

TULSA WPA PROPERTIES, 1985

<u>Property</u>	<u>OLI</u>	<u>NR</u>
Bixby School and Gymnasium	X	X
Collinsville Central School	X	
Jenks School Bus Barn and Fence	X	X
Jenks High School Gymnasium	X	
Leonard School and Auditorium/Gym	X	X
Liberty School Gym	X	
Sands Springs Garfield School	X	X
Skiatook Municipal Building	X	X
Sperry Armory	X	X
Tulsa Airport Hanger	X	X
Tulsa Animal Shelter	X	X
Tulsa Armory	X	X
Tulsa Fairgrounds Cafeteria	X	X
Mohawk Golf Course and Park (Tulsa)	X	
Swan Park (Tulsa)	X	
Tulsa Washington High School Stadium/Field	X	X
Tulsa Webster High School Stadium/Field	X	X
Woodward Park (Tulsa)	X	

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

BIXBY SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Main and 5th Streets, Bixby, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N.A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--education

OWNER: Bixby Board of Education, Box 160, Bixby, OK 74008

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This structure is composed of a U-shaped classroom section (79' x 215' horizontally, with two vertical wings 55' x 79') and a rectangular (73' x 77') gymnasium placed next to the classrooms to form a Y. Single story, the building is constructed of both red brick and rusticated sandstone laid in courses. The rear of the classrooms and the sides and rear of the gym are of sandstone, while the rest is in brick. The roof is generally gabled with intersecting gables and valleys, although over the gym it is arched with parapets. Pilasters at the entry in the U and along the sides of the gym provide some decorative relief, as does the quoin-like masonry on the front corners of the classrooms, and the gable designs. Window openings in the gym retain the original casement windows, while elsewhere they have been filled with new aluminum sash windows. Some openings have been filled with small wood inserts and smaller metal sash windows installed. These window changes have not at all affected the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938; architect/builder: unknown

The extensive use of both brick and native stone makes this large educational facility especially unique as a WPA structure. It is almost as if the builders started in one medium and finished with another. Within the community of Bixby, the building is also notable because of its style, materials and workmanship. Indeed, no other WPA building remains extant. Situated on the south side of the Arkansas River and with a rich agricultural hinterland, Bixby had a cadre of unskilled workers made destitute by the national depression. The construction of the large educational complex helped to provide jobs for these unfortunate persons and gave them a measure of economic security. It also infused wages from more than 100,000 man-hours of labor into Bixby's mainstreet economy.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: A-15 240190 3980850; B-15 240230 3980910

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 9, Bixby original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 142-a; 142-b

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Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COLLINSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

LOCATION: Spring and 14th Streets, Collingsville, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

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

OWNER: Collinsville Board of Education, Box 87, Collinsville, OK 74021

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single story, L-shaped (33' x 155' vertically, with an extension of 32' x 25') structure, Central school was constructed of used red brick and it contains decorative elements of groins and friezes. The north front was composed of a series of arches. This latter element has now been enclosed and covered with a stucco material, totally impairing the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; architect/builder: unknown

The significance of this structure lies in the fact that it was constructed from bricks taken from the old Ninth Ward School built originally in 1912. Also significant is the design, totally different than any other WPA-built school in Oklahoma. It remains the only building in Collinsville that has any relationship to the WPA.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The southeast corner of Block 72, Collinsville original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JENKS SCHOOL BUS BARN AND FENCE

LOCATION: 3rd and B Streets, Jenks, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: building and structure; public; public acquisition--N.A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--education

OWNER: Jenks Board of Education, 1st and B Streets, Jenks, OK 74037

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A single story, rectangular (33' x 84') structure, the Jenks bus barn is constructed of cut and lightly rusticated native stone blocks laid in courses with some block placed vertically for visual relief. The roof is flat with parapets. The barn has six bus stalls entered through garage door openings. Three of the latter as well as window openings have been inclosed with wood inserts. This minor alteration has not impeached the integrity of the building.

