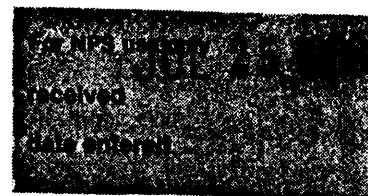


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PERRY ARMORY

LOCATION: Delaware and Fourteenth Streets, Perry, Oklahoma 040, Noble County 103

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

OWNER: Oklahoma Military Dept., 3501 Military Circle, N.E., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Noble County Courthouse, Perry, OK 73307

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

The Perry National Guard Armory is a rectangular (210' x 120') structure constructed of rusticated and cut, multi-colored native stone arranged in a random coursed ashler pattern. Over the central drill floor the roof is arched, while over the wings on either side of the central unit it is flat. Parapets rise from all three segments of the building. Nine garage doors are located on the east side in addition to two single entryways framed by stone piers. Pilasters, vertical insets, and stepped cornices decorate the walls. Elongated fixed metal windows with stone lintels and concrete sills are single spaced.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: unknown

The Perry National Guard Armory is significant as an example of the WPA involvement in national defense projects. First Lt. E. Q. Brengle reported that the armory replaced an inadequate facility located on impassable roads during bad weather and that "it would have been impossible to construct this building without the aid of the Federal Government and needy employables." In all, construction of the facility employed one hundred and twenty jobless laborers during the Depression, infused wages for 90,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy, provided a building for public gatherings and entertainment, and created a headquarters for Battery C, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard. Architecturally, the structure is notable in terms of its scale, type, style, workmanship, and materials.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

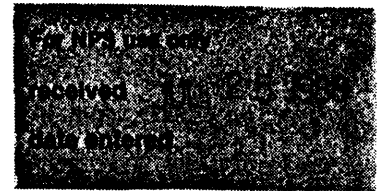
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Location of nominated property is as follows: from point of beginning located at the intersection of Delaware and Fourteenth Streets, 120 feet south, 125 feet west, 240 feet north, 125 feet south to point of beginning in Blocks 73 and 74, North Second West Perry original.

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PICTURE REFERENCE: 19-a; 19-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.

Carol Shue

Signature of the Keeper

9-8-88

Date of Action

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)