

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
First State Bank of Indiahoma 7
AND/OR COMMON
Indiahoma Community Center

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Indiahoma
STATE
Oklahoma

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
No. 4
VICINITY OF
CODE
40

COUNTY
Comanche

CODE
031

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <u>community center</u>

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
A. B. Moore, Jr.,
STREET & NUMBER
Box 517
CITY, TOWN
Cache

STATE
Oklahoma 73527

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk
STREET & NUMBER
Comanche County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN
Lawton

STATE
Oklahoma

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey
DATE
1979

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Oklahoma Historical Society
CITY, TOWN
Oklahoma City

STATE
Oklahoma

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED (basically)
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building erected in 1909 to house the First State Bank of Indianahoma was a no-nonsense, utility affair, 25-x-38 feet in size, with one-foot-thick poured concrete walls and a flat roof. It had a trio of double-sash windows to the right of the front (east) door, a single window on the north side wall, a similar window and another door on the south. A 10-x-16-foot addition of concrete blocks was later appended to the west end of the building for a restroom and storage. Exterior walls are plastered and painted. The flat roof of the original is tarred; the sloping roof of the addition is covered with composition shingles.

Interior walls of the one-time bank and now community building are plastered and painted. This main section has a 12-foot ceiling, the addition 8-foot. The old 9-x-12-foot bank vault still occupies the right-rear corner of the building, but nothing else remains. The original bank fixtures are now on permanent display at the Museum of the Great Plains in nearby Lawton.

Since the start of the current community revitalization program (cf. No. 8) the center has undergone a significant face-lifting and plumbing, painting and general repair work. An old-time resident summed it up: "This is the best I have ever seen this building look!"

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 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

1909 - 1964

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Not Known

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The renovated (cf. No. 7) Indiahoma Community Center, at Main Street and Showplace Blvd., is focal point in a community-wide effort in the direction of economic revitalization and social self-reliance. And residents have already contributed significantly in this campaign for town restoration and beautification. Fittingly enough, the voluntary program continues - by using the unpretentious concrete center building itself as centerpiece - a community role begun nearly three-quarters of a century before.

This area was opened to settlement in 1901. The First State Bank of Indiahoma received its charter in 1909. And the present center building served as the community's lone bank from that year until 1964. The smaller the town, of course, the more important the role played, for better or for worse, by that town's bank. Indiahoma (pop. 434) was never large, but the First seems to have served it well. The comments of present residents are favorable. They point out that following the Depression Days moratorium of 1933, that closed all of the nation's banks, the First was one of the few in southwest Oklahoma that was able to reopen without restrictions. (That probably speaks as well of the community's citizenry as it does of its bank!)

In 1957 the First inaugurated an area uplift program by granting annual two-year scholarships to Cameron College in Lawton to the outstanding graduating senior from both Indiahoma and nearby Cache highschoools. Two years later it remodeled the interior of its building and installed new fixtures. (An admittedly sidebar indication of the bank's progressive nature: In its 55 years of existence it seems to have been sufficiently prosperous in appearance to attract the attention of no less than four sets of bank robbers!)

Today, as the Indiahoma Community Center, the building is, as indicated, continuing this area-wide development role. Scheduled activities for youth and senior citizens, along with weekly citizen planning meetings, now take place at the renovated bank/center. Meanwhile, Heritage Plaza north of the Center is being lanscaped for use as an outdoor gathering place. One block to the north a Health Center has been established with regular medical care and

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Material gathered together by the City of Indiahoma, including an interview with the long-time owner of the building and stories from The Cache (OK) Wichitan, weekly newspaper of nearby town

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Indiahoma

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5 minutes

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
	ZONE	EASTING						NORTHING						
B														
	ZONE	EASTING						NORTHING						
C														
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 3 & 4, Block 23, of original plat of City of Indiahoma, 1901

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kent Ruth, Deputy

July

DATE

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

1979

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

Historical Society

405/884-5456

CITY OR TOWN

Oklahoma City

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

A Glenn Jordan

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

8/12/80

FDR NPS USE ONLY

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

Beth Grosvenor

DATE

11/6/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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volunteer community health workers. A mini-park next to the Health Center is planned, as is a nearby community market building.

Significance of the First State Bank of Indiahoma, then, lies (1) in its 55 years of direct service to the community and now (2) in providing a physical rallying point for those who seek to preserve and to enrich that community. In that contest the otherwise unpretentious building is presented herewith as deserving of National Register status.