Extending 245 feet west and then 200 feet north of the bus barn is the fence. It is 6 feet high and 18 inches thick (double walled) and is constructed of materials identical with the barn. Pilasters at gate openings have decorative caps and bases of pre-formed concrete.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

Not all that many WPA-built bus barns have survived, a fact that makes the structure at Jenks significant. Moreover, the WPA did not construct all that many--which makes the Jenks barn particularly rare. The building also demonstrates the rich variety of construction projects undertaken by the agency. The adjacent fence is particularly notable because of its quality of masonry, a quality that makes the fence almost a work of art. Together the bus barn and fence are unique architecturally within the community in terms of type, style, and workmanship. They are the only WPA-constructed buildings that retain their initial integrity. Of course, construction of the barn and fence provided needed jobs and a rekindled self-esteem for those workers who had been made destitute by the depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: A-15 232660 3990580; B-15 232570 3990620; C-15 232580 3990660

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Beginning at the intersection of 3rd and B streets, go east 75 feet, north 65 feet, west 100 feet, south 45 feet, west 255 feet, north 210 feet, west 20 feet, south 230 feet and east to the point of beginning, all in SE 1/4, SE 1/4, and NW 1/4 of Sec. 19, T 18 E, R 13 N.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 143-a; 143-b; 143-c

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

JENKS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: 4th and A Streets, Jenks, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

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

OWNER: Jenks Board of Education, 1st and B Streets, Jenks, Ok 74037

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Single story with high ceilings, the Jenks gym is rectangular (112' x 73') in shape and is constructed of cut but unrusticated native sandstone laid randomly. Masonry is rather crude. The building has both parapets, capped with pre-formed concrete slabs, and pilasters. The front two entryways are enclosed porches. Unfortunately, on either side of the building has been added concrete block additions that extend the length of the building. These have pretty much impeached the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; architect/builder: unknown

Relative to other WPA-constructed school gyms, the structure at Jenks is bigger. It obviously provided a considerable number of jobs for laborers who had long been unemployed because of the national depression. Locally, the gym is unique in terms of architectural style, type, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 21-24, Block 8, Jenks original plat.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LEONARD SCHOOL AND AUDITORIUM/GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: South 161st and East 161st Streets, Leonard, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143; SE 1/4, Sec. 22, T 17 N, R 14 E

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

OWNER: Leonard Board of Education, Box 37, Leonard, OK 74043

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single story, L-shaped (100' x 54', with extension of 43' x 42') structure, the Leonard school and gymnasium is constructed of cut but unrusticated blocks of native sandstone randomly laid. The masonry lacks any artistic quality. The roof is flat with parapets (particularly pronounced above the front entry), while wall caps and window sills, lintels and side facings are pre-formed concrete. The double door, front entryway is recessed, and the south, exterior wall has pilasters. Window openings have been reduced in size with wood inserts and smaller, more energy efficient windows installed. On the north a walkway to a new gymnasium has been enclosed with sheet metal and attached to the building. Neither alteration, however, effects the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1939; architect/builder: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The drought and the drop in agricultural prices left the economy of the Leonard community in shambles and many workers without gainful employment. Virtually destitute, the latter found some economic relief by working on the construction of the Leonard school facilities--a fact that makes the structure particularly significant. That it also infused the wages from some 60,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy was also important. As it replaced a condemned wood building and remains in use today, the WPA-built school was the genesis of and continues to nurture modern education in the area. Architecturally, the building is notable in the community for its type, style, materials and workmanship.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 247620 3979670

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Go north of the Leonard community, situated on U.S. highway No. 64, on the county section line (E. 161st) to S. 161st Street to the school property on the NW corner of the intersection, being (200' x 200'?), SE corner of Sec. 22, T 17 N, R 14 E



PICTURE REFERENCE: 144-a; 144-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LIBERTY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Bixby, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143; SE, SE, SW, Sec, 8, T 16 N, R 13 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N.A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--education

OWNER: Mounds Board of Education, Route 1, Box 308, Mounds, OK 74047

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A high ceiling, rectangular structure (108' x 58'), the Liberty gym is constructed of uncut and unrusticated native sandstone laid with a cobweb pattern. Exterior side walls have pilasters. The roof is arched, with parapets. Window openings have pre-formed lintels and jambs and are enclosed with steel encased glass panes. Unfortunately, either concrete block and uncut native stone additions have been made to three sides of the structure. These alterations have impeached the basic integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

Situated in the southern portion of Tulsa County, the Liberty community found the WPA-constructed gym a boon both to its educational program and civic pride. The structure constituted the first indoor sports facility in the area and enabled the school to participate in inter-school competition. Construction also provided work opportunities for unemployed laborers who had been made destitute by the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Bixby, Okla.  
1:24,000.7.5 min.

