

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKMULGEE HAWTHORNE PARK TENNIS COURTS

LOCATION: Okmulgee Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: The City of Okmulgee, Okmulgee, OK 74447

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

These four tennis courts were constructed of concrete and measure 143 feet on one side. New nets and a fence have been added. They are particularly unique in scale as a WPA project.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of these tennis courts provided work for unskilled and unemployed laborers at a time when such opportunities were scarce. The courts are also unique in terms of type, materials used, and especially in scale. This WPA project also enhanced recreational opportunities in the area and therefore contributed to better moral among the people of Okmulgee during the depths of the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: North Okmulgee, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of Lagonda and Okmulgee Streets go south 312 feet, east 208 feet, north 312 feet, and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none