

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

ADA ARMORY

LOCATION: North Broadway and Armory Streets, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

OWNER: The City of Ada, 13th and Townsend, Ada, OK 74820

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pontotoc County Courthouse, Ada, OK 74820

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Ada Armory is a single-story, rectangular (210' x 122') structure constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native stone. It consists of a central drill floor with wings north and south of it. The drill floor has a high arched roof, while the wings have lower flat roofs. The south wing has lost its roof due to an explosion. The structure contains eight arched garage doors and elongated metal casement windows with concrete sills. Parapets, pilasters, and insets above the windows add decorative features to the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Large scale and native stone materials combine to make the Ada Armory a prominent feature of the community. Constructed by unskilled laborers, the building displays a unique pride in workmanship. For many of those laborers other work could not be found and going on the dole would have been the only alternative. That the building contributed to the military preparedness of the Oklahoma National Guard, resulting in World War II campaign victories, adds to its significance.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning 50 feet west and 330 feet south of the NE corner of the SE NW, go west 363 feet, south 240 feet, east 363 feet, and north 240 feet to point of beginning, Section 28, T 4 N, R 6 E

PICTURE REFERENCE: 52-a; 52-b