

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TUCKER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Spiro, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec. 35, T 10 N, R 24 E

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

OWNER: Tucker Community Association, Rural Route, Spiro, OK 74959

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Leflore County Courthouse, Poteau, OK 74953

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; unaltered; original site

A three room building initially, the Tucker school is a single story L-shaped (69' x 28', with 11' x 30' horizontal extension) structure constructed of undressed and uncoursed native stone. The intersecting gabled roof is also stepped. The east and west gables are covered with wood shingles. Front entry is placed at the interior angle and is recessed behind an arch. Wood double-sash windows reach to the eaves in the classrooms. Rock selection and placement are excellent. A native stone fence separates the property from the road on the east.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

As a WPA project, the Tucker School is an excellent example of a three room structure that has been preserved without alteration over the years. Within the rural community of which it is a part, the building is unique architecturally in terms of type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. That construction of it also provided work for laborers long on relief rolls, giving them economic security and self esteem, makes it especially significant, as too does the fact that the building provided an impetus for modern education in a rather remote and isolated area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

UTM: 15 342265 3907360

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Following U.S. highway No. 59, go three miles south of the Leflore County line to an intersection with a paved county road; turn east and go one and one-half miles; turn south one half mile to a point of beginning that is 295 feet north of the SE corner of the SE 1/4, of the NE 1/4, of the SE 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 35, T 10 N, R 24 E, then go west 295 feet, north 147.5 feet, east 295 feet, and south 147.5 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 113-A, 113-B