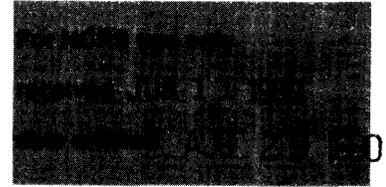


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Old Atoka State Bank

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Court and Ohio Streets not for publication

city, town Atoka vicinity of congressional district 003

state Oklahoma code 40 county Atoka code 005

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Mrs. Inez Kelly

street & number

city, town Atoka vicinity of state OK

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Atoka County Courthouse

city, town Atoka state OK

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society, Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state OK

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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**

A two story building of red brick construction, the Old Atoka State Bank building measured approximately 110' long and 50' wide. The structure had eyebrow windows on both its first and second stories with the exception of three large plate glass windows on its east side to the rear and two similar windows at the western end of its south front. Its cornice was constructed with ornamental brick work that was toriole-like in design. The southeast corner of the structure was cropped, the lower portion of which contained a recessed entry-way. The latter was decorated with modified tuscan columns which supported a domed arch; above the arch was an in-laid stone containing the date of construction. Brick work above the stone gave a porch-like effect to the whole entry way. Next to the entrance on both the east and south sides of the building were two large windows with eyebrow heads. Below the first and second story windows were horizontal lines constructed of cut stone, the effect of which was to give visual relief to the exterior walls of the building. The structure was designed so that it appeared that additions had been made to the western side of its front and at the northern end of its east side. Each of these two "units" contained large plate glass windows situated on either side of an entry way which opened into interiors separate and apart from the bank offices. The second story was entered from the south and east. The building also contained a basement.

In the 1950s the exterior of the building was altered. An aluminum facade and over-hang were added to the south front and along a part of the east side. The main entrance to the building, the large windows on either side, and the entry way and windows of the western "unit" were fitted with aluminum casements and plate glass doors and windows. Four of the windows on the east side were partially bricked-up and the structure was painted pink. These alterations were totally out of character with the original design of the Old Atoka State Bank building. At the same time, much of the architectural integrity of the structure remains, and that which was impeached by the false front could be retrieved.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<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** 1906

**Builder/Architect** Atoka State Bank

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Constructed in 1906, the Old Atoka State Bank building is significant because of its economic symbolism, community planning value, and its architecture. Organized the year the building was constructed and one year before Oklahoma statehood, the Atoka State Bank was capitalized at \$10,000. Under the leadership of Thomas F. Memminger, a Nebraska native who bought an interest in the bank in 1908, the institution was noted for its conservative lending practices and sound financial management. Of the three banks that existed in the community, it was the only one to survive the stockmarket crash of 1929 and the depression of the 1930s. The bank sold the building in 1929 and moved to another location just across the street; in the late 1960s it occupied its present quarters. Following the departure of the bank, the building was utilized in whole or in part by a hardware store, an ice cream parlor, a drug store, and a dress shop. The upper floor at one time or another contained offices of physicians, dentists, attorneys, the National Guard, the Works Progress Administration, and the Kiamichi Production Credit Association. In short, the Old Atoka State Bank building participated in the economic and commercial development of the entire community through its growth, depression, and decay.

The structure is one of seven substantial buildings in the present commercial district of Atoka that were constructed before 1915 that retain some economic usefulness. If there is to be any revival of "downtown" Atoka, now in a state of decay, Old Atoka State Bank and the other six buildings must be conserved. The bank building, then, is significant, even vital, to the future character of Atoka's business district.

The structure is also significant architecturally. The oriel-like design of its cornice is unique to the community, as is the extent to which the eyebrow windows have been employed. Equally unique are the horizontal lines beneath the windows. The integrity of the original design of the building has been impeached by the aluminum facade on its south front, but that integrity could be retrieved by skilled craftsmen and a modest investment of capital.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Daily Oklahoman, April 29, 1962.  
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Atoka, (promotional picture brochure without publisher or place of publication, ca. 1911).  
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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre **ACREEAGE NOT VERIFIED**  
Quadrangle name Stringtown Quadrangle scale 7.5'

UMT References

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

A	<u>114</u>	<u>7614</u>	<u>31610</u>	<u>318018</u>	<u>41010</u>	B					
	Zone	Easting	Northing				Zone	Easting	Northing		
C						D					
E						F					
G						H					

Verbal boundary description and justification

East 50' of South 110' of Lot 6, Block 26, Atoka City.

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 W. David Baird

organization Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey date January, 1980

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone (405) 624-5678

city or town Stillwater 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

title W. Glenn Jordan date 6/3/80

For HCRS use only

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

*Forrest G. Brown*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Yvonne S. Kelly*  
Chief of Registration

HR-8-300A  
(11/78)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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