

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLAREMORE LIBRARY

LOCATION: North Weenonah and West Fourth Street, Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This single-story, rectangular (61' x 50') structure is constructed of tan brick. Masonry of the building is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets and contains a continuous concrete lintel along the roof line. The double-door entryway, framed with red brick, is slightly recessed behind cut limestone pilasters with a stepped cornice that contains decorative ornaments. There is also a transom above the doorway. The sash windows, most of which are placed by threes, are elongated and have brick lintels. The rock fence around the structure was also constructed by the WPA. There is a brick addition on the north side. New doors, steps, and a ramp have been added to the entry. Metal bars have been attached to some of the windows. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

This WPA project provided additional educational opportunities. It gave jobs to unemployed and unskilled laborers in Claremore while infusing wages of some 21,500 man-hours of labor into the local economy. It was reported in March of 1938 that projects such as this one kept down the insurrection and rioting during the crucial era of the Depression. Architecturally, the library is unique in type, scale, materials, workmanship, and especially its art deco style.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 104, Claremore original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 129-a; 129-b