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CAMBRIA SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 27, T 5 N, R 17 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unrestricted; present usereligious

OWNER: Wilburton Board of Education, 301 W. Caddo, Wilburton, OK 74578

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

DESCRIPTION: Excellent; altered; original site

A two room building originally, the Cambria school is a single story, rectangular (28' x 68') structure with an offset and is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with tin sheets, is gabled with one step; the recessed front entryway is beneath an intersecting gable that serves as a porch. The porch roof is supported by four shafts connected by rails. Classroom window openings with concrete sills have been reduced in size on the rear with wood inserts and metal sash windows installed. Windows on the front have been covered with plywood sheets. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The Cambria community was particularly hard hit by the depression which closed the coal mines in the area. Construction of the school building, therefore, provided work opportunities for destitute laborers on the verge of starvation. It also tended to revive community pride, especially because the structure provided a better environment for the educational processes so important to future generations. Architecturally the building is unique in the Cambria area because of its type, Richardsonian style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Adamson, Okla.

1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 15 271065 3862780

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow U.S. highway No. 270 east out of Hartshorne to the Latimer County line and at the first county road that goes north, turn left and follow it for one quarter of one mile, or to the first county road that turns back west. The school property is on the south side of the road, being a two acre tract 208.7 feet by 208.7 feet in the NE corner of the NE 1/4, of the NW 1/4, of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 27, T 5 N, R 17 E.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD			
NRIS Reference Number:	Various	Date Listed:	9/8/88
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Property Name		County	State
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Amended Items in Nomination:

The actual resource count for the entire multiple property nomination should be 50 contributing buildings and 9 contributing structures (no non-contributing resources). Each of the individual properties should be counted as one building with the following exceptions: Roberta School Campus--2 buildings; Spencerville School Campus--2 buildings; Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse--1 building, 1 structure; Wetumka Cemetery Pavilion and Fence--2 structures; Twyman Park--2 buildings, 4 structures; Jeff Lee Park Bathhouse and Pool--1 building, 1 structure; and Colony Park Pavilion--1 structure. (Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse is being returned to the OK SHPO because of substantive problems which must be clarified.)

Scipio School--Ownership should be private, not public.

Roberta School Campus -- Acreage should be two, not less than two.

The level of significance for all properties is local.

The above information was confirmed during a 9/8/88 telephone conversation with Oklahoma Deputy SHPO Melvena Heisch.

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