

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SAWYER SCHOOL TEACHERAGE

LOCATION: U.S. Highway No. 70, Sawyer, Oklahoma 040, Choctaw County 023

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

OWNER: Fort Towson Board of Education, Box 37, Fort Towson, OK 74735

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Choctaw County Courthouse, Hugo, OK 74743

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

Bungalow-like in style, the Sawyer teacherage is a single story, rectangular (28' x 28') structure constructed with stucco siding. Its roof is gabled; windows, singly placed, are wooden sash. A porch with gable roof supported by pedistals decorates the front entryway. To the rear has been added a room constructed of concrete blocks; it does not impeach the original integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; builder/architect: unknown

The Sawyer teacherage is significant because it too provided a work opportunity for unemployed and unskilled laborers during the depth of the depression. It also is significant because it helped attract qualified teachers to a remote and isolated, as well as educationally deprived, region. As a WPA building, it is notable for its type, small scale and stucco construction materials. Within the community it is unique architecturally because of its type, building materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Fort Towson, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1-6, Block 24, Gilbert (Sawyer) original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 33-A