

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PAWNEE BATHHOUSE

LOCATION: Vicinity of Pawnee, Oklahoma 040, Pawnee County 117; SE 1/4, Sec. 30, T 22 N, R 5 E

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

OWNER: The City of Pawnee, Pawnee, OK 74058

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

Adjacent to a man-made lake, this bathhouse is a two-story structure with four shower rooms. It is a rectangular (63' x 20') structure of cut, coarsed, and some rusticated native stone. The roof is gabled and has an intersecting center gable over the front entry, which is arched. The windows are located near the ceiling and contain white shutters. This bathhouse has a spectacular balcony with steps leading down to the pool, which was also constructed by the WPA. The pool is dry and is now covered with grass.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the bathhouse provided employment for destitute workers during a time of severe economic depression, while it infused wages of some 18,120 man-hours of labor into Pawnee's economy. Architecturally, this bathhouse is unique in terms of type, style, materials, and especially workmanship. It also enabled recreational opportunities for the people of Pawnee and the surrounding area, which aided morale during the Depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 696860 4025440

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of Pawnee on highway no. 18, 1 mile then west 1/4 mile on park road to the bathhouse site on a tract of land in the SW of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 30, T 22 N, R 5 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 124-a; 124-b