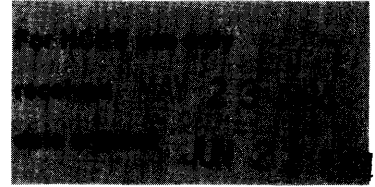


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**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 Bank of Hunter

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Corner of Cherokee and Main Streets, N/A not for publication

city, town Hunter N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 40 county Garfield code 047

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 Bank of Hunter

street & number P. O. Box 409

city, town Hunter N/A vicinity of state OK 74740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Garfield County Courthouse

city, town Enid state OK 73701

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state OK 73105

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Bank of Hunter building, constructed in 1905, is a two-story, commercial/social structure with flat roof and parapet wall. Its overall dimensions are 25' X 30' and is finished with red brick laid in running bond pattern. It is adjoined by one-story commercial buildings on north and west walls.

Fenestration in facade (east side) includes six long rectangular window openings in second floor which have been boarded over. Each has segmental arches and masonry lug sills. The first floor of the facade has one large semi-elliptical arched opening with four vertical fixed pane windows in lower half and four fixed panes below the arch. The remaining part of the first floor facade toward the north is composed of a store front. It has one paneled door with light, a large fixed pane display window, and a small rectangular-shaped fixed pane window.

The south side has three door openings. The one to the east is a wood paneled door with light, one in the middle is wood paneled and wood panel double doors to the west. The double doors have a round arch window above and the single doors are topped with small round-arched transoms with five fixed panes in each. Immediately to the west of the cutaway entry is a 1/1 double hung sash window with round arch window above. Flanking the easternmost single door are two 1/1 double hung sash windows with round arched openings of five fixed panes.

The double doors on west end of south wall are also flanked by two 1/1 double hung sash windows with round arched openings containing five fixed panes. The second story of the south side has five segmental arched window openings which have been boarded over. All windows in both stories have masonry lug sills.

Window arrangement on second story of the west and north walls above the adjacent one-story buildings includes six windows which have been boarded over.

Georgian Revival decorative elements consist of the round arched windows in first floor of the south side, the segmental and semi-elliptical arches in facade, the two-story pilasters marking corners and vertical separation of windows, and the marble column in the cut away entry. The column has a smooth shaft with plain capital and base.

Additional decorative features include a decorative brickwork frieze, crenellation above parapet, and masonry lug sills below window openings. There are two masonry inscriptions. One is above the semi-elliptical opening on the facade and reads: "19 BANK 05". The other is located on second story of the south side above the middle door and it reads: "1905 It also contains a fraternal symbol.
I.O.O.F."

There are several minor alterations including second floor openings being boarded over, vertical boards used to cover brick over store front, installation of window air conditioner in westernmost window on south side, some screening of openings on south side, and replacement of windows in store front of facade.

Most of these changes are not significant enough to detract from the overall integrity of the building and could easily be restored to original condition.

The property stands on the northwest corner of Main and Cherokee streets in the central business district of Hunter, Oklahoma.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<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 1905 - Present **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bank of Hunter building is historically and architecturally significant because: (1) it is one of the oldest remaining Territorial Era banks in north central Oklahoma having been constructed in 1905, two years before Oklahoma Statehood, (2) it has provided meeting space on the second floor for the Hunter I.O.O.F. Lodge since 1905, and (3) it is oldest existing structure of its type in north central Oklahoma to employ Georgian Revival architecture.

Founded in 1901 because of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, Hunter quickly became a commercial trading center for the surrounding rich wheat-growing region. It became the principal wheat shipping point for northeast Garfield County and was labeled an "elevator town" because of the giant wheat storage elevators located near the "Frisco" line.

To serve the banking needs of the wheat elevator companies and the surrounding agricultural community, the Bank of Hunter was completed in 1905 and has continuously operated as the only bank in town for almost 80 years. Small town banks provided vital services in the commercial life of Oklahoma by providing capital for investment, ready cash flow for daily transactions, and a safe depository for customers. Located at the corner of Main and Cherokee Streets, the Bank of Hunter has served as a focal point for the "four corners" of Hunter's central business district.

At the time the building was constructed, the Hunter I.O.O.F. Lodge agreed to lease the second floor of the building to be used as meeting rooms and other fraternal activities. Fraternal organizations in small town life played a significant role in the social fabric by sponsoring youth activities and providing a social outlet for community residents.

The Bank of Hunter is the only Georgian Revival commercial structure in north central Oklahoma which remains intact. Other existing structures of a similar nature in north central Oklahoma have either Richardsonian Romanesque or Classical Revival styling. Georgian Revival vocabulary includes the first story round arched windows with fan lights in facade and south side, two-story pilasters marking corners and vertical separation of windows, long rectangular window openings in second floor (now boarded over), and the overall rigid symmetry.

Additional decorative features consist of a cutaway entry with corner marble column with smooth shaft and plain capital and base; round arched openings in first floor and segmental arched openings in second floor; decorative brickwork frieze; and crenellation at the entablature level.

There is a masonry inscription on facade with reads "19BANK05"; and a second one on second story of south wall which reads: "1905 I.O.O.F." The latter inscription also contains a fraternal symbol.

For almost 80 years of continuous operation, the Bank of Hunter has retained its historic and architectural integrity having serving the banking and social needs of the community and its Georgian Revival elements have remained intact.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Personal Interview: Jim Lewis, July 1983

Ruth, Kent. Oklahoma Travel Handbook. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1977.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Hunter, Oklahoma

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

7 1/2'

UMT References

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 13-14, Block 20, Original Townsite of Hunter

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma 74078

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *C. Ahmad* date 5/16/84

title date

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Beth Groves</i></u>	date <u>6/22/84</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	