

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

RED HILL PARK BATHHOUSE AND SWIMMING POOL

LOCATION: 2nd and Polk Streets, Purcell, Oklahoma 040, McClain County 087

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreation

OWNER: City of Purcell, 3rd and Main Streets, Purcell, OK 73080

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, OK 73080

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

The Red Hill Park Bath House was originally a rectangular building (26' X 60') and was constructed of red brick. The roof was gabled and under the eaves were located small windows. Men's and women's dressing rooms were separated by a "breeze way" that led to the pool area.

The swimming pool measured 105 feet in length and 44 feet in width. It was constructed of poured concrete.

Over time the bath house has been altered to include a cross gable on the front that extended over a vertical addition to the original building. This alteration and the fact that the pool is abandoned and grown up with weeds dictated that the facility not be nominated to the national register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; architect/builder: unknown

The significance of the bath house and swimming pool is that they reflected the varied character of the WPA construction program, including such structures as useful." Of course, building the house and pool provided needed jobs to workers made destitute by the national depression.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 and 2, Block 30, Purcell original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none