

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WANETTE SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Sixth and Martin Streets, Wanette, Oklahoma 040, Pottawatomie County 125

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

OWNER: Wanette Board of Education, Box 161, Wanette, OK 74878

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pottawatomie County Courthouse, Shawnee, OK 74801

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A four-room building with a gymnasium, the Wanette School is rectangular (129' x 66') and constructed of brick, now painted yellow. The gym has an arched roof, although the remainder of the building has a flat roof with parapets capped with concrete blocks. The front doors are recessed and framed by two brick columns that set at the front of the entryway and by a slightly extended facade that rises to form a stepped cornice at the roof line. Side doors are also recessed but they are not framed as on the front. Window openings have brick sills and extend to the level of interior ceilings; they are now filled with aluminium cased sash windows and one-half window sun shields. Addition of a metal building to the rear of the gym has not compromised the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937; builder/architect: unknown

The Wanette School is unique in the use of columns to decorate the front entryway. For an essentially rural school to use brick as the main construction component is also notable. Construction of it, as well as others on the Wanette campus, provided job opportunities to destitute farmers and oil field workers during the course of the depression. The facility also introduced modern education into the district, providing a new environment conducive to learning--an environment that continues to be utilized by the school.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the SE corner of Block 12, Wanette original, go west 175 feet to a starting point, then north 385 feet, west 150 feet, south 385 feet, and east 150 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 68-a; 68-b