

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park 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 Clover Hotel

and/or common Clover Inn Restaurant

**2. Location**

street & number N/A Main St. and Oklahoma Ave N/A not for publication

city, town Laverne N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 040 county Harper code 059

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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
	<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 Bobby Sumpter

street & number

city, town Laverne N/A vicinity of state OK 73848

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. See Primary Nomination Sheet

street & number

city, town state

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title See Primary Nomination Sheet has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Built in 1912, the Clover Hotel is a two story structure with hipped roofs joined at the corner of the "L" shaped floor plan. The external sides of the "L" form a 50' facade on Main Street and a 100' facade along Oklahoma Avenue. The interior of the "L" forms a secluded courtyard and garden that extends 50' west of the hotel along Main Street bordered by a low wall made from large river rocks. The use of stuccoed exterior walls, a Spanish clay tile roof, the wrought iron balcony on the second level above the roof of the arcaded porch, and the courtyard are reminiscent of the Spanish Colonial Style but other elements are more common to early twentieth century Plains Commercial structures (especially the repetition of double-hung sash windows the transoms above the second floor interior room doors, the elaborate pressed-tin ceiling on the first floor, and the 4x5-lighted exterior doors as a main entry and directly above on the balcony. Each of the nineteen hotel rooms on the second floor are original with plastered walls, wood plank floors, a doublehung sash window, a paneled wood door with transom and wood framed doorways with molded entablatures. Other features on the second floor are also original, such as the framed molding on corners in the hallway and raised ceramic tile floors for the two bathrooms and semi-elliptical arched entries.

The alterations to the hotel have been few. A one story 40x25' section has been added along Oklahoma Avenue to the alley to be used as the living quarters for the hotel keeper, but its location along the side street and the use of similar materials and landscaping minimize the intrusion. Other alterations have included the modernization of the interior on the back half of the first floor to accommodate the restaurant, but these are mostly surface additions of paneling, partitions, and carpeting. On the other hand, the upper level of the hotel retains most of its original appearance except for the addition of a lowered acoustical ceiling and linoleum tiles to the hall floors. The basic architectural and historical integrity remains.

# 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/	
<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 checked="" 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** 1912 **Builder/Architect** N/A

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Established in 1912 to serve the transient population that came to Laverne with the construction of the railroad and the establishment of the town, the Clover Hotel continued to serve as a hotel until 1980 when due to dwindling business and outdated accommodations, the hotel was closed, but the restaurant remained to serve the community. At one time considered a "fancy" hotel, the two story, stuccoed, Spanish style hotel has many of the original portions of the interior. The nineteen hotel rooms, the fixtures and the decorative details (such as bathroom fixtures, the banister, doors with transoms, light fixtures, and the downstairs pressed tin ceilings), especially the upstairs which served as the hotel. Even the outside retains its original appearance with the Spanish-style arcaded porch with a bannister above and a clay tile, hipped roof. The only modification upstairs has been a lowered acoustical ceiling that is now being removed to expose the original ceiling. Downstairs modifications have been mostly decorative applications, rather than structural, to accommodate the modern restaurant facilities.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Primary Nomination Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property            under one acre

Quadrangle name Laverne, OK 1971

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A 

1	4	4	2	0	0	9	0	4	0	6	2	8	0	0
Zone	Easting						Northing							

B 

Zone	Easting						Northing							

C 

Zone	Easting						Northing							

D 

Zone	Easting						Northing							

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H 

Zone	Easting						Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 46, Lots 1-4, Town of Laverne

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

state See Primary Nomination Sheet code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title See Primary Nomination Sheet

organization date

street & number telephone

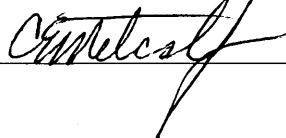
city or town state

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

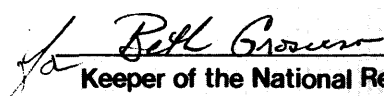
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title date

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

 Keeper of the National Register date 7/8/84

Attest: date

Chief of Registration