

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LINN SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Madill, Oklahoma 040, Marshall County 095; SE 1/4, Sec. 13, T 5 S, R 6 E

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

OWNER: Leafy Akin, 909 West Burney, Madill, OK 73446

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Marshall County Courthouse, Madill, OK 73446

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The old Linn School is a single-story, rectangular (76' x 30') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, with one step, is both hipped and gabled. The entryways are recessed behind arches, while classroom window openings, with pre-formed concrete sills, rise to the eaves. The top one-half of the latter have been covered with wood sun shields. The window alterations, however, have not impeached the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: Oklahoma State Department of Education pattern book

The combination hipped and gabled roof line of the Linn School building make the structure somewhat unique as a WPA building. Within the community the entire facility is notable for its type, style, materials and workmanship. Built by an unskilled labor force that was made up of laborers left unemployed by the economic depression of the 1930s, the school surely provided an atmosphere conducive to learning and permitted destitute workers to regain some self-esteem and a small measure of economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acres

Quadrangle: Little City, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go northeast of Madill two and one-half miles on State Highway No. 99 to paved county road and turn east going six miles to unpaved county road and then northeast one mile to property that begins 650 feet east of the SW corner of NE 1/4 of Sec. 13, T 5 S, R 6 E and goes south 300 feet, east 208 feet, north 300 feet and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 45-a; 45-b