

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

DRUMRIGHT AMPHITHEATER

LOCATION: Cimarron and West Broadway Streets, Drumright, Oklahoma 040, Creek County 037

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

OWNER: The City of Drumright, City Hall, Drumright, OK 74030

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This amphitheatre is a two-story, rectangular (35' x 25') structure constructed of cut, coursed, and rusticated native stone of buff color. Pilaster strips on the back give the building an art deco flavor. The stage is concrete and has been painted white. The concrete seats have been removed. A flower bed has been made in front of the structure. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

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

Construction of this amphitheater reflected the cultural interests of the WPA and gave some economic security to many destitute laborers in the area. The project infused wages of some 120,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy and helped to preserve main street. Once finished, the entertainment and celebrations that took place because of this WPA project helped to raise morale and ease tensions during the economic crises. The project is also unique in terms of type, style, scale, and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

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

UTM: 14 716060 3985240

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Ten feet north of the north wall, ten feet east of the east wall, ten feet south of the south wall, and ten feet west of the west wall of the structure centered on the above cited UTM in Lots 12 through 23 in Block 47, Jones Addition to Drumright original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 15-a; 15-b