

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SHERWOOD SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Broken Bow, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089; Sec. 34, T 2 S, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Sherwood Community, Star Route, Broken Bow, OK 74728

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; unaltered; original site

Originally a two-room building, the Sherwood School is a single story, rectangular (54' x 26') structure constructed with a wood frame and clapboard siding. The roof covered with tin is gabled; the central, front entry is recessed and covered by a small porch. Wooden sash windows on the west rear reach to the eaves. The building rests on a piered foundation.

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

Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale and workmanship. With reference to other WPA-constructed projects, the structure is different in that it was built with wood materials. The piered foundation is particularly unusual. The school building is particularly significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unemployed lumberjacks and agricultural laborers in the rural and remote Sherwood area where previously state relief was the only means of survival. Moreover, it created a new climate more conducive to learning for students long isolated from educational advancements.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 336035 3800140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Broken Bow go north on U.S. highway No. 259 to Mt. Herman and then go west on an unpaved county road some two miles. Go north on an intersecting county road one mile, then turn back east for one-half mile to the building on the north side of the road. The property is a 209 square foot tract in the SE corner of the SW 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 34, T 2 S, R 24 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 124-A, 124-B