

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLAREMORE ARMORY

LOCATION: Patti Page Boulevard and Lynn Riggs Boulevard in Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

OWNER: The City of Claremore, City Hall, Claremore, OK 74017

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

This armory is a single-story, rectangular (121' x 142') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The central portion of the roof is arched, while the remainder of it is flat. Parapets are on all sections. The strategic placement of light and dark buff colors in square shapes makes a beautiful design and raises the masonry quality to an artistic level. The pilasters at the doorways and along the walls and corners provide decorative variation. These variations and the elongated metal encased windows give the structure a "fortress" appearance. Garage door openings have continuous concrete lentils and contain new garage doors. Concrete flower beds have been added to the entrance, but does not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA building this armory is exceptional for its quality of workmanship that reaches the level of artistic expression. It is unique within the city of Claremore in terms of type, materials, style, and most notably workmanship. This project provided work for destitute laborers and infused wages of some 57,000 man-hours of labor into Claremore's economy. It also contributed to the military readiness of a National Guard unit that was very important during World War II. The armory is now used as a recreation center for the people of Claremore.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 19 and 20 of Block 112, Claremore original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 128-a; 128-b