

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TISHOMINGO ARMORY

LOCATION: 24th and Murray Drive, Tishomingo, Oklahoma 040, Johnston County 069

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: Johnston County Courthouse, Tishomingo, OK 73460

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Tishomingo Armory is a single-story rectangular structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The 140' x 126' building consists of a drill floor with an arched roof and parapets, and a wing on the north side with a flat roof and parapets. The main entry, recessed behind an archway, is framed by modified pilasters on an extended facade that reaches to the roof line to form a massive cornice. Pilasters on the corners and vertical indentations above the windows give the building a fortress appearance. Casement windows are elongated and rest on pre-formed concrete sills. Four garage doors provide vehicle access to the building. Reducton of the front doorway with glass panels has not impeached the essential integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Tishomingo Armory is notable for its scale, materials, style, workmanship, and Romanesque beauty. The high, arching side walls of the drill floor are works of art in themselves. It is to the credit of the WPA program that such a structure of permanence and beauty could be built by largely unskilled laborers who were left jobless as a result of the severe economic depression. It is significant that the armory has played a part in the military activities of this country, completed just in time to help train the Oklahoma National guard for participation in World War II.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 714050 7389050

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From NE corner of NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of Sec. 9, T 4 S, R 6 E, go west 230 feet, south 230 feet, east 230 feet and north 230 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 31-a; 31-b