

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

Registration/8



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 Walcourt Building

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1401 <sup>NE.</sup> Northeast Walnut Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Oklahoma City vicinity of congressional district 5

state Oklahoma code 40 county Oklahoma code 109

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name John H. Williams II

street & number 335 Northeast 59th Street

city, town Oklahoma City vicinity of state Oklahoma 73111

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oklahoma County Court House

street & number

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma 73102

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date October 1980 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma 73105

---

## 7. Description

---

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

---

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

Located on the northwest corner of the busy intersection of NE 13th Street and Walnut Ave., the Walcourt Building is a two-story brick structure with a floor plan of "C" shape. The length of the building is north-south, 111', and 57' in the narrow dimension with sidewalks paralleling the streets and connecting with the entrances.

Cast stone is used generously and greatly contrasts with the red common bond brick with Flemish bond each seventh course. The cast stone ornamentation is found bordering window and door openings, tudor arches and all outside corners and a few inside corners. The oriel window of the north-east wing and the stacked bay windows on the southeast wing provide decorative elements which compete for attention with the east veranda entrance.

Parapet gables are capped with copper flashing and slope at the same angle as the cement asbestos diamond shaped "slate" covered roof. Brick chimneys which are topped with single, double or triple octagonal "pots" pierce the roof at random locations.

Verandas on the east and south provide shelter for the major entries, also permitting decks for leisure for tenants on the upper floor. The battlements of the verandas are capped with cast stone and neatly punctuated at intervals with the ever-present cast stone, in this instance, well formed scuppers to drain the upper deck.

Leaded glass in diamond shaped panes is used in the bay windows, oriel windows and the attic ventilating windows of the gables. Other windows are of the steel casement type with small panes of glass.

Living units of the Walcourt are connected by central corridors and a central stairway off the main entrance on the east. Special Shaeffer mantles surrounded each fireplace, interior walls and ceilings featured plaster and window and door wood trim was of walnut.

The owner, H. E. Musson, was a Professional Engineer and exceedingly proud of his innovations in the Walcourt. In a full page announcement on the opening of the building he mentions the "Kohler" fixtures in the bathrooms, "Clow" gas-steam radiators for heating, lots of windows to take advantage of the natural breezes and the convenience of living close to the State Capitol. There are no out-buildings related to the structure, only single-family houses provide a backdrop to this architecturally interesting building.

## 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Spring 1927

Builder/Architect Chas. G. Beveridge/Joe Davis

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

At the time of construction of the attractive Walcourt it was preeminent among efficiency apartments in the State of Oklahoma. Architect Joe Davis successfully created a structure which displayed the special characteristics and elaboration of exterior treatment exhibited by the Jacobethan Revival style of architecture. Significance is claimed by the two statements made above.

The steep-sided triangular silhouette of the gables; the use of stone (cast, in this case) in combination with brick, for window and door framing, parapet and quoin trim and other ornamentation; Tudor arches and chimneys with octagonal "pots"; all these features are symbolic of Jacobethan Revival style architecture.

Because the Walcourt was situated a few blocks from the bustling State Capitol, it was considered prime space for the powerful statesmen, successful oil men and others of independent means. Efficiency accommodations as temporary housing was considered as more than suitable to their positions in business and government.

The owner, Mr. Musson, had instructed his architect to design a building unlike any other in Oklahoma City, which Mr. Davis accomplished. Though the Walcourt has suffered the indignity of remaining vacant the last few years, the new owner is completing plans to revitalize the structure by adapting it for office usage, leaving the exterior in its original appearance but with "scrubbed face" and renovated materials.

LINE NOT VERIFIED  
CREAS: NOT VERIFIED

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

"The Beautiful Walcourt Apartment", Daily Oklahoman, January 29, 1928

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property c. 1 acre

Quadrangle name Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>14</u>	<u>635280</u>	<u>3927400</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification All of Lot 36, Block 1, Classen's Highland Parked Addition to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The above described real estate in Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, being a part of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 27, T12N, R3W of the Indian Meridian.

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

state Oklahoma code 40 county Oklahoma code 109

state \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bill E. Peavler, Senior Preservation Architect

organization Oklahoma Historical Society date October 6, 1980

street & number 2100 North Lincoln Blvd. telephone (405) 521-2491

city or town Oklahoma City state OK 73105

# 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 [Signature]

title SHPO C. Emmert 1-18-82 date 11/27/80

For HCPRS use only

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

[Signature]  
Keeper of the National Register

date 3/19/82

Attest:  
Chief of Registration

date