

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

OKMULGEE WOODLAND PARK

LOCATION: Parkview Road, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

CLASSIFICATION: structures; 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: excellent condition; altered; original site

Woodland Park contains two ponds and one shelter house built by the WPA. The ponds are framed with stone walls and have a small stairway in between them.

The shelter house is a rectangular (28' x 25') structure of coursed and rusticated native stone of buff color. A new brown gabled roof is attached. Two privies are located next to the structure. Newer shelters, concrete tables, and cookers have been added to the park.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the ponds and the shelter house, very early in the life of the WPA, provided work for unskilled and unemployed laborers in and around Okmulgee where jobs were desperately-needed. The project allowed the agency to infuse wages of some 28,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy. The park is also unique in terms of type, scale, and workmanship. Completion of the park provided recreational opportunities which helped to increase morale in the area, then and now.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Block 7, Country Club District of Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none