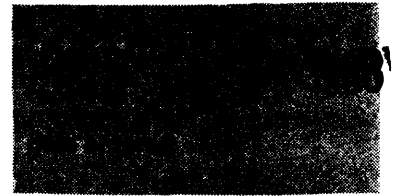


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**JEFF LEE PARK BATH HOUSE AND POOL**

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

**CLASSIFICATION:** building and structure; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--entertainment

**OWNER:** City of McAlester, City Hall, McAlester, OK 74501

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

**DESCRIPTION:** excellent condition; altered; original site

Key hole shaped, the Jeff Lee Park swimming pool measures 175 feet long and 60 feet wide and is constructed of poured concrete. Around it is a concrete apron, and between it and the bath house are two small wading pools. Forty-two feet from the west end of the pool is situated the bath house. Single story and rectangular (22' x 80'), the bath house is constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. Now covered with composition shingles, the roof is hipped, although an intersecting gable with a parapet extends over the entryway recessed behind three arches. Elevated one-half windows with pre-formed concrete sills and lintels are enclosed with wood inserts. The latter alteration does not impeach the integrity of the bath house.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** 1936-1937; architect/builder: unknown

Jeff Lee Park Bath House and Pool are significant because they reflect the wide variety of construction projects, in this instance outdoor recreational facilities, which the WPA undertook to sponsor. For the agency, swimming pools and bath houses were "useful." Because there were not all that many pools constructed by the WPA, Jeff Lee Park is distinctive. It is also significant because construction of it provided jobs to persons who had been on relief rolls, enabling them to support their families and regain confidence in themselves.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

**Acreage:** One acre

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

**UTM:** A--15 247900 3870190; B--15 247950 3870180

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 70, McAlester City original

**PICTURE REFERENCE:** 140-A, 140-B

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: Various Date Listed: 9/8/88

Various	Various	Oklahoma
<b>Property Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>

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.

*Carol D. Shuel*

Signature of the Keeper

9-8-88

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)