

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PLAINVIEW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Ardmore, Oklahoma 040, Carter County 019; SW1/4, Sec. 35, T 4 S, R 1 E

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

OWNER: Plainview Board of Education, Route 2, Box 316, Ardmore, OK 73401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Carter County Courthouse, Ardmore, OK 73402

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Plainview School is a ten-room, single-story, rectangular (170' x 58') structure constructed from heavily rusticated and coursed native sandstone. It has a flat roof with parapets capped by cut limestone. Entryways are recessed; the front entry is covered with a pre-formed concrete porch and lintel, the latter extending to the roof line. Placed by threes, the windows are aluminum encased and rest on pre-formed concrete sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: State Department of Education pattern book

The Plainview School is an exceptionally attractive structure, mainly due to the fine workmanship and materials that went into its construction. Built by what were originally unskilled laborers, this structure displays the fine job the WPA did in training its workers and giving them a skill. Many of the most significant aspects of the WPA are displayed in this structure: employing unskilled laborers left jobless because of the depression, giving those laborers a skill they could utilize later in life, and promoting learning through the construction of new schools. Within the community it is unique in terms of type, style, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: one acre

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

UTM: 14 668010 3781050

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Ardmore go 3 miles west on U.S. 70 and 1 mile south to school, it being a 208 foot square tract in the SW corner of Sec. 35, T 4 S, R 1 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 7-a; 7-b