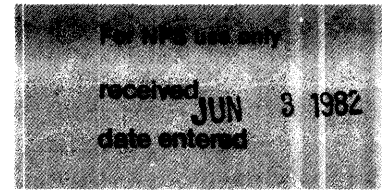


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Wells Fargo & Co. Livery Stable

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 115 E. Reno N/A not for publication

city, town Oklahoma City N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Oklahoma code 40 county Oklahoma code 109

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ronald E. and Linda Rosser

street & number 2500 Bob White Trail

city, town Edmond vicinity of state Oklahoma 73034

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oklahoma County Office Building

street & number 320 Robert S. Kerr Avenue

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Okla. Historical Society Bldg., State Hist. Preservation

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Wells Fargo Depot is 50X140 feet in size, has beamed roof construction, is one story in height with a two-story area on the front facade once used as a hayloft. The building is red brick construction with a stepped parapet. Under each step is an enlarged brick dentil. Above each dentil are two courses of corbeled brick with a brick cap topping each. Walls are 16 inches thick of coursed brick.

The alterations to this significant structure are minor. When horses were no longer used in the company's business, the stall windows were filled in with brick. Also, the opening to the hayloft (center of front facade) was likewise enclosed. The alteration is, as stated above, minor, and the building can be returned to its original appearance.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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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 1906-1917 **Builder/Architect** Builder - Wells Fargo & Co.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Wells Fargo and Company Livery Stable is significant in the history of Oklahoma City for its role in the area of transportation. Oklahoma City was a rapidly growing territorial town in 1906 (and soon to be the State capitol) and benefited greatly from the services of the famous freight company.

Frontier communities experienced the common problem of isolation, and there were many efforts to provide better communication and transportation links from the settled regions of the country to them and between the developing towns and cities. Wells Fargo and Company was the most famous of the enterprises devoted to this end. After merging in 1867 with Ben Holiday's Butterfield Overland Company, Wells Fargo and Company controlled all traffic in the west and served as the main feeder to railroad lines well into the twentieth century.

▶ In 1894 Congress granted land, once part of a military reserve, to Oklahoma City, and it was officially dedicated for use as a public school site, park lands, and public streets and alleys. After several transactions, two of the lots were sold to Wells Fargo and Company on November 15, 1905. Oklahoma Statehood was only two years away, and the territorial city was experiencing a tremendous boom in the late territorial years. Wells Fargo and Company constructed the Wells Fargo and Company Livery Stable in 1906. It served the firm as office, warehouse, and stable. A railroad spur ran parallel to the rear of the property making the location ideal for transfer of freight. Passengers, freight, and mail were carried by Wells Fargo and Company. The famous company provided an important transportation link for citizens of the Oklahoma City area with the rest of the State and country.

The Wells Fargo and Company Livery Stable was utilized by that firm until 1917 when the company discontinued its overland express service. The property was deeded to American Railway Express in 1918 and then to Railway Express Agency, Inc. in 1919.

Rehabilitation of this significant structure is planned under the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. Plans are being developed to make the Wells Fargo and Company Livery Stable a focal point during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the opening of Oklahoma Territory.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Land Hunger: David L. Payne and the Boomers" by Carol Coke Rister, Univ. of Okla. Press, 1942; "The Oklahoma Story" by Arrell M. Gibson, Univ. of Okla. Press, 1977; "Wells Fargo: Advancing the American Frontier", by Edward Hungerford, Bonanza Books, (See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property ~~less than 1 acre~~

Quadrangle name Oklahoma City, Ok

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	4	6	3	5	2	5	10	3	19	2	15	3	18	10
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing					

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H

Zone				Easting				Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 22 and 23, Block 41, Military Addition, Oklahoma City

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Jo Nelson, editor Melvena Thurman

organization Oklahoma Historical Society date March 1980

street & number Historical Building telephone 405/521-2491

city or town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. E. Metcalf date 5-24-82

title date

Planning Department

I hereby certify that this property is eligible for the National Register

Patricia Andrews 7/9/82
 Director of the National Register

Patricia Andrews 7/16/82
 Chief of Registration

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