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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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✓ Carmen I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 84

Location: ~~Northwest corner~~ of Main and 4th St., Carmen, OK, Alfalfa county

Owner of Property: Philip Burk, Box 188, Carmen, OK

Location of Legal Description: Alfalfa County Courthouse

Description: Condition--excellent, original site

This two story flat roofed plains commercial building is 55' x 100', constructed of red brick laid in a running bond pattern, and is eclectic with a variety of features. Below the rusticated roofline is a machicolated brickwork frieze that is stepped in the east facade that has nine pilasters that extend above the roofline and each terminating in a corbel. The second story east facade has eight wood framed double hung sash windows, each with a rusticated elliptical arched hood, wooden lintels, and white painted concrete lug sills. A rusticated brickwork stringcourse marks the clerestory level in the east facade. The first story of the east facade has a small wood framed garage doorway with two wooden doors above which are three wood framed fixed lights, a wood lintel, and an elliptical arched hood with a rusticated top. All the woodwork in the east facade has been painted white.

The south facade has a brick work frieze bordered by two incised concrete string courses. Four brick capped pilasters with decorative brackets extend above the roofline. Two pilasters, resting on white painted concrete bases frame the corners of the building and have capitals at the clerestory level. The middle two pilasters rest on concrete corbels and have recessed decorative stepping and toothing. Between the middle two pilasters in a concrete marker stone inscribed with I.O.O.F.

The five second story window bays have white painted rusticated concrete slip sills and Victorian Romanesque round arched concrete hoods, the tops of the voussiors being rusticated and the center arch having a decorative keystone above which is a concrete decorative element. Three of the five pairs of white painted wood framed windows have double hung sash windows, each with two quarter round head lights; the other two pairs are single sash windows, each with two elongated quarter round fixed windows. Six of the quarter round-lights are paneled with plywood, four painted white and two painted red, and one of the sash windows is paneled with plywood.

The first story has two recessed entranceways, each with two wood framed fixed windows with slip sills on either side of wood framed wood doors with glass panels. The brickwork around the entranceways rests on a 4" concrete watertable and above each recessed entranceway is a white painted concrete lintel. The west lintel is supported by two metal pipes and the east lintel has only one pipe support. The lights below the west lintel have been replaced with a white painted plastered panel and there are nine wood framed fixed lights on either side of an airconditioning unit above the east entranceway.

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The wood framed middle doorway, with a white painted wood framed screen door, is framed by two pilasters resting on white painted concrete bases and having white painted decorative concrete pediments with rough formed concrete blocks resting on corbels and having capitals, a round arch, formed by concrete masonry work, above which are two rows of concrete blocks topped with a concrete decorative motif. Immediately above the pediment and between the pilasters is a vermiculated brick-work frieze. A tin covered wooden awning hangs over the front entranceways of the building.

Significance:

This multipurpose building, constructed in 1902, provided the town of 500 people with business space as well as housing for the fraternal organization. The east half of the second story served as the I.O.O.F. lodge which had moved from Augusta in 1902. The west half of the second story was used as office space for various businesses and doctors offices; it was later leased to the Masons until 1980 when the entire second story was vacated. The west half of the first floor housed Stienmitz clothing store, an IGA grocery store, and presently houses Telgard Industries that makes surveillance cameras. The east half of the first floor has continually been used as a drug store. Though the second floor is now vacant the building continues to provide needed business space for the community.

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle Name: Carmen, 7.5

Verbal Boundry Description: Lots 7 and 8, Blocks 29, Original town

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