

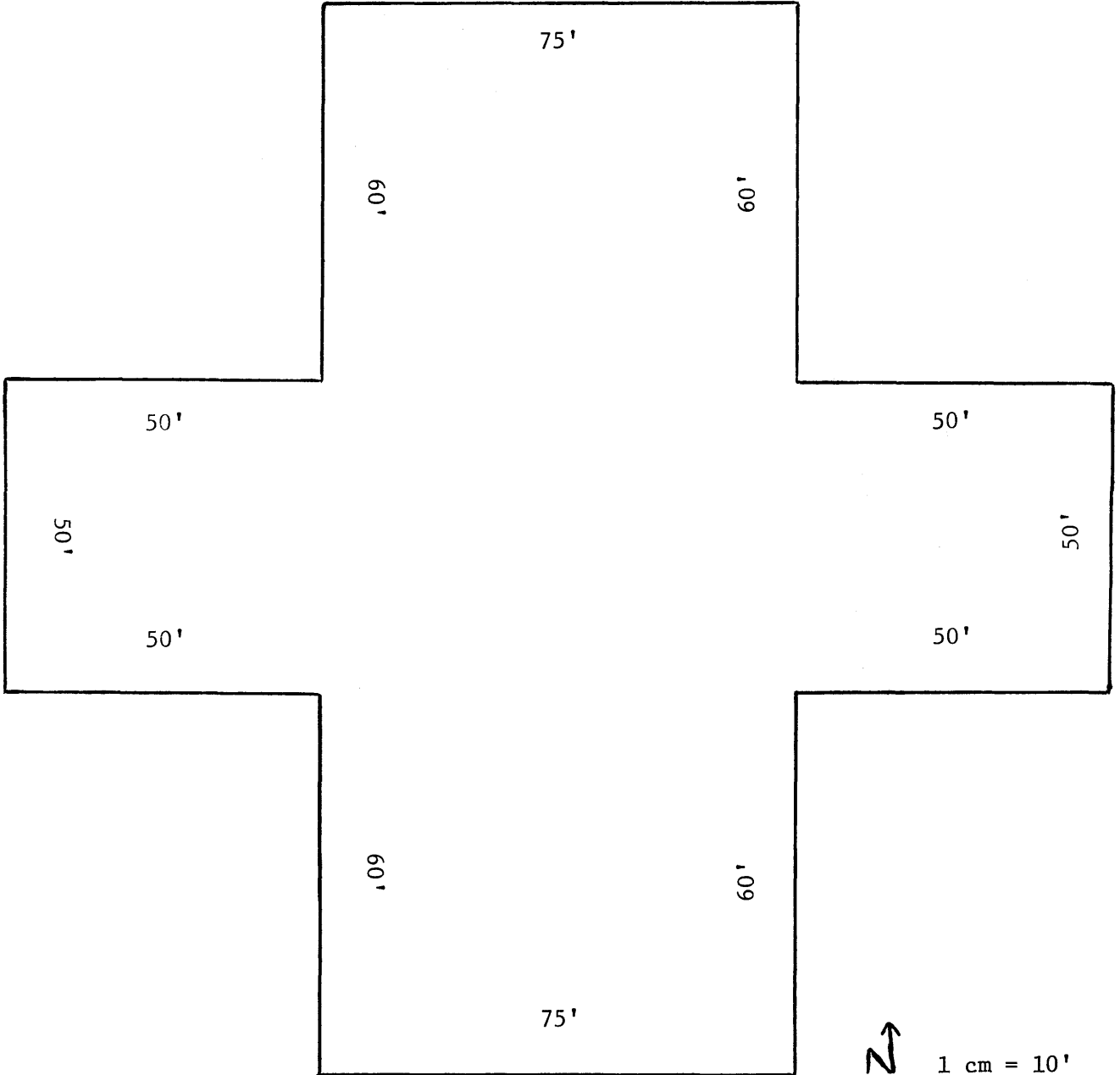
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Carmen I.O.O.F. Home

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*OK, Alfalfa County, Oklahoma*

✓ Carmen I.O.O.F. Home ( )

Location: ~~1/2 mile North of Carmen (on a county road)~~

Owner of Property: The Carmen Home of the Pentecostal Holiness Church  
c/o Rev. J. M. Lemmons, P.O. Box 158, Carmen, OK 73726

Location of Legal Description: Alfalfa County Courthouse

Description: Condition-good, altered, original site.

