

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WEWOKA ARMORY

LOCATION: Seminole and First Streets, Wewoka, Oklahoma 040, Seminole County 133

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

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

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Seminole County Courthouse, Wewoka, OK 74884

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The Wewoka Armory is a single-story, brick structure measuring 213 feet by 130 feet with a central drill floor and wings on either side. The drill floor has a high arched roof, and the wings have lower flat roofs. Arched entryways of pre-formed concrete are located on the east and west sides of the structure and are framed by pilasters capped with molded concrete and a stepped cornice at the roof line. There are eight garage doors (four on each wing) on the north side of the building, and one on the south side. Parapets, brick insets above the windows, and pilasters capped by concrete moldings decorate the building. Enclosure of elongated windows with wood insets has not compromised the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Wewoka Armory is especially significant because of its scale. Armories with wings on either side of the drill floor, so-called two unit armories, are relatively rare, especially in southcentral Oklahoma. The structure is also unique in the predominance of molded concrete caps on its pilasters. That feature is not unknown, but it seldom appears as frequently as on the Wewoka Armory. The building is architecturally distinctive within the community in terms of type and style. Especially significant is that the armory helped to prepare units of the Oklahoma National Guard for service in World War II and during the Korean War and that its construction provided job opportunities for destitute laborers in 1935 and 1936 who had long been on relief rolls.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

Quadrangle: Wewoka East, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: A tract 280' x 300' between Blocks 17 and 18, Wewoka original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 83-a; 83-b