

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Creek Masonic Lodge #226

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing: \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

### 2. Location

Street & number: 417 North Main Street

City or town: Bristow State: Oklahoma County: Creek

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D

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Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>1/25/17</u>
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
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Signature of commenting official:	Date
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Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

*Don Edson H. Beall*  
Signature of the Keeper

3.20.17  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social: Meeting Hall  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social: Meeting Hall  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20th

Century Revivals:

Neo-Classical Revival

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

Located on Main Street (route 66), the Creek Masonic Lodge #226 faces west. The two story brick clad building is designed in the Neo-Classical style. Located to the south is a commercial district, to the west is an elementary school and to the north is a commercial district. The area services the travelers along Route 66. The Masonic Lodge building maintains excellent integrity.

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### Narrative Description

The façade, west elevation, is three bays wide. The central bay on the first floor is the main entry. It has stone steps with brick knee walls that lead to the central entry. The entry has two pane and panel wood doors and an elaborate stone surround. On either side of the door are Corinthian capital columns. A smooth frieze is directly above the doors. Above the frieze is an arched stone entablature with a scrolled stone keystone. Located in the entablature is a relief detail that resembles an “all seeing eye” with a light directly in the center. A non-historic metal awning is located directly above the door. Located on either side of the entry is a single one-over-one double hung window with a stone sill. The first floor around the entire building has

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alternating rows of protruding brick. Located at the southwest corner is corner stone with lodge information inscribed. The second floor is separated from the first floor by an ornate beltcourse which serves as the sill for the five windows in the center bay. This beltcourse surrounds the entire building. Between each of the windows is an additional vertical stone detail. Located directly above each window is a small square stone detail. This area also has brick in a herringbone pattern. The windows have been covered with siding but remain behind the covering. Located in the outer bays of the second floor is a long vertical stone detail which includes iconography of the Masonic Order. The hipped roof is clad with composition shingles and has enclosed box eaves.

The south elevation is six bays wide. The basement level, located only at the east end of the building, has small hopper windows at the southeast corner. The basement and first floor are separated by a stone beltcourse. The southwest corner has a small ramp with brick knee walls that provide access to the wood door in the second bay of the first floor. The first and third bays each have a single one-over-one double hung window with a stone sill. Bays four, five and six each have paired one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills. The second floor has paired one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills in each bay. Above each window is a herringbone pattern in the brick with a small square stone detail. All of the second floor windows are covered with wood but remain intact.

The east elevation has the continuation of the beltcourse between the basement and first floor and the beltcourse between the first and second floor. The first floor has two pairs of two one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills. The second floor has two pairs of two one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills. Above each window is a herringbone pattern in the brick with a small square stone detail. All of the second floor windows are covered with wood but remain intact.

The north elevation has two small one-over-one double hung windows with stone lintels in the first floor that from their placement, indicate an interior staircase. The second bay has a pair of one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills. The third bay has a single one-over-one double hung window with a stone sill. Bays four, five and six each have paired one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills. The second floor has paired one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills in each bay. Above each window is a herringbone pattern in the brick with a small square stone detail. All of the second floor windows are covered with wood but remain intact.

The Lodge Room is located on the second floor. It is a large room of Masonic design traditionally running east to west. There are three officer stations: one on the east end; one on the south wall; and, one of the west end. Over the east and west stations are canopies which are ornate with shell shaped edging made of plaster. This detail consists of 32 individual shells which were individually molded and placed along the edge of the canopy. There is no other lodge in Oklahoma that has this detail.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History

Architecture

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1918

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1918

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Builder: Frank B. Curran

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Creek Masonic Lodge #226, at 417 North Main Street, is also located along historic Route 66. The property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A for Social History and Criteria C for Architecture. The period of significance dates to the construction of the building. Bristow's social history is entwined with that of the fraternal orders that bound businessmen and women together in social and public service. The building is also the only example of the Neo-Classical style in Bristow as applied to a building along Main Street. With excellent integrity, the Creek Masonic Lodge #226 is being nominated at the local level of significance.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Creek Masonic Lodge #226 is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A for social history as a representative of Bristow's fraternal order organizations. It is a meeting hall, for men, women and youth that provided a place for ritual and social interaction for a large group of citizens from its construction in 1918 until the present day.

