

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 Stine Building

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 601 Barnes St. N/A not for publication

city, town Alva vicinity of _____ congressional district No. 6

state Oklahoma code 40 county Woods code 151

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	<u>N/A</u> 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 Gene R. & Doris E. Smith

street & number Box 97

city, town Alva vicinity of _____ state OK 73717

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Woods County Courthouse

city, town Alva state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

J. A. Stine built the Stine Building in 1906 at a cost of \$6,000 ... replacing a frame structure erected on the site in 1894. It was a two-story affair, of solid brick, and measured 50 x 150 feet on its corner site. The ground floor was (and is) divided into various commercial locations. A stairway in the center of the Barnes Street (front) elevation leads to the second floor, which was used originally by the local Elks Lodge. During World War II it served as a recreation and dance hall for personnel at the Prisoner of War camp south of town. Only recently has part of this upper floor been converted into living quarters for the present owners.

Design of the building itself is thoroughly traditional. A low, balustrade-like brick wall, bracketed, projects slightly over projecting brick courses separates the two floors. Paired windows on the second floor (tripled facing Barnes Street) are emphasized with sunken horizontal panels in the brick facade above each set. The windows themselves (double-sashed originally, are now being replaced with Anderson windows) have white lintels, also of stone. Further ornamentation is limited to pilasters separating the downstairs business fronts and a single Doric column supporting the corner of the building and guarding the angled entrance to the corner business.

There was some neglect to the building during the depression years of the 1930s, when it changed hands repeatedly. Since 1946, however, it has been well maintained and is currently having some restoration work done on it.

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 **Builder/Architect** Not known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stine Building is a two-story brick affair on the busiest corner of Alva's square. One of the best built downtown commercial structures, it has survived three quarters of a century with no major alterations, a steady anchor for the county seat's business district. Its name memorializes its builder, who was an influential civic leader in the early years of the town.

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J. A. Stine came to Alva, from Pennsylvania, in 1894, a year after this area opened to settlement. The following year he organized the Exchange Bank. He later bought the Alva State Bank, merging it with the Exchange.

Stine was the first president of the Alva Commercial Club, in 1896, serving in that capacity for several years. "To this club," the Alva Pioneer noted on Jan. 1, 1904, "Alva practically owes all she is today."

In 1898 he drove the locating stake for the "Normal School" which is now Northwestern Oklahoma State University. When Alva became a city of the first class in May 1901, Stine was elected mayor. "His name will always remain prominently in the history of Alva," the Pioneer told its readers.

Following his death in 1925 the building passed into the hands of his two children. They lost it in the Great Depression and in 1933 it was sold at a sheriff's sale for \$2,000. In 1946, some seven transfers later, it became the property of J. B. Smith, whose son owns it today.

The Stine Building housed the Stipp Department Store originally. Over the years it has accommodated a wide variety of commercial ventures, from grocery store to car agency, from hamburger stand to finance company, from jeweler to optometrist. Through it all, despite cast changes, it has played a consistent and significant role in the business life of the town.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Pioneer Press - "The Alva Pioneer Tenth Anniversary Souvenir Edition and Historical Album" - January 1, 1904 - and the files of other years.

Alva Review-Courrier - its files over the years.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Alva

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1 & 2 of Block 51 in City of Alva, Oklahoma Territory

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kent Ruth, Deputy

organization Oklahoma Historical Society date March 1981

street & number Historical Building telephone 405/884-5456

city or town Oklahoma City 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 C. M. Metcalf date 2-8-82

title _____ date _____

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>William H. Braunam</u>	date <u>4.21.82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	