

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN STILLWATER TR

and/or common

## 2. Location

3 ind (2 on NR)

street & number

not for publication

city, town Stillwater

vicinity of

state Oklahoma

code OK

county Payne

code 119

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
Thematic	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
Group		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership

street & number

city, town

vicinity of

state

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Payne County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Stillwater,

state Oklahoma

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Preservation Survey

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date October 1982

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town Stillwater

state Oklahoma

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The downtown core of Stillwater is an active commercial area. While there has been considerable strip development, the proximity of the University campus and County Court House to the downtown area have contributed to keeping commercial viability strong. Unfortunately, while many of the early masonry structures still exist, they have been thoroughly modernized and have virtually no historic integrity. Many of the original structures have been torn down to be replaced by asphalt parking lots.

The five structures included in the thematic were all built within a three year time span, which is reflected in their similarity of red masonry construction. The bank is of sandstone, the bank of red brick, and the three others of red paver brick. Four of the buildings have limestone lintels, string courses, keystone, or sills as decorative features.

The selection of buildings, other than maintaining historic integrity, are representative of a crosssection of commercial use in the downtown area. The buildings were used for freight distribution, professional services, product sales, and banking businesses.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1894-1933      **Builder/Architect** varied

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The commercial structures of Stillwater are significant to the early growth of the community as they housed the local service centers, including freight distribution, office space, retail outlets and financial institutions. Specifically these are the few structures which either remain or still maintain integrity.

Stillwater was founded on April 22, 1889 during the first Run in Oklahoma Territory. The town was located twenty miles from the nearest rail line, however, the offer of an A & M College by the Territorial Legislature sent enterprising businessmen to negotiate for rail service. The procurement of both the college and railroad provided the impetus for a strong commercial community. Another contributing factor to the commerce of the area was its importance as the county seat.



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Commercial Buildings in Stillwater Thematic Resources  
State Oklahoma

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|---|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1.  | Hoke Building   | <u>Substantive Review</u> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 9/12/83</u> |
|     |   |                           | Attest | _____                         |
| 2.  | Walker Building                                       | <u>Substantive Review</u> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 9/12/83</u> |
|     |   |                           | Attest | _____                         |
| 3.  | Selph Building  | <u>Substantive Review</u> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 9/12/83</u> |
|     |   |                           | Attest | _____                         |
| 4.  | Santa Fe Depot<br>(previously listed 3/3/80)          |                           | Keeper | _____                         |
|     |   |                           | Attest | _____                         |
| 5.  | Citizens Bank Building<br>(previously listed 2/24/81) |                           | Keeper | _____                         |
|     |   |                           | Attest | _____                         |
| 6.  |   |                           | Keeper | _____                         |
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