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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Hooper Brothers Coffee Company Building

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
731-733 E. Admiral Blvd.

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Tulsa

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
No. 1

STATE
Oklahoma

CODE
40

COUNTY
Tulsa

CODE
143

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	X OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Business Builders Inc.

STREET & NUMBER
6638 S. Florence

CITY, TOWN
Tulsa

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Oklahoma

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER
Tulsa County Courthouse (500 S. Denver)

CITY, TOWN
Tulsa

STATE
Oklahoma 74103

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE
1978

__FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Tulsa Historic Preservation Office (411 S. Denver)

CITY, TOWN
Tulsa

STATE
Oklahoma

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hooper Brothers Coffee Company Building is a two story red brick commercial structure that was in continuous use as a coffee company from 1924 to 1961.

"HOOPER BROS. COFFEE" in projecting buff brick on the front (south elevation) makes it easily identifiable. The rectangular structure also advertises in fading painted letters "Coffee Roasted Today--So Good" on the east elevation and "Coffee Roasted Fresh Today--So Different" on the west elevation.

Hooper's has six relieved arch windows on the north elevation facing the railroad tracks, no windows on the east, fourteen relieved arch windows on the south, and twenty relieved arch windows on the west. First story windows are barred. The four foot concrete foundation is at loading dock height and three vertical board service doors provided access for the delivery of green coffee beans. There is only one entry door and it is on the west elevation.

Interior walls are predominately unfinished brick. Floors are pine. Two large skylights pierce the flat roof.

One of the most significant aspects of Hooper Brothers is its Otis hydraulic water elevator used for transporting roasted coffee beans to second floor grinders. It is one of the few water hydraulic elevators still usable in the United States.

6 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1924-1961 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hooper Brothers Coffee Company Building was in continuous use as a coffee company from 1924 until 1961. The two story red brick structure retains the strong commercial identity evident in its simple lines and signage.

Painted advertising on two elevations still boasts "Coffee Roasted Today--So Good" and "Coffee Roasted Fresh Today--So Different." The projecting buff brick sign "HOOPER BROS. COFFEE CO." on the front elevation proclaims its past ownership.

Square and rectangular relieved arch windows (the lower floor windows with bars), projecting decorative brickwork between the windows, a concrete foundation of loading dock height, and three vertical board service doors further reveal Hooper's integrity as a 1920's commercial building.

Within a few feet of the railroad tracks, green coffee beans were delivered for transport to second story grinders. Although none of the original coffee company equipment reamins, the building has the only operable hydraulic water elevator in Tulsa. Hydraulic freight elevators were widely used in the first decades of this century, but an Otis representative states that less than one percent of the hydraulic water elevators in the United States are still in existence.

Although Hooper Brothers is now vacant, there have been no additions to the original building and its significant design has remained surprisingly unaltered. The flat roof leaks and needs to be repaired and one window has been boarded over. Exposed brick walls, pine floors and skylights shape large uninterrupted interior spaces. The building is located at the northeast corner of the Central Business District, almost isolated, but clearly in a commercial/industrial area.

The Hooper Brothers Coffee Company was in business in Tulsa from 1909 to 1961. The present building was the third location of Arthur G. and Basil A. Hooper's coffee-related enterprises. Basil Hooper served as president and an associate, Carl Davenport, as vice president. By the early nineteen forties their widows, Gertrude Hooper and Myrl Davenport, had become president and vice

(See continuation sheet)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Eaton, Leslie, "Water Can Be An 'Elevating' Experience," Tulsa Tribune, Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 29, 1977

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Tulsa QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	15	231740	4005520	B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jan Jennings Sparks, director, and staff — Edited by Kent Ruth

ORGANIZATION — DATE

Tulsa Historic Preservation Office — September 1978

STREET & NUMBER — TELEPHONE

411 S. Denver (918/585-2681) — 405/884-5456

CITY OR TOWN — STATE

Tulsa (74103) — 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

TITLE Harry L. Sewell Jr. D. DATE 10-27-78

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

DATE 12-19-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Marvel Shaffer DATE 12-18-78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

president, taking over their husbands' positions.

In 1946 the company was sold to Cain's, a nationwide coffee distributor, but the Hooper Brothers name was retained until 1961. Since 1962 the building has been used as a warehouse. The present owners, Business Builders, Inc., are planning to renovate this solid reminder of our commercial past. Tulsans still remember going to the side door to buy freshly roasted coffee--in an era when the building also had a significant identifiable aroma.

Hooper Brothers Coffee Company Building

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Westerly 50 feet of Lot 5 Block 80 in Original Townsite, now city of Tulsa, County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, according to official plat thereof and a strip of land lying immediately east of and contiguous to the westerly 50 feet of Lot 5 and which strip of land lies west of a straight line drawn from a point on the south line of said Lot 5, which point is 8 inches east of east line of said 50 foot tract; thence in a northerly direction to a point on the north line of said Lot 5 and which last point is 5½ feet east of the east line of said 50 foot tract.