

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WILLIAMS SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Cameron, Oklahoma 040, Leflore County 079; Sec 15, T 8 N, R 26 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--hay barn

OWNER: Nina Mae Shoup, Rural Route 1, Box 62, Cameron, OK 74932

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

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; unaltered; original site

A four-room building initially, the Williams school is a single story, rectangular (40' x 72') structure constructed of untooled and unoccupied native sandstone. The hipped roof, now covered with composition shingles, has a gable dormer without lights above a frontal entry archway and recessed doors. End entryways are also recessed behind arches. Portions of the window openings that extend to the eaves have been enclosed with wood inserts. The integrity of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

Architecturally this building is significant within the community because of its type, materials and character of workmanship. It is equally notable in that construction of it provided work opportunities and some economic security for destitute laborers in the Williams area who for too long had lived close to the edge of starvation as a consequence of the depression. The building also created a new learning environment for students previously deprived educationally and helped to instill a sense of pride within the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 358860 3892410

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From Cameron go northeast-north two miles to a paved county road; turn west and go one and one-half miles to the Williams community; the school is north of the road, the property beginning 208.71 feet west of the center point of Sec. 15, T 8 N, R 26 E, then south 417.4 feet, west 417.4 feet, north 417.4 feet, and east 417.4 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 115-A, 115-B