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The gym is located on 5 acres in the SE, SE, SW 1/4 of Sec. 8, T 16 N, R 13 E, being .60 miles west of the intersection of 201st street and Harvard Avenue.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SANDS SPRINGS GARFIELD SCHOOL

LOCATION: 7th and Roosevelt, Sands Springs, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--education

OWNER: Sands Springs Board of Education, Box 970, Sands Springs, OK 74063

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A two-story, rectangular (137' x 70') structure, the Garfield school building is constructed of red brick laid with running bond. Vertical lines of indented brick at the corners and frieze above the front entry supply a decorative touch. The front doors are recessed behind an arcade of three, elongated arches reached by eight steps. The roof is flat with parapets. Elongated window openings on both levels have been reduced in size with attractive metal inserts. These alterations and brick additions to the rear of the building have not impeached its architectural integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: W. H. Wolaver

Relative to other WPA-constructed buildings, the Garfield building is unique. Unlike most WPA school buildings, even in urban areas, it was designed by a commissioned architect. This accounts, no doubt, for the two levels, the entry arcade, the elongated, singly placed windows, the frieze and decorative brick work. In addition to its architectural style, it is also unique in terms of the unskilled labor employed in construction--laborers who had been reduced to destitution by the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

Quadrangle: Sands Springs, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: 14 759820 4003740

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 21, Oak Ridge Addition to Sands Springs original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 145-a; 145-b

## 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.

UTM: 15 230910 4028700

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

PICTURE REFERENCE: 146-a; 146-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SPERRY ARMORY

LOCATION: Vicinity of Sperry, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143; SW, NW SW Sec. 13, T 21 N, R 12 E

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

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

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

Two side-by-side rectangular units of 101 feet by 124 feet and 56 feet by 84 feet make up the Sperry Armory. It is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone; over the drill floor the roof is arched, while over the smaller section it is flat. Over both are parapets capped with pre-formed concrete slabs. Singly placed window openings with pre-formed concrete sills are elongated and filled with metal casement windows. The facade of the front entry is slightly extended from the remainder of the wall which then steps into the slightly recessed door. There are four side and one rear garage doors in the larger section of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Construction of armories across the state was the first major undertaking of the WPA in Oklahoma and was designed to help get large numbers of the economically distressed through the difficult winter of 1935-1936. First and foremost it was a social program, which largely succeeded in its primary goals. The Sperry Armory is a continuing symbol of that accomplishment. And it also helped revitalize the local business community, pouring wages of some 100,000 man-hours of labor into Sperry's local economy. Equally significant is that it played a role in helping to prepare a unit of the 45th Infantry Division that, with sister units, would contribute so much to the American military effort during World War II in Europe. Architecturally, the structure is notable within the community in terms of type, style, workmanship and materials. Indeed, it is the only WPA structure left in the community.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 231430 4020930

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: "The Sperry Armory Site" in the John Prock Addition to Sperry original plat

PICTURE REFERENCE: 147-a; 147-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TULSA AIRPORT HANGER

LOCATION: 3702 North Sheridan, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--air plane hanger

OWNER: City of Tulsa, Municipal Building, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native stone blocks 18 inches thick, the Tulsa Airport Hanger is rectangular (247' x 213') with a large central section and wings on either side--one of which is two stories high. Mortar is extended and flattened. With parapets all around, the roof is flat on the wings and arched over the hanger. Wall caps and window sills are pre-formed concrete, while on the front the pilasters are stepped. At either end of the hanger are eight sliding, metal doors, the "gable" above which is filled with sheet metal. Replacement of some metal casement windows with single, pane bronze metal cased windows has not at all affected the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA building, the structure is unique in that hangers were not all that frequently constructed by the agency. Of those that were, the Tulsa hanger is one of, if not the largest constructed. It is also notable architecturally within the community as to type, materials and nature of workmanship. (On the interior walls of the second floor hallway, WPA stone masons chiseled small animals.) Such a huge building also required large numbers of workers, all of whom were taken from the ranks of the unemployed and given a respite from the ravages of the national depression. For a time the hanger housed a unit of the Oklahoma Air National Guard, contributing directly to the defense of the nation--especially during the Korean War. Thus the structure is significant architecturally, socially, and militarily.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: 15 238910 4009790

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From the southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 23, T 20 N, R 13 E go 416 feet north, 416 feet east, 416 feet south, and 416 feet west.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 148-a; 148-b; 148-c; 148-d

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TULSA ANIMAL SHELTER

LOCATION: 4600 North Evenston, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

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

OWNER: City of Tulsa, Municipal Building, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A single story, rectangular (38' x 53') structure, the Tulsa Animal Shelter is constructed of rusticated and randomly laid native sandstone. The roof is gabled, and metal casement windows rest on pre-formed concrete sills. On the front is a single doorway and a double-door garage, while on the north side are five, two feet high openings for animal runs to exterior pens.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-1940; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA structure, the Tulsa Animal Shelter is significant because it is the only known one of that particular type. It also suggests the varied character of the projects undertaken by the agency: to provide shelter to animals was also useful. Construction of the shelter also provided job opportunities to those unskilled laboreers who had been made destitute by the depression and who still found themselves unemployed by late 1939.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 235120 4012530

