

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SANS BOIS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Kinta, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061; Sec. 35, T 8 N, R 20 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Bill Burgess, Sans Bois Route, Kinta, OK 74552

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two-room building originally, the Sans Bois school is a single story, rectangular (75' x 30') structure with an offset constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is gabled with one step; two of three doors are recessed behind archways. Richardsonian Romanesque influence is clearly visible. The old classroom window openings have been reduced in size with wood inserts which now enclose new metal sash windows; a fireplace with exterior chimney constructed of materials similar with the original has been added. Neither alteration impeaches the integrity of the structure.

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

Architecturally the building is significant because of its clear allusion to Richardsonian Romanesque style and because within the community it is unique in terms of its type, scale, materials and workmanship. The school building is particular important because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed coal miners in a rural and remote area hard hit by the depression. The new building also also produced an enthusiasm for learning in an area noted for its educational backwardness.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Sans Bois, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 north from Kinta one mile to the Sans Bois road and turn east and go four miles to site on the south side of the road. The property begins in the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35, T 8 N, R 20 E and runs south 295.15 feet, east 295.15 feet, north 295.15 feet, and west 295.15 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 43-A, 43-B