

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WARDVILLE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wardville, Oklahoma 040, Atoka County 005; Sec. 10, T 2 N, R 12 E

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

OWNER: Wardville Community, Wardville, OK 74576

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Atoka County Courthouse, Atoka, OK 74525

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A three room facility, the Wardville school building is a single story, rectangular (59' x 60') structure constructed of untooled native stone. Masonry is random rubble in style with beaded mortar; the roof line is gable. The recessed, twin door entry way is asymmetrically placed under a cross gable. Some window openings, with cut stone sills, have been filled with wood inserts, but the original integrity of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it provided a new physical environment that promoted the cause of learning in an area noted for educational apathy. It also gave employment opportunities in a rural area for unskilled laborers that had been without work for years. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From state highway No. 131, turn north on the main street/county road, going through the community of Wardville to its northern edge, where the road jogs at the site of the school building, which is located on property described as the southwest most acre (208' x 208') in the SW 1/4, of the NE 1/4, of Sec. 10, T 2 N, R 12 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 7-A, 7-B