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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 Buildings I.O.O.F. ~~Facilities~~ in Alfalfa County ^{TR} ~~OK~~

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Multiple Locations 4 N/A not for publication

city, town _____ vicinity of _____

state OK code _____ county alfalfa Co. code _____

3. Classification

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

street & number _____

city, town Cherokee state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society, Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state Okl.

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Thematic Group

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Name I.O.O.F. Buildings in Alfalfa County Thematic Resources
State Alfalfa County, OKLAHOMA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 1. | Aline I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 263 | <u>Substantive Review</u> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grovona 3/8/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | Carmen I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 84 | Entered in the
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1902-1931 Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The I.O.O.F. buildings are significant because of their role as both social and commercial centers for small towns in Alfalfa county. The I.O.O.F. buildings, constructed between 1902 and 1931 furnished permanent facilities for social encounters and commercial endeavors necessary for establishing stable communities in Alfalfa County. Initially settled during the Cherokee Outlet Run of 1893, the area that is now Alfalfa County was the eastern part of "M" County. With the coming of statehood in 1907, the county acquired the name Alfalfa, the nickname of Bill Murray, the state's constitutional convention president who later became governor. Because of the great fertility of the soil, this area attracted many farmers and merchants who sought financial gains and permanent habitation. The I.O.O.F., along with other fraternal societies like the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America, gave the initial settlements an air of stability that further attracted settlers because of a ready made group that gave immediate status due to its exclusivity.

Aside from serving as social centers which aided in continuing community spirit, these I.O.O.F. lodges provided permanent facilities for commercial endeavors necessary for the functioning of the county's small towns. The lower portion of the lodges, rented to local businessmen, housed various enterprises such as a cafe, a cleaners, a newspaper, a drugstore, and even a mortuary. The I.O.O.F. Home at Carmen was a special project carried out to fulfill the organization's specific edict to provide care for orphans of fraternity members.

These nominated buildings are the only I.O.O.F. buildings left standing in the county. The only building still functioning as a lodge is in Cherokee, the Carmen and Aline lodges having been disbanded. The Carmen I.O.O.F. Home now houses a nursing home run by the Pentecostal Holiness Church. These buildings maintain their basic structural integrity. The nominated properties include:

CHEROKEE

Cherokee I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 100

CARMEN

Carmen I.O.O.F. Home
Carmen I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 84

ALINE

Aline I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 263

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property See Continuation Sheet

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey date 1983

street & number 502 Math Sciences, O.S.U. telephone (405) 624-8344

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. E. Metcalf date 1-17-84

title _____ date _____

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

See Continuation Sheet for Listing date _____

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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