

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Oklahoma

COUNTY:
Logan

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.6.40.0009	6/21/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Carnegie Library

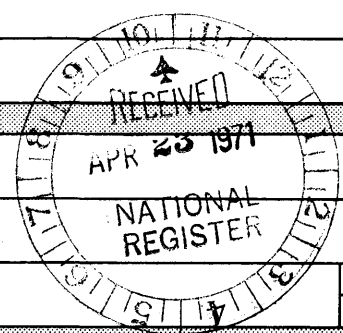
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Oklahoma Avenue and Ash Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Guthrie

STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40 COUNTY: Logan CODE: 083



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 (Specify)
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Guthrie

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Guthrie STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the City Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Logan County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Guthrie STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Oklahoma Historic Site Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

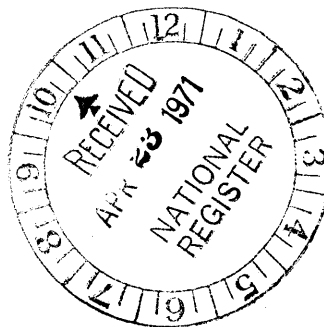
(Check One)
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Of brick and stone, Oklahoma's initial Carnegie Library at the corner of Oklahoma Avenue and Ash Street is a massive classical structure with towering dome and handsome portico over the front (south) steps. Here and in the entrance foyer on the main floor unfolded the important events relating to the last years of Oklahoma Territory and the early years of statehood.

The building cost \$35,000 to construct. It stands 62 x 72 feet, with two stories and an attic over the full (ground level) basement. The massive dome, approximately 20 feet in diameter, towers some 50 feet over the main foyer.

Cornerstone of the building was laid October 17, 1901. The structure served Guthrie until early 1970 when a new \$190,000 library was dedicated. The historic building is now managed under a 50-year lease by the Oklahoma Historical Society, which will also operate the new municipally city-owned museum building to the east when it is completed.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

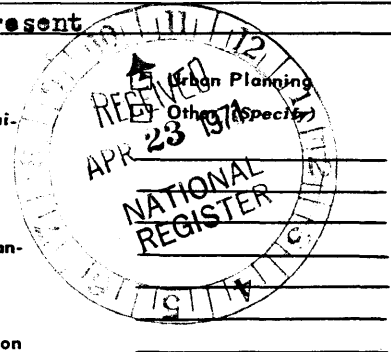
- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1901 to the present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oklahoma's first capital city, Guthrie -- which boomed from virgin prairie to a settlement of some 15,000 persons on April 22, 1889, the day of the "The Run" that opened Old Oklahoma to home seekers -- has an impressive number of firsts to its credit. And a number of them center on the impressive brick and stone Carnegie Library that is now becoming the Oklahoma Territorial Museum.

To begin with, the handsome, domed structure was present-day Oklahoma's first Carnegie Library and, almost by definition, the state's first library of significance. Cornerstone was laid on October 17, 1901. Its cost of \$35,000 included \$25,000 from the Carnegie Foundation (which provided an additional \$1,000 for books) and \$10,000 raised locally. Much larger than necessary to accommodate the reading material readily available, the building served for a number of years as something of a community center, recreationally as well as culturally. Which explains the curious fact that cowboy movie star Tom Mix once operated a gymnasium in the library basement.

As the young town's most impressive public building, the library also figured prominently in Territorial and then State political activity. In 1905 the late Frank Frantz, Oklahoma seventh and last Territorial governor, took the oath of office on the library's front steps. Two years later Charles N. Haskell followed the pattern. When word came from Washington that President Roosevelt has signed the document making Oklahoma the 46th state, Haskell was in his room at the Royal Hotel (later renamed the Avon). He placed his hand on a family Bible and was given the oath of office from Leslie G. Niblack, publisher of the Guthrie Leader. (Niblack had taken out a commission as notary public and, as the only official who had switched officially from Territorial to statehood status, was the only person in the territory qualified to administer the oath.) This was shortly after 10:15 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 1907. A few minutes later, in a public ceremony, Haskell was again sworn into office and, from the steps of the Carnegie Library, delivered his inaugural address.

