

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**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 RICHARDSON BUILDING

and/or common Bank of Union

2. Location

street & number North East ^{NE} corner of Main and Division N/A not for publication

city, town Union City N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code county Canadian code

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	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> 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 William Woods

street & number Richardson Building

city, town Union City N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma 73090

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Canadian County Court House

street & number

city, town El Reno state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

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 Richardson Building is a single story rectangular brick building with concrete foundation and running bond painted brick walls. The entrance is obliquely cut in the southwest corner. It contains a cutaway arched double glass door and is flanked by two horizontally recessed brick columns capped with conical forms. The entrance rises to a gabled parapet with flat containing the date "1910."

The south elevation is pierced by a single door alcove recessed about six feet. The wall is divided by pilasters into, from west to east, five sections each containing different elements. The first has a large vertically divided double window, the second contains the alcove, the third two tiers of three industrial windows, the fourth a single door and window, the fifth a wooden door. The west elevation contains seven double hung windows and a single large window at the southwest end. There are two single doors with transoms. All windows and doors on the west are shaded by a metal awning supported by eight metal posts. The north and east elevations are stuccoed with transomed doors and quartered windows. On the north elevation two doors were filled in in 1928. The parapet line is corbeled brickwork.

In 1928, a fire destroyed the structures interior. By the end of that year a new roof, and interior were constructed, and the structure returned to its original uses. This alteration has not affected the building's integrity.

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 type="checkbox"/> social/
<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 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 1910 **Builder/Architect** D. Richardson

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Richardson building is significant because it was the focal point of commercial activities in Union City. The southside of the building contained the town post office during this period. The corner section of the building contained the Bank of Union, center of the town's financial dealings, while the western section housed the city's only drug store and pharmacy.

Both the bank and pharmacy were owned and operated by Dr. R. Richardson who was town doctor, druggist, banker, and builder of the structure. As the town's leading citizen, Richardson dominated local commercial activities in this town of less than 1,000 for most of the building's municipal history. Serving as bank, post office, and pharmacy, the building was the primary commercial center until recently when business activity eastward to the main highway passing through the town.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Eldon Ventris, President of the Bank of Union, May 1981.
Union City Advisor, Jan. 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Union City

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

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1	4	5	9	16	8	2	10	3	19	1	6	2	11	10
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Sherman addition lots 13&14, Block 54

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Don Harris Supervised by Mary Ann Anders

organization Oklahoma Hist. Preser. Survey date 1981

street & number 502 Math Sciences telephone 624-5678

city or town stillwater, Okla. State University 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. Metcalf

title _____ date 8/12/83

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

for Linda McClelland date 10/6/83
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration