

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PAWNEE ARMORY

LOCATION: First and Cleveland Streets, Pawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pawnee County 117; SW 1/4, Sec. 5, T 21 N, R 5 E

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

OWNER: Oklahoma Military Department, 3501 Military Circle NE, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee, OK 74058

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition;unaltered; original site

This armory is a single-story, rectangular (149' x 237') structure constructed of rusticated and coarsed native stone of buff colors. The central portion of the building has an arched roof, while elsewhere the roof is flat. Parapets are found on all sections of the roof. Pilasters on doorways, corners, and walls provide decorative relief and give the structure a "fortress" appearance. The garage entrances contain segmental arches. The elongated metal encased windows have new screens inserted.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA building, the armory is exceptional for its quality of workmanship. Few buildings were comparable in reference to scale. The armory is unique, architecturally speaking, within the city of Pawnee in terms of type, style, scale, and materials. Construction of this building provided jobs for destitute workers in this area, while infusing wages of some 72,000 man-hours of labor into Pawnee's economy. The jobs generated by the construction of this building helped maintain the pride of men who thereby found the means to support their hungry families. This WPA armory also contributed to military readiness during World War II.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: On a tract of land beginning 1248 feet west of the northeast corner of the NW 1/4, Sec. 5, T 21 N, R 5 E, and go south 416 feet, east 208 feet, north 416 feet, and west 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 123-a; 123-b