OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WALLER SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Chelsea, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131; NW 1/4, Sec. 28, T 24 N, R 17 E

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

OWNER: James and Barbara Moreland, P.O. Box 251, Chelsea, OK 74016

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This school of four or more rooms is a single-story, rectangular (79' x 67') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is gabled and the entry is recessed beneath a center gable. All doors are topped with sheet metal. The windows, that reach to the eaves, have green plastic and/or sheet metal inserts. An addition has been attached to the back of the building. These alterations impeach the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; builder/architect: unknown

Building this school created educational opportunities in a remote and rural area. The WPA project also gave work to those desperately in need of it during the depths of the depression when employment opportunities were rare. Architecturally, the building is unique in this area in terms of type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go south of Chelsea on highway no. 66 some 3/4 of a mile then west on county road 4 1/4 miles then north 1/4 mile to school site beginning at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/2 of Sec. 28, T 24 N, R 17 E; thence south along the section 250 feet, thence east 350 feet, thence north 250 feet, west 350 feet to the point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none