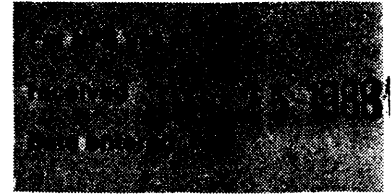


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HOLDENVILLE ARMORY

LOCATION: U.S. 270 highway and North Butts Street, Holdenville, Oklahoma 040, Hughes County 063

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: Hughes County Courthouse, Holdenville, OK 74848

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Holdenville Armory is a single story, rectangular (100' x 198') structure constructed of red bricks. The high ceiling central portion of the building has an arched roof, while extensions on either side have flat roofs. Metal casement windows are placed singly. Simplified, stepped pilasters with decorative brickwork at corners and doorways as well as cut limestone caps on the parapets provide an art deco allusion for the building. Eight garage doors open to the west.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; architect/builder: unknown

As a WPA building, the armory is exceptional for its use of brick construction materials and decorative pilasters. Architecturally it is unique within the Holdenville community in terms of type, allusion to art deco style, scale and character of workmanship. Construction of the armory provided job opportunities for destitute oil field workers at a time when there were few within the region. It is also significant that the building itself contributed to the military preparedness of a National Guard unit that distinguished itself during the course of World War II.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 738530 3885570

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 3, Diamond Country Club Addition to Holdenville original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 52-A, 52-B, 52-C, 52-D

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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

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

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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