

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OLD BOKOSHE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bokoshe, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 33, T 9 N, R 24 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--NA; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--hay barn

OWNER: Mr. Ben Hinton, Rural Route, Bokoshe, OK 74930

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A three-room building originally, the Old Bokoshe school is a single story, L-shaped (77' x 24', with 10' x 30' horizontal extension) structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled with an intersecting hip and valley. The centrally located front entry is recessed with an archway; a corner front entry is covered by a porch. Wood double-sash windows resting on concrete sills reach to the eaves. In the rear, a portion of one window opening and the wall below has been removed to permit installation of a metal garage door. This alteration does not impeach the integrity of the building, which otherwise is superbly maintained.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Architecturally the building is unique within the community in terms of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Relative to other WPA constructed school buildings, the floor plan is itself exceptional, especially the corner entryway of the northwest front corner. The school building is also significant because construction of it provided work opportunities and some economic security for destitute laborers who had for too long been on relief rolls. It also stimulated an enthusiasm for education previously curtailed due to the dilapidated nature of the wood school house utilized before construction of the new one by the WPA.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 338160 3898260

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: One-half mile west of Bokoshe on state highway No. 33, go north on paved county road two miles and then east on an unpaved road one mile. The building is on property that begins at the NW corner of Sec. 33, T 9 N, R 24 E, and goes east 70 yards, south 140 yards, west 70 yards, and north 140 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 103-A, 103-B