

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SKIATOOK MUNICIPAL BUILDING

LOCATION: Broadway and 3rd Streets, Skiatook, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

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

OWNER: City of Skiatook, Skiatook, OK 74070

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Tulsa County Courthouse, Tulsa, OK 74174

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A rectangular (125' x 108') structure, the Skiatook Municipal Building looks very much like an armory. It is constructed of dressed and lightly rusticated native sandstone laid randomly. Except for the central portion where it is arched, the roof is flat. Parapets with limestone caps extend beyond the roof line. A frieze, all window sills and some lintels are also of cut limestone. The windows are metal casements. The front entryway is framed by pilasters and a lintel of poured concrete that step into a recessed, double door. The stylistic effect of the entryway is distinctly art deco.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: Frank C. Watters

The architectural significance of the Skiatook Municipal Building is its unique design. It appears to be a military armory, but it was planned and has always been utilized as a municipal facility. Relative to other WPA-built city halls, it stands alone with reference to design. Within the community itself, it is notable architecturally in terms of type, style, materials and type of labor. Construction of the building also meant that a large body of unskilled laborers made destitute by the economic depression of the 1930s were able to obtain employment and a measure of financial security and the local economy revitalized with the infusion of wages from 100,000 man hours of labor, easing the effect of the depression for all of Skiatook.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 18-22, Block 23, Skiatook original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 146-a; 146-b