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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

Albion State Bank
AND/OR COMMON

Armstrong Grocery Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off U.S. 271

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Albion

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

003

STATE

OK

— VICINITY OF

CODE

40

COUNTY

Pushmataha

CODE

127

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Unoccupied

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Lorene Barnett
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Albion

— VICINITY OF

STATE

OK 74521

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Pushmataha County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Antlers

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

—FEDERAL STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

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 Albion State Bank building is a one-story, irregularly rectangular red brick building, approximately forty feet long and twenty-five feet wide. It is located on the northwest corner of the original town square of Albion, now bisected by State Highway 271. It is bounded on the east by Pearl Street.

The front (south side) of the building contains one large window with an oval arch at the top, and a double door entryway on the southeast corner. Two outer screen doors not original to the building cover the front entryway doors. A board panel replaces the top oval portion of the window on the front, as with all of the originally arched windows in the building. An upper glass panel above the front doors has also been replaced by a board panel. Much of the glass in the building appears to be original. Three original concrete matrix steps ascend to the front doors from ground level. On the lower edge of the front of the building is painted "Armstrong Grocery" in faded white letters. 1.

There are two smaller windows on the west side of the building. One of them was originally arched at the top and large in size, but it was shortened sometime after 1930 by removing the glass at the top and filling in the arch with exterior brick.

Two large windows with oval arches are on the east side of the building near the front. There is a single door near the rear on the east side. At the top of the wall is painted "Armstrong Grocery." 2.

There is a single door in the center of the rear (north) side, flanked on each side by medium sized windows. A well, dug about 1933, is approximately ten feet northwest of the back door. At the extreme north edge of the building lot is a wooden outhouse. 3.

The interior of the building consists of three rooms. The ceilings are fourteen feet high, and they are covered with the original copper sheeting stamped with a decorative design which served as ceiling decoration in lieu of plaster medallions. The sheeting is nearly intact in all three rooms, except for a few places where the roof has leaked through in the main room. It ranges in color from a dulled copper finish to a green copper tarnish. The flooring is the original plank flooring installed during construction, and it shows signs of wear but no rotting or insect damage.

The main room, about twenty-seven feet by twenty-five feet, was the bank office and teller window space. The original bank vault, bearing the painted words "Albion State Bank", is located in a brick wall on the northwest side of the room. There were two partitions installed in the main room by J. M. Armstrong about 1933 to better facilitate his grocery business, but the partitions were removed in 1975 by the present owner. The ceiling cleats for these partitions, however, are still nailed to the ceiling.

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In the smaller room in the northeast corner of the building, a dry sink was added to the north wall. Cabinets and counters were added to the east wall and south partition wall. All of these changes were made after 1930. This room is approximately ten feet by twelve feet.

The smaller room on the northwest corner of the building is approximately ten feet by ten feet. The back side of the bank vault protrudes somewhat into the room from the south. A small wooden stairway was added after 1930 on the southeast side of the vault wall to make use of a small loft space above the vault.

Through all of these years, from construction to the present, the building has remained structurally sound and essentially unaltered.

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 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 1910 to present BUILDER/ARCHITECT John T. Bailey

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Albion State Bank building is significant to the history of southeastern Oklahoma because it is one of the last remaining commercial buildings which was built during the period of optimism immediately following statehood in the thinly populated northeastern portion of Pushmataha County, and because of the considerable integrity it retains.

The Albion State Bank was constructed in 1910 by John T. Bailey, one of the original townsite proprietors. Although Albion had its beginnings its 1887 with the construction of the Frisco Railroad through Pushmataha County, it was not formally platted until 1906. John T. Bailey operated the bank in the main room of the building, and his brother, Edgar Bailey, had a dentist's office in the rear two rooms. About 1927, John T. Bailey moved the banking business to Talihina.

The building then remained empty until 1930, when J. M. Armstrong, son of the other original proprietor, John C. Armstrong, started his grocery business in it. J. M. Armstrong operated his store there until 1950, when he sold out his grocery stock and turned the building into his private residence. Armstrong lived there until his death in 1963, and his widow continued to live in the building until her death in 1972.

In 1975, the building was acquired by Mrs. Lorene Barnett, who ran a succession of small business ventures in it, including a recreation hall and a fabric store. The building is presently unoccupied.

