

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WINTERSMITH PARK (Two Structures)

LOCATION: Wintersmith Park, Ada, Oklahoma 040, Pontotoc County 123

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Wintersmith Park was a joint WPA-CCC project. Within the park are two unique structures: a lodge building and an amphitheater. The lodge measures 137' x 73' and is constructed of uncut, crudely-laid native stone. It is essentially a single-story structure with a gabled roof with intersecting center gables front and back and wood shingles. The east end has a picture window, and the rest of the windows are casement with stone sills. There is a poured concrete patio in back with blind rock rails. It is not clear that the lodge is truly a WPA structure.

The amphitheater measures 195' x 135'. It has 29 curved rows of sandstone seating laid on a hillside. There are two vertical aisles through the theater. It most certainly is WPA

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939; builder/architect: unknown

The Wintersmith Park project employed large crews of workers previously out of work. The project allowed many of these men to retain some degree of self-esteem by letting them "earn" a living. Architecturally, the structures are unique in type, style, scale, materials, and workmanship. Wintersmith Park is currently a focal point of recreation in Ada, providing testimony to the continuing value of the WPA project to Oklahoma residents.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Fifty acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The structures are situated in the East 1/2 of the NE NE and SE SE NE and the E 1/2 SW SE NE of Sec. 3, T 3 N, R 6 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none