

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

NINE PINES SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Clayton, Oklahoma 040, Pushmataha County 127; Sec. 8, T 1 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Rural Route, Clayton, OK 74536

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

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Nine Pines school is a single story, rectangular (29' x 59') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is hipped with a central gable that serves as a cover, supported by four shafts, for a double-door entryway. Rear window openings have been enclosed with wood inserts, and a small concrete block addition has been attached to the north end. Neither alteration impairs the integrity of the structure.

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

The school building created a new environment conducive to learning for students forced to rely upon an inadequate and decayed wood building previously. Within the community the building is unique in terms of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Now used as a church, it is also a good example of adaptive reuse. But is especially significant in that construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the remote Nine Pines area who had been forced on relief by the closing of the timber industry.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 286220 3827195

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Take U.S. highway No. 271 southeast out of Clayton to the Kiamichi River bridge; go one mile further to the school property on the north side of the road, it beginning at a point 209 feet north of the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 8, T 1 N, R 19 E, and running 350 feet east, 209 feet north, 350 feet west and 209 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 154-A, 154-B