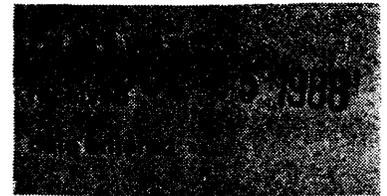


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COLONY PARK PAVILION

LOCATION: Vicinity of Wilburton, Oklahoma 040, Latimer County 077; Sec. 21 and Sec. 16, T 4 N, R 19 E

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

OWNER: City of Wilburton, City Hall, Wilburton, OK 74578

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Latimer County Courthouse, Wilburton, OK 74578

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The principal structure in a 20 acre park, the picnic pavilion is a single story, rectangular (33' x 90') pavilion constructed of large sandstone blocks, rusticated and coursed, and large wooden logs. A huge fireplace with an external chimney dominates the south end of the structure. The gabled roof is supported by corners made of sandstone blocks and by wooden columns resting on pedestals of sandstone blocks. Either side of the pavilion is open except for the columns and walls that reach only three feet high. On the north end, the open space is enclosed with horizontal logs to form toilets. Although not a part of this nomination, a considerable amount of stone work exists throughout Colony Park.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936-1937; builder/architect: unknown

The Colony Park Pavilion is significant because it is an atypical WPA structure; recreational buildings constructed of massive sandstone blocks and large wooden logs are most often associated with the Civilian Conservation Corp. At the same time, the pavilion reflects the commitment of the WPA to providing outdoor recreational facilities. Architecturally the structure is most unique within the region in terms of type, scale, materials and workmanship. Construction of it, moreover, provided work for unskilled laborers left impoverished and without hope by the depression. Most of those who worked on the project were residents of adjacent Veterans Colony, in the 1930s a community of Spanish-American War and World War I veterans.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

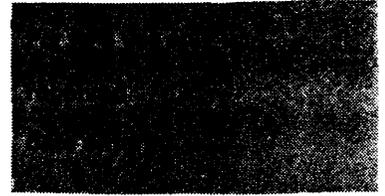
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Follow state highway No. 2 approximately seven miles south of Wilburton to where it intersects with a paved county road that leads to the Colony settlement; the park is on the east side of the road, the pavilion being 1/10th of a mile from

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the park's north gate. The nominated property begins at a point 208 feet north and 208 feet east of the SW corner of the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Sec 16, T 4 N, R 17 E, and runs north 208 feet, east 208 feet, south 208 feet and west 208 feet to point of beginning.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 71-A, 71-B

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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

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

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

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.

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