

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKEMAH CITY PARK/TENNIS COURT

LOCATION: Ash and Birch Streets and Third and Second Streets, Okemah, Oklahoma 040, Okfuskee County 107

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

OWNER: The City of Okemah, Oklahoma, City Hall, Okemah, OK 74859

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okfuskee County Courthouse, Okemah, OK 74859

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

This city park was developed by the WPA. A small ditch was constructed and runs through the middle of the park. A small bridgeway, picnic tables, and playground equipment have been added to the park. The tennis courts are also located on the park grounds, and were also constructed by the WPA. The courts are made of concrete and are 95 feet wide. Fences have been placed around them.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

The park and tennis courts are significant because construction of them provided employment for destitute, unskilled workers at a time when jobs were scarce. After completion, these recreational facilities helped to increase morale within the city of Okemah.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than two acres

Ouadrangle: Okemah, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 through 4 and 7 through 10, Block 31, Mahala Addition to Okemah original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none