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated in north Tulsa, from a point 416 feet east and 832 feet north of the southwest corner of the SE 1/4, Sec. 8, T 20 N, R 13 E, fo 208 feet east, 208 feet north, 208 feet west and 208 feet south.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 149-a; 149-b



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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TULSA ARMORY

LOCATION: 15th and New Haven Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

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

OWNER: Tulsa County Board of Commissioners, County Courthouse, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A two story, T-shaped structure (234' x 103' horizontally, with a vertical extension of 225' x 180'), the Tulsa Armory is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. With the exception of the central drill area where the ceiling reaches to a third story level, the roof is flat with parapets. Over the drill area it is arched, but also with parapets. Resting on pre-formed concrete sills, the windows are metal casement. At either corner of the front facade, entryways are slightly recessed, the walls being stepped into the plane of the door. Elongated windows and sill extensions give visual relief to the massiveness of the facade. At the rear of the building and along its sides, some 10 garage doors provide entry for military vehicles.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940-41; architect/builder: unknown

The significance of the Tulsa Armory stems from its date of construction and its enormous size, among other things. Tulsa was not among those scheduled for an armory in 1936, in part because the WPA supported other projects and in part because Tulsa was strongly Republican in politics and armory selection was controlled by Democratic officials in Oklahoma City. The clear need for job opportunities for Tulsa's unemployed and the willingness of Tulsa County to lease land at no cost to the state as a site for the armory cleared the way for the construction of the project. Construction poured into the local business economy wages from more than 250,000 man-hours of labor. But the construction of the armory was late and it was on land not owned by the state, a most unique situation. Architecturally, the Tulsa is notable for its size, one of the two largest in the state--and thus one of the two largest WPA construction projects in Oklahoma. It is significant militarily in that the Armory provided a most timely place where units of the 45th Infantry Division could train before shipping out for North Africa and Italy early in World War II. The relationship between training facilities and the success of the division during the war is obvious.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: two acres

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

UTM: A-15 236140 4003250; B-15 236070 4003170

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated just northwest of "Expo Square," the armory property begins at a point 208 feet west and 208 feet south of the northeast corner of the SW 1/4 and goes 416 feet south, 416 feet west, 416 feet north and 416 feet east.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 150-a; 150-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

TULSA FAIRGROUNDS CAFETERIA

LOCATION: Vicinity of 21st and Yale Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

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

OWNER: Tulsa County Board of Commissioners, County Courthouse, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

A single story, essentially rectangular (140' x 80') building, the Fairgrounds Cafeteria was constructed of red brick laid with running bond. The rounded extensions of the building on either side required skilled masonry work, suggested also by the frieze above the window line. The roof is flat with parapets, and the windows are of the metal casement variety. Sills and wall caps are of pre-formed concrete, as are the letters above the front entry spelling out "C-A-F-E". The latter, the casement windows and the rounded side wings give the structure a distinct art deco flavor. An enclosed walkway connecting the front door of the cafeteria with another building and an enlargement of the cafeteria by adding a brick addition to its rear have not impeached the integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-38; architect/builder: unknown

The annual Tulsa fair was one of Oklahoma's two largest fairs. On the grounds of the fair was also held the world famous Oil Exposition. The construction of the cafeteria by the WPA was intended to better serve the needs of the crowds attending these events. Other improvements were also undertaken by the WPA at the fairgrounds, but the cafeteria alone remains to reflect the contribution of the agency. Architecturally, the distinct art deco style is uncommon for WPA structures, while a cafeteria-type of facility is entirely unique. The building, also, reflects the broad definition of "useful" employed by WPA officials. Given the context of the construction program, the cafeteria is also significant because of the job opportunities it gave to persons whose economic fortunes had been devastated by the national depression.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 236500 4002620

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Situated in "Expo Square," the property begins at a point 832 feet east and 208 feet north of the southwest corner of SE 1/4, and then goes east 208 feet, north 208 feet, west 208 feet and south 208 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 151-a; 151-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MOHAWK GOLF COURSE AND PARK

LOCATION: North Yale and 45th Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreation

OWNER: City of Tulsa, Municipal Building, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

An eighteen hole course, the Mohawk Golf course is situated amidst rolling hills and native trees and lies adjacent to a tributary of Bird Creek. Constructed of coursed rubble native sandstone, toilets and picnic pavillions are stragetically located along the course and in Mohawk Park. Some of these are still in use, although none are well maintained. The club house for the course, built by the WPA, has been destroyed and replaced with a more modern facility.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-37; architect/builder: unknown

