilasters are used for decorative relief and frame recessed entryways. A small wellhouse addition has been built on the north wall of the gym, and an additional classroom wing has been added to the south end of the building. The west wall of the gym is constructed of concrete block and appears to be a later addition. The alterations impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Leon School is unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. Its construction provided much-needed jobs in an area where the traditional job market had virtually closed as a result of the depression. This project has played a significant role in the educational development of Leon and the surrounding area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Ten acres

Quadrangle: South Leon, Texas/Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated one and one-half miles south of Leon, the building is in the SE NE NW of Section 17, T 8 S, R 2 W

PICTURE REFERENCE: none