

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WHITEFIELD SCHOOL

LOCATION: State highway No 9 West, Whitefield, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: Whitefield Board of Education, Box 188, Whitefield, OK 74472

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A six-room building, the Whitefield school is a single story, essentially rectangular (51' x 104') structure with offsets constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Actually it is comprised of two parallel sections built apparently at two different times. The eastern segment has a flat roof with a central, cross gable that extends back to intersect with the gable roof of the western segment of the building. Two entryways on the east are recessed behind arches. Window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size with wood inserts that contain metal sash windows. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

As a rural WPA school building, the Whitefield school is unique for its size (scale). Moreover, its type, style, materials and workmanship make it significant architecturally within the community. Especially important is that construction of the school building provided work opportunities for laborers made destitute by the closing of the coal mines in Haskell County, resulting in some economic security and greater self-esteem. That the facility is still used as the only school building in Whitefield suggests its significance, over time, as an educational advancement.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stigler West, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Block 22, Whitefield original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 48-A, 48-B