

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STROUP PARK SWIMMING POOL AND BATH HOUSE

LOCATION: North Broadway and East 12th Streets, Holdenville, Oklahoma 040, Hughes County 063

CLASSIFICATION: buildings and structures; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--entertainment

OWNER: City of Holdenville, City Hall, Holdenville, OK 74748

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Hughes County Courthouse, Holdenville, Ok 74748

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A single story, rectangular (87' x 27') structure, the Stroup Park bath house is constructed of untooled and uncoursed native sandstone. The roof is flat with a scrolled parapet over the central entryway leading to the pool. Walls are capped with cut native stone. The window openings are small with pre-formed concrete sills. Twelve feet south of the bath house is the elliptical swimming pool that measures 160 feet by 80 feet. It as well as a surrounding apron is constructed of poured concrete. At the south end of the pool are rectangular diving platforms and a pump house, also constructed of native stone. Immediately west of the pool is a half-circle wading facility, also constructed of poured concrete, with a radius of 75 feet.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

The Stroup Park pool and bath house are significant because they reflect the broad range of projects undertaken by the WPA and demonstrate that the agency recognized the social value of recreation. The facilities are unique in that they are one of three pools and bath houses constructed in all of Southeastern Oklahoma. Within the Holdenville community they are architecturally significant in terms of type, materials of construction and character of workmanship. It is especially significant that construction of the pool and bath house provided job opportunities for unskilled workers who were at the time destitute and on the verge of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Two acres

Quadrangle: Holdenville, Okla.
1:24,000; 7.5 min.

UTM: A--14 737530 3885620; B--14 737500 3885600

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the Stroup Park entrance at the corner of North Broadway and East 12th Street, go west 30 feet, north 416 feet, east 208 feet, south 416 feet, and west 178 feet to park entrance, all being in Stroup Park, Holdenville City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 54-A, 54-B, 54-C, 54-D