

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 16, T 5 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Mr. James L. Florence, P. O Box, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; unaltered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Pleasant Hill school is a single story, rectangular (30' x 70') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped with a central gable and porch over a recessed, two-door front entryway. The porch roof is supported by two wood shafts. Wood sash window openings on the rear reach to the eaves.

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

The structure is significant because it provided an educational environment conducive to progressive education, replacing a dilapidated wood building. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, allusion to Richardson Romanesque style, scale, materials and workmanship. Construction of the school building created job opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers made destitute by the closing of coal mines in the area. The work was the margin between life and death.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One and one-half acre

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

UTM: 15 290120 3864060

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 on the southwest corner of Wilburton one mile south of its intersection with U.S. highway No. 270, turning east on a paved county road. Follow this road for two miles to the school site on the north side of the road. From the SE corner of Sec. 16, T 5 N, R 19 E, the property line runs north 95 yards, west 70 yards, south 95 yards and east 70 yards.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 80-A, 80-B