

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CLAREMORE PUBLIC INFORMATION BUILDING

LOCATION: J.M. Davis Avenue and Will Rogers Boulevard, Claremore, Oklahoma 040, Rogers
County 131

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

OWNER: Herbert C. Floyd, 905 N. Owalla, Claremore, OK 74017

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This building of three rooms is a single-story, rectangular (50' x 15') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. The roof is flat with parapets. The recessed entryway is framed by brick pilasters on the sides and a rains awning above. The pilasters and awning may be new additions. Windows, some of which form portions of the corners, are metal encased. Some openings are now filled with wood inserts. Alterations have not impeached the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

Claremore is the location of a major tourist attraction, the Will Rogers memorial, and an important educational institution, Rogers State College (previously the Oklahoma Military Academy). Construction of the information building by the WPA recognized the importance of tourism to Claremore in its economic revival from the depression. Construction also infused wages from some 9,300 man-hours of labor into the community's economy and provided employment to destitute workers long on relief and short on self respect. As a WPA building, the structure is unique as to type. Its style, materials, and workmanship make it architecturally notable locally.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 265030 4021610

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 of Block 21, Claremore original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 130-a; 130-b