

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WRIGHT CITY SCHOOL

LOCATION: 7th and School Streets, Wright City, Oklahoma 040, McCurtain County 089

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

OWNER: Wright City Board of Education, Box 329, Wright City, OK 74766

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McCurtain County Courthouse, Idabell, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION: Excellent condition; altered; original site

A building of sixteen classrooms, the Wright City school is a single story, rectangular (342' x 57') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The mortar is beaded. The roof is flat with parapets; entryways are recessed behind archways; and pilasters decorate the exterior. The art deco allusion is faint but real. Reaching to interior ceilings, window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size by wood inserts and new, energy efficient metal windows installed. These alterations do not impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

As a rural WPA building, the structure is remarkable for its scale/size and its faint allusion to art deco style. To the community it is unique architecturally because of its style, scale, materials, and workmanship. The school building is especially significant because it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in the Wright City area, a forestry processing center deeply depressed, and because it created a new physical environment that promoted learning among students noted for their educational disinterest.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Wright City, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: At a point 140 feet south from the NE corner of Tract C, Wright City original plat, go west 150 feet, south 528 feet, east 150 feet and north 528 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 128-A, 128-B, 128-C