

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BRISTOW AMPHITHEATER

LOCATION: West Street and Sixth Avenue, Bristow, Oklahoma 040, Creek County 037

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreational

OWNER: The City of Bristow, Oklahoma; City Hall, Bristow, OK 74010

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Creek County Courthouse, Sapulpa, OK 74066

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The amphitheater is a single-story, rectangular (34' x 43') structure constructed of concrete with wooden trim. The roof is flat with a parapet. The foundation is constructed of uncut stone. The seats are concrete, and trees were planted around the entire amphitheatre area. The building has been painted white. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: ca. 1935-1936; builder/architect: unknown

Architecturally, the structure is unique to the park in terms of type, style, and workmanship. This project contributed to the uplifting of morale in the area. Economically, the project provided badly-needed work at a time when employment opportunities were scarce. Through the construction of the amphitheater, and other park improvements, the WPA infused wages of some 140,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located at the west end of sixth street, the property begins at a point 1454 feet north and 832 feet east of the SW corner of Sec. 30, T 16 N, R 8 E, then go 208 feet north, 208 feet east, 208 feet south, and 208 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 14-a; 14-b