

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

YELLOWSTONE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Clayton, Oklahoma 040, Pushmataha County 127; Sec. 10, T 1 N, R 18 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Mark McIntosh, Rural Route, Clayton, OK 74536

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pushmataha County Courthouse, Antlers, OK 74523

DESCRIPTION: Good condition; altered; original site

A two-room building initially, the Yellowstone school is a single story, rectangular (ca. 30' x 70') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof, covered by composition shingles, is hipped with a central gable and porch over a recessed, two-door front entry way. The porch roof is supported by four shafts. The top halves of the original wood sash windows have been covered by clapboard siding to reduce heat build-up and loss. This alteration does not impair the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1940; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

In a remote area of Pushmataha County, construction of the Yellowstone school building spelled the beginning of a modern learning experience for youngsters who had previously been confined to dilapidated wood structures poorly lighted and heated. It also became a source of community pride in a town that was not quite making it. The building was especially significant in that construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers who had been forced to accept relief from the state in order to stave off starvation. The job brought some economic security. Architecturally the building is wholly unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 15 279300 3827270

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go southwest of Clayton on state highway No. 2 some three miles. The property is composed of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Yellowstone original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 158-A, 158-B