

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SULPHUR ARMORY

LOCATION: West Wynnewood Avenue, Sulphur, Oklahoma 040, Murray County 099

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

OWNER: The State of Oklahoma Military Department, 3501 Military Circle NE, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Murray County Courthouse, Sulphur, OK 73086

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Sulphur Armory is a single-story, essentially rectangular (145' x 122') structure consisting of a drill floor with a wing on the south side. Constructed of rusticated and coursed native stone, the armory has a recessed main entryway framed with pilasters capped by molded concrete and a cornice at the roofline also of pre-formed concrete. The drill floor has a high arched roof with parapets; the wing has a flat roof with parapets. Elongated metal casement windows have concrete sills. Pilasters at the corners and concrete slab insets above the windows provide decorative relief. One of the four garage doors has been blocked in with cinder block, leaving a single door entry. This alteration does not impair the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The armory is significant in that it has contributed to the military defense of the nation, especially during World War II when the Oklahoma National Guard won distinction in Italy. Also significant is that its construction provided a means of livelihood for many distressed and jobless residents of the Sulphur area during the depression. The armory is readily noticeable within Sulphur because of its scale and materials. It is also notable for its style and high level of workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Sulphur North, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All of Lots 4 and 5 and the south 1/2 of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 94, Sulphur original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 50-a; 50-b