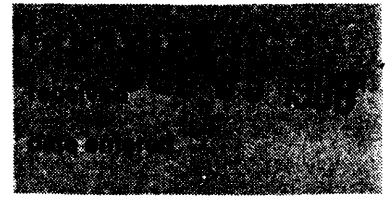


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MCALESTER ARMORY

LOCATION: Third and Polk Streets, McAlester, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121

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

OWNER: State of Oklahoma, Military Department, 3501 Military Circle, N.E., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The McAlester Armory is a single story, rectangular (203' x 120') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. With a high interior ceiling, the central portion of the building has an arched roof, while sections on either side with lower ceilings have flat roofs. Parapets dominate the entire roof line, but they are especially prominent on the center segment. Simplified, stepped pilasters and recessed window lintels of pre-formed concrete that reach to the top of the wall provide decorative relief and an allusion to art deco style. Segmental arches above doorways and eight garage openings, as well as stone selection and placement suggest high quality workmanship.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA building, the McAlester Armory is exceptional for its scale and its suggestion of art deco style. These same qualities make it architecturally significant within the community, as does its type, materials of construction, and character of workmanship. Equally important is that the armory was completed in time to help prepare units of the Oklahoma National Guard for duty in World War II. Construction of it, moreover, permitted the hiring of unskilled and unemployed laborers who in 1935 and 1936 had little prospect of income and faced a real possibility of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 15 247890 3870040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 99, McAlester City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 138-A, 138-B, 138-C

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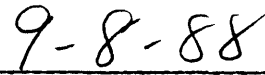
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WPA Public Buildings, Recreational Facilities and Cemetery  
Improvements in Southeastern Oklahoma, 1935-1943 TR  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper



Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

The actual resource count for the entire multiple property nomination should be 50 contributing buildings and 9 contributing structures (no non-contributing resources). Each of the individual properties should be counted as one building with the following exceptions: Roberta School Campus--2 buildings; Spencerville School Campus--2 buildings; Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse--1 building, 1 structure; Wetumka Cemetery Pavilion and Fence--2 structures; Twyman Park--2 buildings, 4 structures; Jeff Lee Park Bathhouse and Pool--1 building, 1 structure; and Colony Park Pavilion--1 structure. (Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse is being returned to the OK SHPO because of substantive problems which must be clarified.)

Scipio School--Ownership should be private, not public.

Roberta School Campus--Acreage should be two, not less than two.

The level of significance for all properties is local.

The above information was confirmed during a 9/8/88 telephone conversation with Oklahoma Deputy SHPO Melvena Heisch.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)