This two story flat roofed red brick cruciform building with a 170' long nave and a 175' wide transept (see attached map) is reminiscent of the Renaissance Revival style with its rusticated buff colored brick quoins and the Second Renaissance Revival style with the rusticated buff colored brickwork window surrounds that change from rectangular in the first floor to round arch in the second floor. All the window bays are filled with white painted wood framed double hung sash windows with aluminum storm window coverings and rusticated concrete lug sills. There are six windows in each story of the east and west facades of the nave. The south facade of the nave has two windows in each story on either side of the recessed entranceway that has been altered by placing a brickwork facade flush with the south facade. The symmetrical alteration contains two aluminum framed single hung sash windows in each story on either side to two recessed metal framed glass doors; the second story door having two side lights and the first story door having two side lights and three fixed metal framed transom lights. A white painted concrete portico with four concrete supports extends from the south facade and a large stoop with wrought iron banisters leads to the entranceway. The south facade of the transept has two windows in each story on either side of the nave and a wrought iron fire escape is attached to the east facade of the transept which has a white painted concrete portico with concrete supports. A concrete string course marks the watertable.

A stucco cap covers the roofline except in the south portion of the nave which has a white painted wood cornice with eaves. Two chimney stacks with aluminum capped pots extend above the east and west facades of the nave and a rectangular interior chimney stack with two circular pots extends above the roofline of the south-east intersection of the nave and transept. A concrete elevator shaft extends one story above the roof in the center of the building. A rectangular aluminum framed sash window, with rusticated surrounds, is in the second story of the southeast intersection of the nave and transept. The eastern most second story window in the east portion of the transept, where a tin escape chute had been located, has been partially paneled with bricks. Two brickwork basement entranceways with wood framed wood doors have been attached to the building: one, with a shed roof is in the south-east corner of the southern portico, and the other, with a flat roof, is in the south-east corner of the intersection of the nave and transept. The major alteration to the building has been the removal, for fire safety purposes, of the third story which had been constructed entirely of wood and had a mansard roof.

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Significance:

Constructed to promulgate an organizational function of care for orphans of fraternity members, the building location north of Carmen, Oklahoma was the result of a subscription contest in 1902 in which the Carmen lodge solicited more than \$5,000.00. Under the guidance of W.H. Willhour of Byron, Oklahoma and A.T. Whitworth of Carmen, the initial south wing of the home was constructed. J.B.A. Robertson, later to become the fourth governor of Oklahoma, laid the cornerstone for the building on 13 October 1906 and dedicated the building on 26 April 1907 in a ceremony that drew a crowd of nearly 6,000 people. By 1917 three other wings were completed, all at a total cost of \$75,000.00, and were maintaining nearly 200 children. The Pentecostal Holiness Church purchased the building in 1949 after it had stood vacant during the war years. In 1955 the church converted the buildings function to a nursing home and has continued it as such to the present. The building continues to provide the area with a necessary social facility.

Acreage: *Less than 1 ac.*

Quadrangle Name: Carmen, 7.5

Verbal Boundry Description: Part of the S 12, SE 14, SW 14 of Section 35 township 25 North, Range 12 West and beginning at a point in the center of the correction line where it intersects the eastern boundry of section 3T. 24 N, R. 12 W, and going North 276' to the point of beginning then East 106', then North 217' then West 212' then South 217' then east 106' to point of beginning.

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