

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Oologah Bank

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 105 South Maple St. N/A not for publication

city, town Oologah vicinity of congressional district 002

state Oklahoma code 40 county Rogers code 131

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 checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<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 Johnny Beard

street & number 105 South Maple

city, town Oologah vicinity of state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Rogers County Courthouse, 219 South Missouri

city, town Claremore state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society—State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Oologah Bank, built in 1906, is a one story, five-sided row commercial building with elements of the style typical for turn-of-the-century business buildings. It has an 8' wall diagonal to the front and side of the structure which forms the northeast corner. Red brick laid in a running bond course serves as the construction material for this 25' by 40' building. It has a flat roof with 2' high parapet.

One of the entranceways to the structure is located in the diagonal wall. It has a wooden door and a screen door. The second entrance is located near the southwest corner of the structure. The door has been removed and the entrance has been boarded from the inside but the door frame is still intact. At each entrance there is a two-step stoop.

On the front of the structure there are two double transomed windows immediately adjacent to each other. On the west side there are two transomed double windows and a single 1/1 sash window. On the rear of the structure there are two single 1/1 sash windows. There are no windows on the east side.

Though the Oologah Bank is a fairly simple structure, there are some brick embellishments which add character to the building. Above all the entrances and single windows there are segmental relieving arches. Those above the windows are incorporated into the wall and those above the entrances are laid on the wall, creating a three-dimensional effect. On each corner of the structure and framing the entrances there are polychromatic pilaster strips. The parapet is decorated with polychromatic tooting topped by a stretcher course of bricks.

Oologah Bank occupies a corner lot in what was formerly the Central Business District of Oologah. The surrounding area is now one of mixed land-use with residential and commercial properties intermingled.

Structural alterations to Oologah Bank have been minor and affect the integrity of the structure only minimally. The original window on the front of the structure has been replaced and the door on the south side has been removed. Most of the major interior features are still intact including the original molded tin ceilings and the bank vault.

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/
<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 1906–1945 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Oologah Bank Building is significant because: (1) it was one of the first banks in northeastern Oklahoma having been completed in 1906 when Oologah was still a town in Indian Territory and (2) it served as the only bank in the area for over twenty years and existed as a commercial building for approximately seventy years.

Prior to statehood in 1907, Oologah emerged as an Indian Territory coal mining boom town. It quickly became a shipping point for coal mined in the area because of its location on the Iron Mountain and Southern railroad line. It also served as a service center for the mining camps and related industries as well as the already-existent agricultural economy. Because of the various financial transactions, need for a bank was soon realized by area residents. The Oologah Bank was constructed in 1906 to fulfill that need by providing a safe depository for money, a source of currency and credit, and other financial operations.

The Oologah Bank was the only financial institution in the region for over twenty years. Completion of the bank represented a vital step in transforming the community from one dependent upon only agriculture to one with a more diversified economic base and vital to the economic history of northeastern Oklahoma.

During the mid-1940s, the bank operations moved to more spacious quarters and, for the next thirty years, the building housed an antique dealership carrying on the commercial tradition of the building. Since the mid-1970s, the building has been used in the production of hand-held bellows for fireplaces, a small "cottage"-type industry.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Jasper McCrosky, Former Resident of Oologah, June, 1981.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Oologah, Oklahoma

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minutes

UMT References

A

1	5	2	5	7	1	2	0	4	0	3	6	7	2	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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G

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

North 40.5' of Lot 1 and North 40.5' of the East 25' of Lot 2, Block 18 - Original Town of Oologah, Oklahoma.

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

name/title Claudia A. Craig supervised by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Northeastern Oklahoma Counties Survey date December, 1981

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6250

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma 74078.

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. M. Metcalf

title date 3-29-82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Beth Grosvenor</u>	date <u>5/10/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	