

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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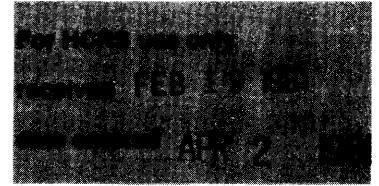
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Verbal Description continued:

corner of the nominated property. Turn east and proceed approximately 250' back to the highway, then south approximately 50' to the point of beginning.

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Tidal School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number S of Drumright off OK 16 — not for publication

city, town Drumright vic. vicinity of congressional district No. 2

state Oklahoma code 40 county Creek code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 City of Drumright

street & number City Hall

city, town Drumright — vicinity of state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Creek County Courthouse

city, town Sapulpa state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Cushing Historic Oil Field Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

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

city, town Oklahoma City 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 Tidal School is a two story building constructed of red brick laid in header and stretcher courses with tooled joints. The overall dimensions of the school are 35' x 118'. The roof is gabled and covered with composition shingles. The building includes several features of Georgian Revival architecture including a rectangular plan, a minimum of minor projections, and symmetrical facades. False-end chimneys projecting above the roof line on the east and west ends contribute to the overall symmetry of the building.

The east and west ends of the front facade project slightly and are crowned with pediments without supporting pilasters. Within the projection on the east end is an arched window where the glass panes have been replaced with wood. Below the pediment on the west projection is the archway entrance for the second floor. Within the archway are double doors with molded panels. Between the two projections on the front facade, a series of twelve sash windows, 9 over 9, are located on the second story. On the first floor facade, partially below ground level, a second series of sash windows, 6 over 6, is located. A wooden belfry adorns the central part of the building's roof.

The south facade is similar to the front with the exception that double doors are positioned in the center of the building. The second story contains a series of eight sash windows, 6 over 6. Stairwells below ground level lead to entrance doors for the first floor on both north and south sides of the building.

The east and west facades are identical. The second story has two sash windows, 9 over 9. Directly above these windows are two quarter-round windows with wagon-wheel designs.

A header course of brick is laid on all four sides of the building to denote divisions between floors.

The Tidal School was closed in the early 1950's, however, the City of Drumright still uses the building as a meeting place for local youth and civic organizations.

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
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<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 Circa 1915–present **Builder/Architect** Tidewater Oil Company

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Tidal School is significant because it is the best example of a "wing school" remaining in the Cushing oil field area and because it was built by the Tidewater Oil Company for the children of their workers. A "wing school" was an outlying school in the rural oil fields surrounding the oil boom towns. This type of school provided vital educational services in an era when many of the town schools could not accommodate the sudden over population of school-age children, therefore, schools were dispersed rather than consolidated. Tidewater Oil Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey, provided the funds to construct the Tidal School on their lease land where the Tidal Refinery and Camp were located, thus making it a quasi-company school. The Tidal School still plays an important role in the social and educational life of the Drumright community as a meeting place for 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America Chapters, and local civic organizations.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Henry Weimer, former Drumright Superintendent of Schools, June, 1980.

Cross, Roy (ed.), Petroleum, Asphalt, and Natural Gas. Kansas City: Kansas City Testing Laboratories, Bulletin No. 14, 1911

Interview with Jeff Hunter, June, 1980.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Under one acre

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Drumright, OK.

Quadrangle scale 7.5 min.

UMT References

A

1	4	7	1	7	8	4	1	3	9	8	2	3	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D

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Zone		Easting				Northing							

H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point approximately 1,250' north of the southeast corner of Section 8, T17N R7E, on Oklahoma Highway No. 99 which forms east boundary of the section, proceed west approximately 250'. Turn north and proceed approximately 50' to the northwest (cont)

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

state	N/A	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert Sweet Directed by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Cushing Historic Oil Field Survey date July, 1980

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6248

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]

title SHPO date 1/21/81

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>[Signature]</u>	date <u>April 2, 1981</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	