

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

YANUSH SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tuskahoma Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 28, T 3 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: Yanush Church and School, Rural Route, Tuskahoma, OK 74574

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; unaltered; original site

Originally a two-room building, the Yanush school is a single story, rectangular (30' x 70') structure with an offset and is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, covered now by sheet metal, is gabled with one step; two of three doors are recessed behind archways. With concrete sills, wood sash windows on the east reach to the eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it generated an enthusiasm for learning in a rural and remote region that previously had little interest in the world at large. Records suggest that many of the students were Choctaw Indians, a conservative people. Hard hit by the depression, the area and destitute laborers were saved from economic ruin by the job opportunities provided by the school construction project. Architecturally the building is wholly unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: 15 288160 3842870

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 north from Tuskahoma some 6 miles to school site on the east side of the road, it being a tract that begins 508 feet south of the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the section and goes 208 feet east, 416 feet south, 208 feet west, and 416 feet north, all in Sec. 28, T 3 N, R 19 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 84-A, 84-B