

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ROLAND SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Adams and Dorcas Streets, Roland, Oklahoma 040, Sequoyah County 135

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

OWNER: Roland Board of Education, General Delivery, Roland, OK 74954

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sequoyah County Courthouse, Sallisaw, OK 74955

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

This building is a rectangular shaped (94' x 89') structure constructed of uncut native stone. The building contains a single story in front and two stories in the rear. The gable roof with projecting eaves has a long steep slope over the front and a gentler sloped roof over the two story rear portion of the structure. The front door is recessed behind an arched entryway with keystone. All of the original paired windows on the first story have been covered with energy efficient wood insets. Second story windows are uncovered; all have concrete sills. The window insets do not destroy the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

This auditorium is one of several buildings constructed on the Roland school campus by the WPA, although it is the only one that is extant. The buildings proved to be exceptional community resources. The wages earned by the laborers for more than 40,000 man-hours of work were infused back into the local economy stimulating recovery from the depression. The jobs provided to destitute farmers and miners preserved their sense of pride and helped slow the depopulation of the area. Educationally the auditorium provided facilities for local school children to view cultural performances thus instilling within them a sense of their own culture and their own worth. This auditorium is also significant for its unique style and quality of workmanship which reflects the pride of the workers in constructing a lasting monument to their endeavors.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 362350 3920400

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 2, Block 4, Roland original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 140-a; 140-b