

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LINCOLN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Harrison and 8th Streets, Wagoner, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

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

OWNER: Wagoner Board of Education, Box 707, Wagoner, OK 74467

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A four room, single story and rectangular (80' x 54') structure, Lincoln School is constructed of unrusticated native sandstone laid with a cobweb design. Mortar is beaded. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled; an intersecting gable on the front extends over a recessed entryway. With pre-formed concrete sills, window openings that rise to the eaves have been reduced in size with decorative inserts and energy efficient, metal sash windows installed. A hall connecting the structure with a new brick building has been enclosed with concrete blocks. These minor alterations do not affect the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940 architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Lincoln School is significant as a WPA project because it is a school for black students. As such, it brought modern educational opportunities to the black minority of Wagoner for the first time, and it continued to provide those opportunities through integration and even the 1980s. Had it not been for this building black youngsters in Wagoner would have had few educational opportunities. Moreover, construction of Lincoln school provided jobs for black laborers who had been long without gainful employment--longer than most whites--and benefitted local main street businesses with the wages from more than 22,000 man hours of labor. Architecturally, the building is unique in terms of type and workmanship within the community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Wagoner West, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go 80 feet west, 150 feet south, 80 feet east and 150 feet north in Block 544, Wagoner original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 164-a;164-b