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**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

Bourne Dairy  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

5801 Eastern St

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Oklahoma City

VICINITY OF

5

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

Oklahoma

109

**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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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

International Foundation for the Study of Rat Genetics and Rodent Pest Control

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 53412

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City,

VICINITY OF

Oklahoma 73152

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Oklahoma County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Oklahoma County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

May, 1979

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bourne Dairy nomination consists of two structures and open space from the structures east to the City's right-of-way on Eastern Avenue. The dairy building is constructed in the shape of a "T" with the cross at the south end and long portion running north and south. Each section is covered by a <sup>gable</sup> gable roof, with two slopes of the same pitch. Broad eaves extend on the edge of the building in each direction. The roof is covered with asphalt composition shingles over the original wooden shingles. A single gabled dormer projects from the south slope of the roof.

There are five entrances, two from the south, two from the west, and one from the north. A <sup>the</sup> six entrance on the east had been sealed at an earlier date. On the south, west, and north entrances are large enough for the cows, with each having sliding doors. The main entrance from the south is the only arched entrance. The solid oak vertical board door is rounded at the top, with six <sup>panes</sup> ~~panes~~ of glass at eye level.

The walls are finished in uncoursed rubble sandstone (red) which was cut from the area on the south bank of the Deep Fork. This quarrying area has been disturbed in the post-World War II period through flood prevention efforts. The window spaces in the stall area have been filled in with similar stone from the area, although the coloration is somewhat different. The windows in the office portion of the building to the south are steel projected windows. Recently wrought iron bars have been placed over the windows' spaces.

The silo is immediately to the north of the dairy building. The lowest portion is made of red sandstone like that of the main building. The next highest portion is constructed of concrete blocks formed into pillow-like shape. The upper-most portion is made of white cedar with steel bands hold the lumber in place. The silo is in disrepair, with the top missing.

# 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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Dairy
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1889-1944

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bourne Dairy was established the day after the Run in the Unassigned Lands on April 23, 1889. The Elias Whitfield Bourne family arrived in a covered wagon and driving three cows. They contested the claim to land in the area of Northwest Thirteenth and Broadway and successfully gained title to the land because the other claimants were "Sooners", who had illegally entered the area before April 22, 1889, and staked out the land in secret.

The principal informant about the early history of the dairy was Mrs. Stella Bourne Crockett Renwick, who stated that the dairy sold its first milk on April 23, 1889, and that: "We delivered milk in a tin can with a spout. We had to go in the early morning on deliveries as there was no ice. We had to get up in time to get ready to deliver to hotels and restaurants before 6:00 A.M." A second milking took place at 6:00 P.M. and a second delivery.

The location of the dairy was changed in 1898, as Oklahoma City grew to the north and began to crowd the farm. The new location was at what is now Northeast Fifty-eighth and Eastern. Pasture land used by the Bournes extended northwest to Persimmon Hill where the Western Heritage Center and Cowboy Hall of Fame now exists. The area below the hill is a natural meadow, where trail drivers used to collect their cattle herds for the drive to market. The entire farm consisted of 160 acres originally. Men with teams of oxen were hired to clear away the trees in the valley of the Deep Fork for additional farm land for feed.

By the decade of the twenties, the dairy milked about 200 cows. Before that refrigeration was lacking and it remained a small dairy of about seventeen cows. During that period deliveries were made with a spring wagon and team of horses. The milk was delivered as quickly as possible. The team learned the route and stopped at every delivery point on their own. Bert Bourne remembered that his well-trained teams would turn the wagon around by themselves while he walked the milk to the door at the last stop on a particular street. Although he felt horses were superior, he began to deliver milk with a truck in 1915, for safety purposes. Even so, the horses were still used for herding the cows. One horse, "Rocket," would take the cows by himself to and from pasture and never lost a cow.