Then the new state's first inaugural day was highlighted by a ceremony perhaps unique in American history. In recognition of the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Coffey, Ivy, "Oklahoma Territorial Museum Opens," Oklahoma's Orbit, April 19, 1970, pp. 9-11
 Thetford, Francis, "Dateline: Oklahoma," The Sunday Oklahoman, December 15, 1968, p. 14

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

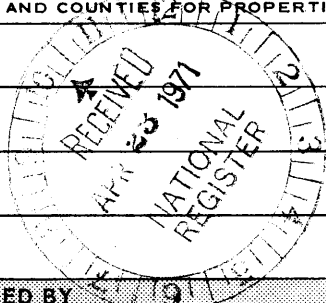
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **c. 0.5 acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Kent Ruth, Deputy**

ORGANIZATION: **Oklahoma Historical Society** DATE: **March 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Historical Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Oklahoma City** STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: State officer for Okla

Date: **APR 19 1971**

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUN 21 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **6-15-71**

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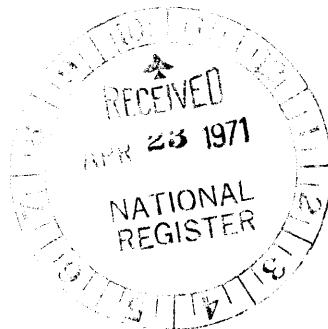
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No. 8. Significance

Carnegie Library

unsuccessful attempts to gain the admission of two separate states -- one predominantly Indian, the other predominantly white -- a symbolic wedding of the two "territories" was solemnized ... again on the library steps. Indian Territory, as the bride, was represented by Mrs. Leo Bennett, a Muskogee beauty of Cherokee descent. As the bridegroom, Oklahoma Territory was represented by C. G. Jones of Oklahoma City. The following year the library hosted yet another event significant to the development of the young state. On June 16, 1908, some ninety women of the Oklahoma Betsy Ross Association gathered in a reading room to design and start work on state flag, hand-stitching each star on the 12 x 20-foot banner.

Consideration of these important events will be given in development of the Oklahoma Territorial Museum. Exterior of the building and the entrance foyer will be restored to their appearance in 1907. Interior changes will be limited to adapting library configurations to those of the museum. Bulk of the museum will be housed in the new structure to adjoin it on the east.



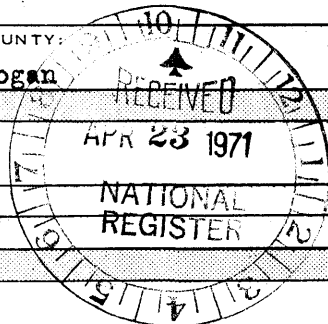
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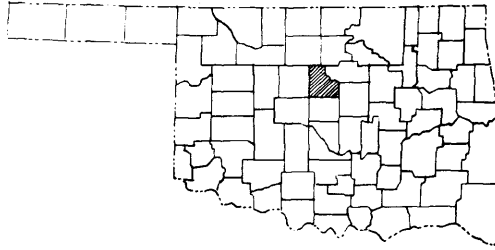
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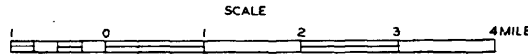
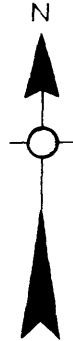
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Oklahoma State Highway Department			
SCALE: 1/2" equals 1 mile			
DATE: 1970			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference. Lat.: 35° 52' 48" Long.: 97° 25' 05"			





GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
LOGAN COUNTY
OKLAHOMA

PREPARED BY THE
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
PLANNING DIVISION
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



