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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bushy Office Building
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

113 E. Carl Albert Parkway *Pkwy.*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

McAlester

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Pittsburg

121

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"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Andrew James Gordon

STREET & NUMBER

408 E. Creek Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

McAlester

VICINITY OF

OK

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Pittsburg County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

McAlester

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City

OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This office building was one of three owned in the same area by Colonel R. H. Busby. This was his office building.

The exterior is dark brick reached by six steps. Two pilasters flank the front 1. face of the building. Four windows and the door are contained in the lower portion of the building. Above them was a clerestory that has now been covered on the exterior by a metal strip. A string course of white stone divides the building facade in two horizontally. In the upper portion there are three "renaissance" windows, topped by stone lintels and by a decorative cornice of white stone having a molded pattern of leaves. Set at the top of the facade is the date 1907 divided by a large, decorative cartouche of leaves and horns of plenty inscribed with a large B. The top of the building is crowned by another row of white stone.

The interior has all mahogany woodwork and doors. Mahogany panelling extends 2. about four feet up the wall from the floor. Every door has a stained glass window in it. There are several rooms downstairs consisting of offices, meeting rooms and storage rooms. There is also a large safe built into the wall.

The original staircase leads to the second floor which also contained offices. This floor is now occupied by a lawyer. The second floor ceilings have been lowered.

Very little of the interior of this building has been changed.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT R. H. Busby

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was built by Colonel R. H. Busby, a general sales agent in the coal department of the Choctaw, Oklahoma, and Gulf Railroad. He built a triplex in what was then south McAlester, Indian Territory that became the hub of the area. He built a theatre, a hotel and this office building. All could be reached from the others. This building and the hotel were connected by an underground tunnel for carriages. This building exemplified the growth and wealth of the then expanding town of McAlester and the boom of the coal industry in the area. It is one of the few retaining considerable integrity, since most have been lost to subsequent development.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Under 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME McAlester, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 0 |

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Diane Everman, Supervised by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

STREET & NUMBER

Oklahoma State University

CITY OR TOWN

Stillwater

DATE

March, 1979

TELEPHONE

(405) 624-5678

STATE

OK

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

TITLE

Harry L. Doylree M.D.

DATE

7-16-79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. Oldham

DATE

12/16/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *Bob Groves*

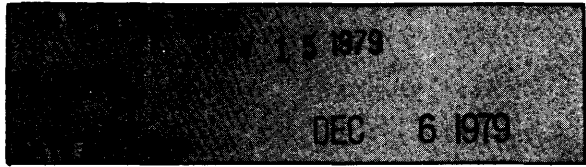
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Block 319