The Bournes sold the dairy in 1944, and dairy operations ended at that time. The dairy area is owned presently by a private non-profit organization which breeds rats for laboratory purposes.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Bert Bourne, December 3, 1977, Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Interview with Stella Bourne Crockett Renwick, 1967, OCC, Oklahoma City, OK  
Oklahoma City Times, October 9, 1967  
Oklahoma Journal (Midwest City, OK), December 4, 1977

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY c. 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Spencer, Oklahoma

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See the attached site map

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Howard L. Meredith, Historian

May 18, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

DATE

405-521-2491

STREET & NUMBER

Historical Building

TELEPHONE

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

*Harry L. Reynolds M.D.*  
7-13-79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*Charles Shull*  
10-3-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

*Beth Grosvenor*  
10/3/79

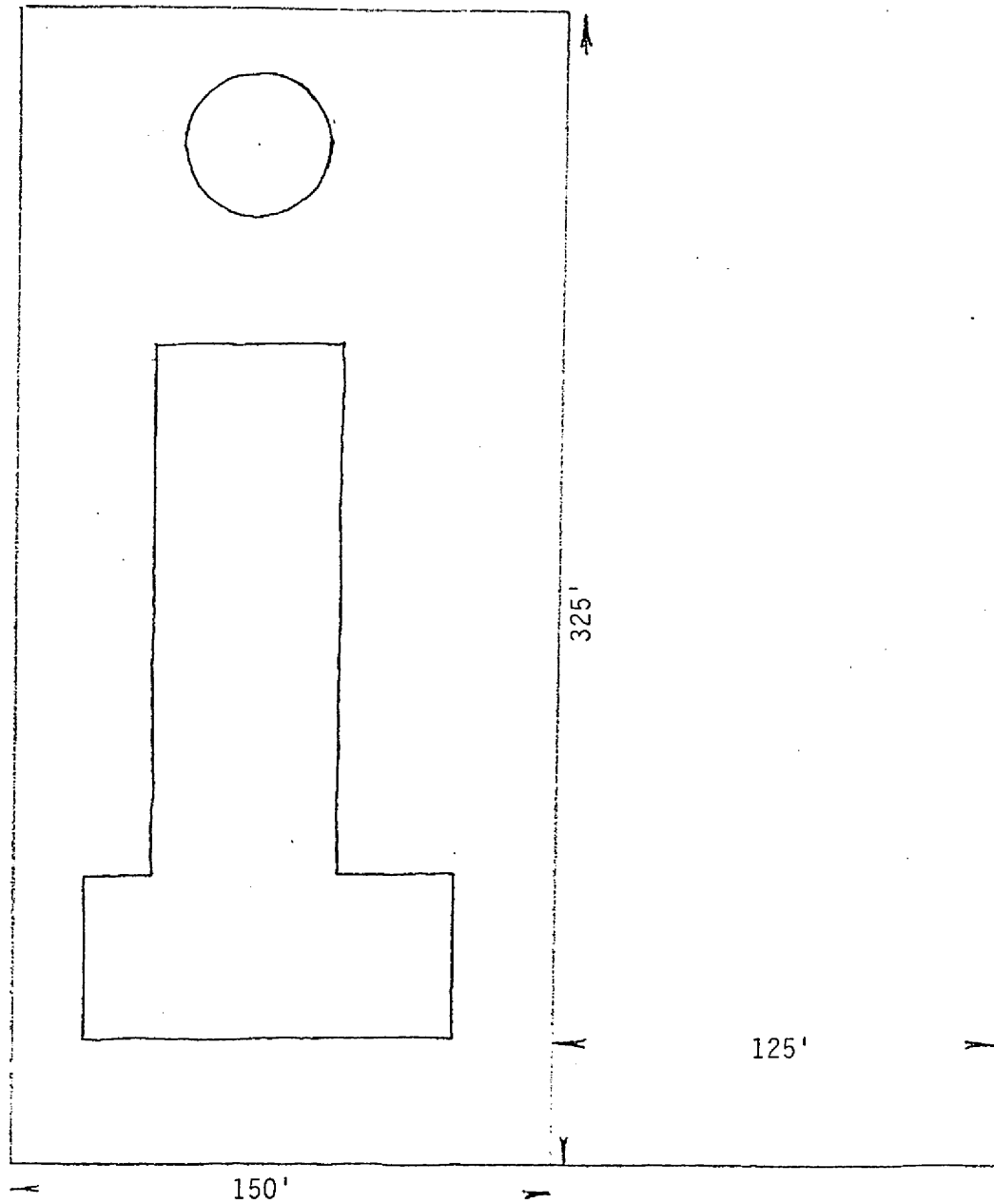
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



# bourne dairy

oklahoma comprehensive  
historical survey

oklahoma historical society



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eastern



north