

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Stroud Trading Company Building

AND/OR COMMON

Stroud Trading Post

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street and Second Avenue

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stroud

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

003

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Lincoln

081

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Carlos Taylor

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Taylor Ford Motor Co., Highway 18

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Chandler

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

OK

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Lincoln County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Chandler

OK

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1978

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City

OK

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stroud Trading Company building on the corner of the intersection of Main Street and Second Avenue in downtown Stroud occupies Lots 1-2, Block 27, of the original townsite. The two-story building is of red brick with sandstone trim. Like many Oklahoma commercial structures it bears the influence of the Romanesque in its use of materials and the false-fronted western building in its rectangular form. The decorative treatment of the front entablature is derived from the Victorian inclination to add a multitude of decorative features. These additive measures served to give most Oklahoma Main Streets an air of decorum and sophistication in the face of primitive conditions which had been experienced a generation or two earlier by towns in other parts of the country with early settlement dates.

Except for the first floor front windows which have been widened, the exterior of the building is in its original state. Originally the interior boasted the longest floor space of any commercial structure in Oklahoma Territory. The second floor was designed as a lodge hall and opera house and local residents took great pride in its opulence though it was relatively simple in design when compared with other geographical areas. The public hall measured 45 by 75 feet which was very grand by local standards.

The first floor has been entirely remodeled. In 1917 a cement floor replaced the original wood floor. The second floor remains essentially unchanged except for a few partitions to make the large space more useable.

# 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1901 to Present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stroud Trading Company is significant because it was one of the first and most important commercial establishments in Lincoln County during Territorial days. Statehood brought changes, economic and social as well as political, but the large, well-built trading company building continued to serve the community in a variety of capacities. For three-quarters of a century it played a role in the ever changing life of the Stroud community as it evolved from frontier to modern city and served as physical anchor for commercial continuity.

The Stroud Trading Company was incorporated April 19, 1901, with \$15,000 capital stock. On November 8, 1901, the company increased its capital stock to \$25,000, becoming one of the largest in the area. The following year it added new facilities and increased its stock. On January 30, 1902, the directors of the company dedicated the second floor as a lodge hall and opera house to accommodate the growing social and cultural needs of the community. These functions continued in the building until 1925, when the upstairs was remodeled to become the Liberty Hotel. At that time a shortage of homes had developed because of the discovery of oil in the Stroud area. Prior to conversion the second floor had for a time also provided classroom space for the Stroud schools.

The trading company's fortunes followed closely the economic ups and downs of Stroud, suffering considerably as the town lost its trading importance temporarily with statehood. Located in "wet" Oklahoma Territory, but only two miles from "dry" Indian Territory, Stroud prospered initially on the illicit whisky traffic into the nearby Creek lands. Since the company did considerable business with the cattlemen, ranchers, farmers, cowboys, and travelers who came to Stroud to patronize its nine saloons, their closing with statehood sharply affected its business. Perhaps in anticipation of this decline, the stockholders had sold the company two years before in 1905. Since then, the building has changed hands several times, and over the years it has accommodated a garage, motor company, grocery, oil well supply company, hotel and now, today, a restaurant.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview, Mrs. Alta Hines Fillman, Stroud, OK, June 10, 1978  
 Interview, Mrs. Miriam Horn, Stroud, OK, June 10, 1978  
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 Ruth, Kent, Oklahoma Travel Handbook, Norman, University of Oklahoma, Press, 1977.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Stroud South, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 4 | 7, 1, 2, 0, 4, 0 | 3, 9, 5, 8, 4, 8, 0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 27, Lots 1-2 (50 x 140 feet) Town of Stroud.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Enrize Ramirez and MaryAnn Anders Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

August, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Oklahoma State University

405-624-5678

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Stillwater

OK

# 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

*H. Glenn Jordan*

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

11/6/79

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

*Sally G. Olsen*

DATE

12/27/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *Kristen J. O'Connell*

DATE

12/10/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

FHR-8-300A  
(11/78)

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The structure itself, though simplistic by many standards, is solid and sound. It offered early residents the physical symbol of economic growth needed for community spirit. For today's residents, it is a constant reminder of past struggles and glories, present stability and future aspirations for economic development. The exterior of the building is unaltered except for the first floor front facade. The interior has been altered considerably on the first floor, with only minor changes to the second floor area.