Oklahoma's Masonic Order has a long history that goes back much further than statehood. Fraternal organizations such as the Masons provided much needed social bonding in a semi-frontier area where social group interaction and communication only slowly developed. In 1868, Rev. Joseph S. Murrow organized Oklahoma Lodge No. 1 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Boggy Depot, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. Because lodges proliferated in the Indian Nations after that, in 1874 Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was organized in Atoka. After 1907 statehood, in 1909 the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma united the Masons of the eastern and western parts of the state. The Masons were a vital aspect of eastern Oklahoma's and Bristow's social and business scene throughout the twentieth century. The fraternal organization experienced a rapid growth in the early 1920s. By 1925, 460 lodges operated in the state, and membership totaled 70,000, as estimated by Earl Fisher, Sr. Warden of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. In 1924, 4,963 members were initiated and 1,444 by affiliation in the Sooner State.<sup>1</sup>

The Creek Masonic Lodge #226 dispensation was issued by the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory June 16, 1903 just six years after the trading post of Bristow was established in 1897. Masonic work was performed and a charter issued on August 13, 1903 and given the name of Tuscan Lodge #134. At the time of statehood, it was determined that there were two Tuscan Lodges, one in Bristow I.T. and one in Ingersol, O.T which had been named such 6 month prior

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<sup>1</sup> *Daily Oklahoman*, 25 September 1925.



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to the one in Bristow. Bristow's Masonic Lodge was renamed Creek Lodge #226 on February 2, 1909. At that time, the Masons were meeting in a hall above the Farmers State Bank on Main Street. Originally, the Lodge building was planned to be north of the Frisco railroad depot, it was determined that this location was too small for the new building. Lodge brother Bernard Jones, one of the founders of Bermont Oil Company, oversaw the hiring of an architect, the design, and construction of the new/current lodge. The building location ended up on three city lots. During construction, they ran into issues with material shortages due to the on-going war, World War I, but managed to complete the construction in 1918.

The Creek Masonic Lodge #226 is also significant under Criteria C as an excellent example of the Neoclassical architectural style. Neoclassical commercial style buildings have a prominent, symmetrically balanced façade. Commercial style versions are also constructed of brick or stone. Along with these standard details, the Creek Masonic Lodge #226 also has Corinthian columns with an arched entablature over the doorway, traditional one-over-one double hung windows and a heavy influence of the horizontal details in the multiple beltcourses. Public buildings and banks were perfectly suited for this style because it is very sober and orderly. This is the only extant example of this style on Main Street (Route 66) in Bristow and is an excellent local example of the use of this architectural style in Bristow.

The Creek Masonic Lodge #226 maintains a high degree of historic and architectural integrity. The property is significant for its association with Bristow's social history and as the only example of the Neo-Classical style in Bristow as applied to a building along Main Street.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Bristow Record and Bristow Enterprise, 8 February 1917, 12 June 1917, and 7 February 1918.

Creek Masonic Lodge #226 Archives.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Bristow, Oklahoma, 1904, 1910, 1915, 1920 and 1923..

Wilson, Linda D. "Fraternal Orders," Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture.  
Ed. Dianna Everett et al. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Historical Society, 2009.

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### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreeage of Property** less than 1 acre

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Latitude: 35.836318 | Longitude: -96.390907 |
| 2. Latitude:           | Longitude:            |
| 3. Latitude:           | Longitude:            |
| 4. Latitude:           | Longitude:            |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Block 31, Lots 13-15, Original Town, Bristow, Creek County

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary includes all of the property historically associated with the Creek Masonic Lodge #226

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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title: Sam Henry with Lynda S. Ozan/National Register Program Coordinator  
organization: Creek Masonic Lodge #226/Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office  
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date: 30 November 2016

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Creek Masonic Lodge #226

City or Vicinity: Bristow

County: Creek State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Lynda S. Ozan

Date Photographed:

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Number	Subject	Direction
0001	Façade	East
0002	Rear Elevation	Northwest
0003	Side Elevation	South
0004	Corner Stone	Northeast

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**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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AUG. 19, 1903



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received:  Date of Pending List:  Date of 16th Day:  Date of 45th Day:  Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept  Return  Reject  Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Edson Beall Discipline Historian

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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January 26, 2017

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief  
National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs  
National Park Service 2280, 8th floor  
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20005



Dear Mr. Loether:

We are pleased to transmit two National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Walker, Isaiah, House, 69491 East 134<sup>th</sup> Road, Wyandotte, Ottawa County  
Creek Masonic Lodge #226, 417 North Main Street, Bristow, Creek County

The member of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board), professionally qualified in the fields of historic architecture was absent from the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. However, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of each nominated property was present and participated in the recommendation's formulation.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda S. Ozan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely,

Melvena Heisch  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures