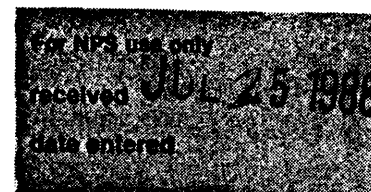


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NEWKIRK WATER PURIFICATION PLANT

LOCATION: Tenth and Elm Streets, Newkirk, Oklahoma 040, Kay County 071

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

OWNER: The City of Newkirk, Newkirk, OK 74647

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kay County Courthouse, Newkirk, OK 74647

DESCRIPTION: good condition; unaltered; original site

The Newkirk Water Purification Plant is a rectangular (110' x 26') structure with second story rooms at the north and south ends of the filtration pool, all of which is constructed of poured concrete. The roofs on the second story rooms are gabled. A single door entryway in the second story is reached by a flight of stairs: the entry on the north end is reached by a catwalk over the filtration pool. Fixed metal windows are single spaced with concrete slip sills.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of the Newkirk Water Purification Plant was important in providing an efficient waterworks system to this community. It suggested the wide variety of useful projects undertaken by the WPA and the agency's commitment to addressing basic problems resulting from the drought plaguing the region. In addition, the project created temporary employment of jobless workers in the area during the Depression and improved civic morale. Wages for some 19,000 man-hours of labor helped to revive the local economy. As a WPA structure, the facility is notable for its type as well as its unusual style. Within the community, the water plant is unique in terms of its type, style, and construction materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 673700 4083000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1 and 2, Block 50, Newkirk original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 13-a; 13-b

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001359-83001371 Date Listed 9/8/88

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

WPA Public Buildings, Recreational Facilities and Water Quality
Improvements in Northwestern 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.

Carole Shull

Signature of the Keeper

9-8-88

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

All of the individual resources included with this multiple property nomination can each be counted as one contributing building with the following exceptions: Medford Bathhouse and Swimming Pool (one contributing building and one contributing structure), Buffalo City Park Pavilion (one contributing structure), Blaine Stadium and Fieldhouse (one contributing building, one contributing structure), and Woodward Crystal Beach Park (one contributing building, two contributing structures). This is consistent with the total multiple property resource count of 12 contributing buildings and 5 contributing structures listed in the nomination cover form. This information was confirmed with Melvena Heisch, Oklahoma Deputy SHPO, during a 9/8/88 telephone conversation.

DISTRIBUTION:

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