The significance of the Mohawk Golf Course is that it was only one of two constructed by the WPA in Oklahoma (the other at Idabel). Also the toilets and pavillions have a distinct "park" style of architecture, the type generally utilized by the CCC in most of Oklahoma's State Parks and then in vogue nationwide.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The golf course is located in Sec. 23, T 20 N, R 13 E.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

SWAN PARK

LOCATION: 1573 Swan Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present  
use--recreation

OWNER: City of Tulsa, Municipal Building, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

Swan Park is comprised of a lake, with the dam and sides and small rock islands created by WPA labor out of cut native sandstone. Includes only the lake, which is about a small city block in size. The lake is now fenced off, enclosing the lake and the swans.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Swan Park is notable in the community of Tulsa because it is just that: a park for swans. The sheer uniqueness of that type of recreational facility makes it significant. The rock work along the dam, sides and islands is also notable.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: 4.03 acres

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The lake encloses and is located off of Utica Avenue on 19th Streets.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM AND ATHLETIC FIELD

LOCATION: Pine and Hartford Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreation

OWNER: Tulsa Board of Education, Box 470208, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Washington Stadium, situated on the west side of the track and football field, is constructed of a poured concrete superstructure. The stadium floor, also of concrete, rises 15 tiers. The structure is 330 feet long and 30 feet wide. The stands are entered via walkways under the superstructure. The north 62 feet of the space beneath the risers is enclosed to create dressing rooms. A press box atop the stadium, constructed later, does not impair the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Washington High School was the black high school in Tulsa during segregation. Fifteen years before the construction of the stadium and athletic field, it and the surrounding black community (the Greenwood district) was the scene of an awful race riot that left scores dead. The stadium reflects the determination of Tulsa educational officials, at least, to try to redress some of the damage of that riot by providing appropriate athletic facilities for black students. Of course, the stadium is also a symbol--a decaying one, now--of social segregation. The structure is also significant because it provided job opportunities for unemployed blacks made destitute by the depression and their social status and because it infused wages paid workers into the local business economy.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 232960 4008560

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Blocks 2, 3 and 4, Greenwood Addition to Tulsa original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 152-a; 152-b

## OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WEBSTER HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM AND ATHLETIC FIELD

LOCATION: 40th and Yukon, Tulsa Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N.A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--education

OWNER: Tulsa Board of Education, Box 470208, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

Situated on the south side of the athletic field, the Webster High School Stadium is rectangular (240' x 34') in size and was constructed with a poured concrete superstructure enclosed with red brick. The stands rise sixteen tiers. The enclosed area beneath the stands has metal casement windows, three garage doors, and seven single door entries. A press box constructed above the stands does not affect the architectural integrity of the structure. A new stands on the north side of the field is not a part of this nomination.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1940; architect/builder: unknown

Tulsa west of the Arkansas River is a community primarily of blue collar workers. To provide this area with its own high school was one of the principal objectives of Tulsa officials when the federal government sponsored construction program began in the 1930s. The result was an entire campus constructed by depression agencies. The principal building, a massive two story brick structure, was designed by John Duncan Forsythe and funded by the Public Works Administration (FERA). The gymnasium, built at the same time, apparently was also PWA. The contribution of the WPA was on a lesser scale, the stadium and athletic field, but it rounded out Tulsa's only "federally built" high school campus.

The stadium and field are also significant in that they reflect the broad definition of "useful" employed by the agency in selecting projects. Moreover, the field became a source of pride for Webster students, a pride that translated into remarkable victories on the football field and sustains the community despite its blue collar character. Architecturally, it is unique in that it is one of, if not the largest, stadium built by the WPA in Oklahoma.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than two acres

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

UTM: A-14 768920 3999750; B-14 768840 3999740

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The south 1/2 of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 Clinton Homesites Addition to Tulsa original.



PICTURE REFERENCE: 153-a; 153-b

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

WOODWARD PARK

LOCATION: 2324 S. Rockford, Tulsa, Oklahoma 040, Tulsa County 143

CLASSIFICATION: structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreation

OWNER: City of Tulsa, Municipal Building, Tulsa, OK 74147

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

DESCRIPTION: excellent; altered; original site

The rock gardens in Woodward Park were laid initially by WPA laborers, although there is some evidence that the work was begun somewhat earlier by CWA workers. The gardens attract large crowds in the spring with the blooming of the azelias.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

Woodward Park is one of Tulsa's best known and best kept city parks. The rock gardens suggest the out-of-door interests of the WPA and the interest of that agency in perpetuating the concept of "city beautiful."

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The gardens are located in the NE corner of the park along 21st Street

PICTURE REFERENCE: none