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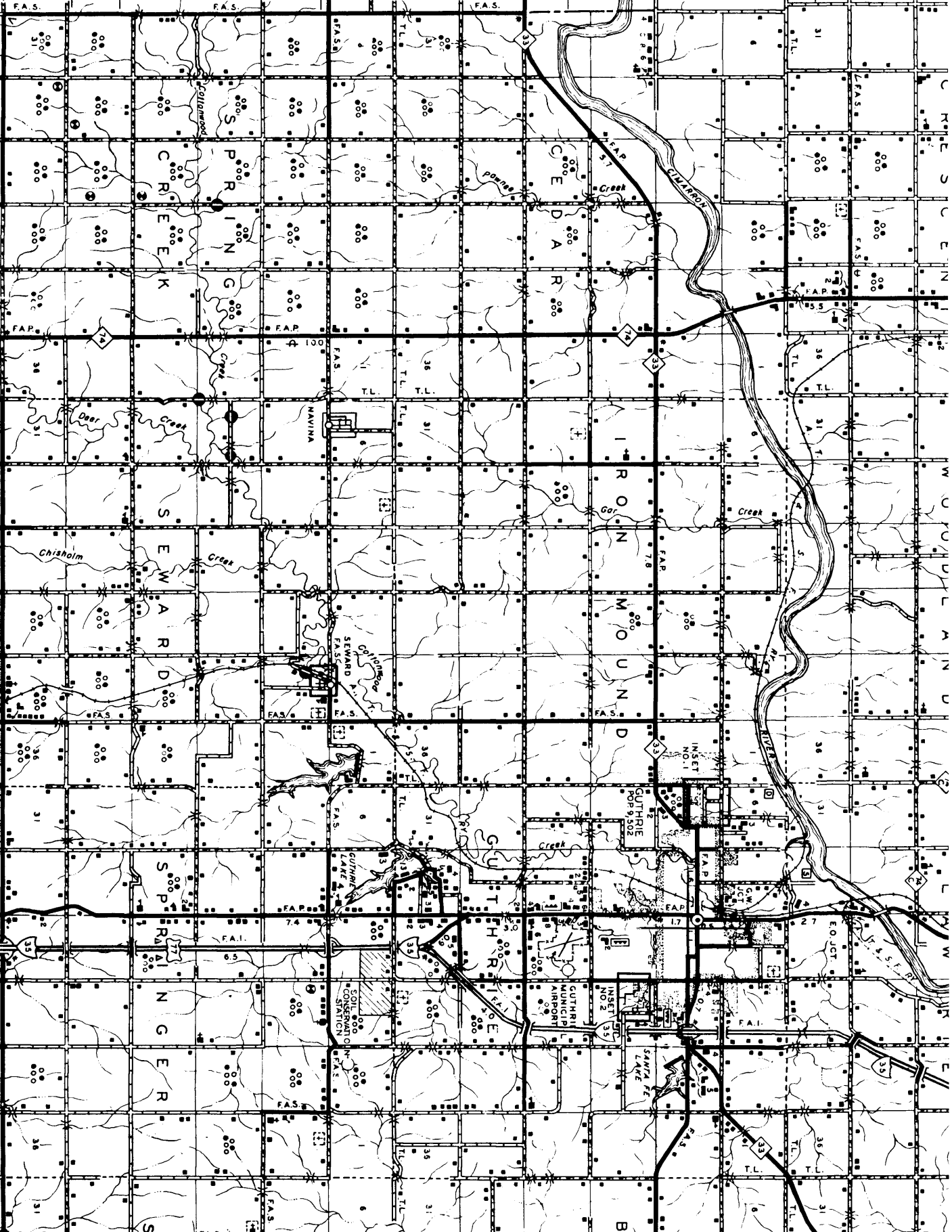
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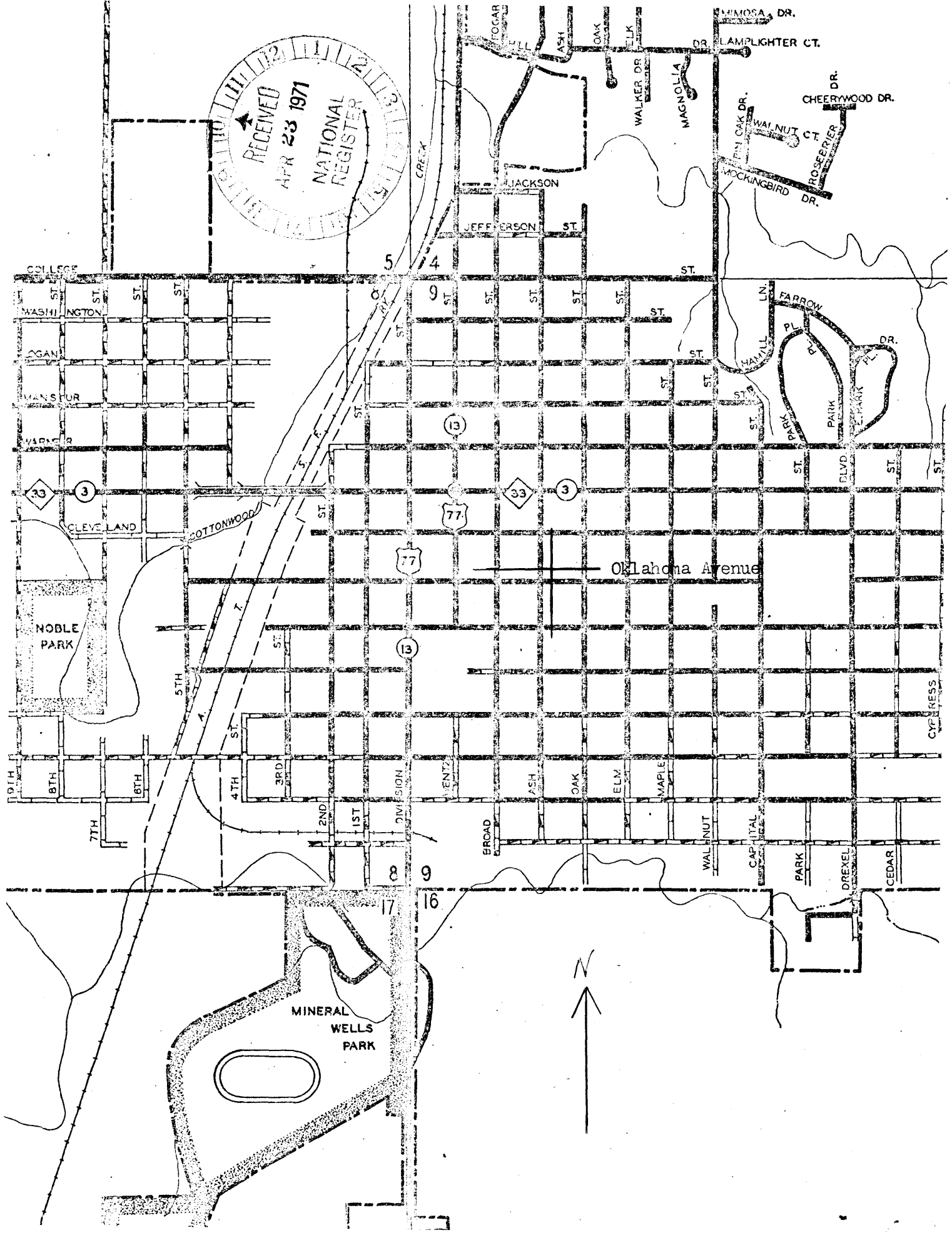
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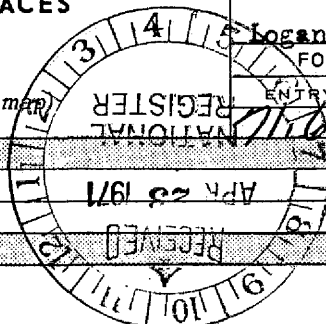
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Guthrie

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
Oklahoma State Highway Department - Guthrie Map
SCALE: 5" equals one mile
DATE: 1970

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