

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

GAGE SWIMMING POOL

LOCATION: East of Gage, Oklahoma 040, Ellis County 045; NW 1/4, Sec. 2, T 21 N, R 24 W.

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

OWNER: The City of Gage, Gage, OK 73843

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Arnett, OK 73832

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Gage Swimming Pool is a rectangular shaped pool (234' x 101') with three sides constructed of poured cement sloping from the south end. The bottom of the pool is earth filled. The sides of the pool have been refurbished and a concrete diving platform is placed at the north end of the pool. A new concrete slab surrounds the pool. The original bathhouse/concession stand on the west side of the pool had been altered by the addition of a partial wood facade.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; builder/architect: unknown

The WPA constructed swimming pool is an outstanding resource to the community inasmuch as it is, and has been for almost fifty years, the only recreational facility of its kind in Gage and the surrounding area. Authorized and completed when the depression and the dust bowl had blighted the quality of life in general and individual aspirations in particular, the swimming pool and other WPA projects infused money and pride into the community. The pool alone permitted the agency to employ approximately 38,000 man-hours of labor, employment that alleviated destitution and created a resource that improved the quality of life in Gage.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Fargo SE, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All that part of the north half of the SW 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 2, T 21 N, R 24 W, lying south of the A.T. & S.F. Railway, except on a strip forty feet wide on the north side along the railroad.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none