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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

Tribune Building

AND/OR COMMON

John 3:16 Rescue Mission

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

20 E. Archer

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Tulsa

VICINITY OF

1

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Tulsa

143

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

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

OTHER: shelter for transients

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John 3:16 Rescue Mission, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

20 E. Archer

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Tulsa

VICINITY OF

Oklahoma

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

500 Civic Center

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Tulsa

Oklahoma

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey/Tulsa Historic Preservation Office Inv.

DATE

1978/1977-1978

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Tulsa Historic Preservation Office, 411 S. Denver

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Tulsa

Oklahoma

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1924 in Tulsa's original business district, the Tribune Building is similar in style, scale and materials to other 1920's structures that were constructed several blocks to the south in what was to become the present central business district. Designed as an efficient newspaper plant, its large, elaborately detailed interior also reflected the Tribune's importance to the growing community.

The building's symmetrical exterior is organized into four horizontal bands. The lower band, with its sixteen arched windows, forms the base. The central portion is topped by a lintel, an entablature and a parapet wall. A small tower at the center of the roof encloses the mechanical system. The classical order of the building is further delineated by brick pilasters and paired windows that emphasize the building's verticality.

The main lobby retains its terrazzo floor, marble wainscoting and stairway, and dentiled molding. Original elevators, call buttons and brass mailbox remain, as does the iron catwalk that surrounded second floor presses.

The John 3:16 Rescue Mission converted the printing press area into a chapel with handcarved furniture and interior detailing executed by a resident. The Tribune Building's other spaces are presently used as dormitories and dining rooms for the indigent.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1924/1929

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tribune Building is the only renovated building in Tulsa's original business district. As headquarters for the city's evening newspaper it provided a vital community service for seventeen years.

Richard Lloyd Jones purchased Tulsa's first daily newspaper, The Tulsa Democrat, formerly The New Era, in 1919. He re-named it The Tulsa Tribune, and the paper was printed in a small two-story building on land that was to become the site of the present building. The modern plant, built in 1924 and expanded in 1929, was considered Oklahoma's largest and most modern newspaper facility.

The building was the first in Oklahoma designed and built as a newspaper plant. It introduced the "gravity system," a method of newspaper production in use in the rest of the nation, but previously untried in Oklahoma. The preparation of the daily paper began on the sixth floor and progressed down through press rooms and business offices on the intermediate floors until it reached the printing presses on the first floor.

The Tulsa Tribune moved into new quarters in 1942. The building was unoccupied for several years before it became a warehouse. It was adapted for use as a religious mission in 1970. It provides social services for the area's large indigent population and could become the cornerstone for revitalization of Tulsa's oldest commercial district.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Tulsa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 230860 4005350  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 54, Lot 1, Original Townsite

### 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, Director; and staff Edited by Kent Ruth 405/884/5456

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Tulsa Historic Preservation

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

411 S. Denver

918/585/2681

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Tulsa

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

DATE

*Harry L. Reupers M.D.*

4-27-79

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

ATTEST: *Charles ...*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
*Carol ...*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

DATE

7-15-79

7/10/79