

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SNOW SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Snow, Oklahoma 040, Pushmataha County 127: Sec. 10, T 2 S, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Snow Community, Snow, OK 74567

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pushmataha County Courthouse, Antlers, OK 74523

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Snow school is a single story, rectangular (27' x 75') structure with an offset constructed of cut and roughly coursed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded but the masonry in general is crude. The composition shingled roof is hipped with a central gable over a recessed, two-door front entryway. Classroom wood sash windows resting on concrete sills reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Within the community the building is notable architecturally because there is nothing comparable in type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. That the structure constituted the dawn of modern education in the region also makes it especially significant. It became a source of pride, a function it still performs in that the building is today a community center. The school building is particularly significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the Snow area which had been hard hit by the curtailment of the lumber industry during the early 1930s.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 278235 3808580

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated on U.S. highway No. 271 on the north edge of the community, the property begins at a point 209 feet north of the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 10, T 2 S, R 18 E, and runs 209 feet east, 209 feet north, 209 feet west and 209 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 156-A, 156-B