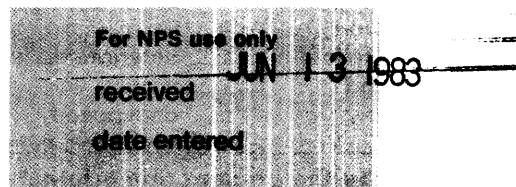


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 I.O.O.F. Building of Buffalo

and/or common Harper County Journal Office

2. Location

street & number 110 W. Turner *St.* N/A not for publication

city, town Buffalo N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Oklahoma code 40 county Harper code 059

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<i>NA</i> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<i>NA</i> 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 100F Lodge

street & number c/o George Springer

city, town Buffalo N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Harper County Courthouse

city, town Buffalo state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey OSU

city, town Stillwater state Oklahoma

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The 100F/Harper County Journal Building is a 100' x 25' two story, red brick, plains commercial building constructed in 1917. The facade of the building is flanked by two pillaster strips extending to form part of the battlement that is outlined by a three-row, stepped, yellow brick course at the top of the building. Yellow brick is also used for other decorative details on the facade, including: 1) the squares abutting each side of the top of the second floor windows to give the appearance of eyebrow hoods with 2) the vertical yellow brick course that forms a continuous course and serves as the base of a frieze-like motif above these windows and 3) the three larger squares of brick above this band course.

Above these decorative elements is a projective red brick stringcourse. Stepped brickwork tops the frieze-like motif above the second floor. A double hung sash window with concrete sill flanks each side of the I.O.O.F. sign on the second floor of the facade. The street level storefront of the facade has a corner recessed entry with a squared brick corner column that becomes the pilaster strip bordering the left side of the building. A clearstory extends between the two pilaster strips and caps the entry and display window. A tall, narrow, triple hung sash (2x2x2) window borders the right side of the display window to aid with ventilation. A concrete water table extends to form the floor of the recessed entry and the original brick sidewalk is still in use in front of the building. The other facades are constructed of cheaper, lighter red brick because the original planners expected the neighboring lots to be filled with businesses as the town expanded. The building has had very few alterations in its appearance except for the window air conditioners and the addition of the projecting, neon sign above the storefront, neither of which detract from the historical integrity of the 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1917–1924 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The I.O.O.F. Building and now the offices of the Harper County Journal in Buffalo is an excellently preserved and unaltered example of the austere Plains Commercial style architecture typical of northwest Oklahoma after statehood. In addition, the building is significant as a social center with the I.O.O.F. lodge's meeting hall and as the offices for the oldest newspaper in the county, an important means of disseminating information for the early citizens of the county. As is characteristic of the rural Plains Commercial style the storefront facade is without great detailing and is functional in appearance with a clearstory for added light, a recessed entry protected from the wind and rain, and even a small triple-hung sashed window to aid in ventilation. In addition, this two-story, red brick buildings, constructed in 1917, with vacant lots flanking each side (never constructed upon), forms a prominent part of the streetscape of Buffalo's small business district. The town was established in 1907 to be the county seat (and first town) of Harper County as Oklahoma became a state. Although the other buildings in the central business district have been remodelled, this building maintains its original appearance as one of the few brick structures (and the best preserved structure) in a town originally dubbed "Stone City," for its ordinance requiring fire resistant brick and cement-stone building materials.

Also, the building has housed the local newspaper office since 1922, that due to consolidations is linked back to the first newspaper in the county, the Brule Post, established in 1904 (later the Buffalo Republican). By 1924, two years after a fire in the press office had forced the Republican to move to its new quarters in the new I.O.O.F. Building, the Republican bought out the other major Buffalo paper, the Harper County Democrat (first issued in 1907) to become the Harper County Journal, the present paper and one of only two in the county.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Buffalo, Okla." Sandborn Map Co., July 1930

"Fire Map of Buffalo, Harper County, Oklahoma" December, 1907. In Oklahoma Historical Society Records.

Interview with Irene Page, Buffalo, June 25, 1982

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Buffalo, OK 1970

Quadrangle scale 7.5 min.

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 5, Block 127, Miller's Addn, City of Buffalo

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

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Karen Bode Burths Supervised by Mary Ann Anders

organization Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey date August 1982

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C M Petcaly date 5/31/83

title date

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
[Signature] 7/14/83
Keeper of the National Register
date
Chief of Registration

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