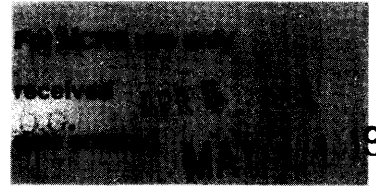


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Amphlett Brothers Drug and Jewelry Store

and/or common Apache Municipal Building

2. Location

street & number SE Corner of Evans and Coblake Avenue s NA not for publication

city, town Apache _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 004

state Oklahoma code 40 county Caddo code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>NA</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Town of Apache, Oklahoma

street & number Apache Municipal Building, 102 E. Evans

city, town Apache _____ vicinity of _____ state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Caddo County Courthouse

city, town Anadarko _____ state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

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

Occupying the south-east corner of the most important intersection in Apache, where Evans Avenue crosses U.S. Highway 62 (Coblake Ave.) the two-story commercial building now occupied by the Apache City Government, began as the Amphlett Bros. Drug and Jewelry Store. Rectangular in plan, the structure fronts on Apache's principal street, Evans, along its short axis, while the west elevation faces the highway. The building, which is 2 bays wide and 5 bays long, is constructed of load-bearing brick laid in common bond, with very fine red mortar joints giving a textureless appearance. The corner post, storefront lintels and threshold are of cast iron. The threshold is marked "Chickasha Iron Works," leading to speculation that all the metal structural members were probably furnished from that nearby town. Apache was known to have a brick kiln in operation at the time this building was constructed, so quite probably local brick was used. The cornice line is corbelled out and the parapet defined by indented panels of equal area. There are two of these on the north elevation and nine on the west, all topped by a continuous brick coping. The roof is of a flat, built-up construction.

The corner is the most outstanding feature. The ground floor has a recessed doorway set at a 45° angle behind the cast-iron corner post. Both the first floor storefront and clerestory above it wrap around the corner, identifying the location of the original store. Added importance is given to this corner by the sheet metal turret which gives equal importance to each elevation. It is topped by a sheet metal cone resembling shingles and a finial that does double duty as a flag pole.

The multi-functional nature of the building is evident in both street facades. Entry to the second floor is through a single-width wooden floor hallway which runs the length of the building along the east wall, and into which each of the second floor rooms open.

At the south end of the west elevation is a one-bay storefront with a central door. What appears to be the original metal brackets support the corrugated metal awning protecting this entry. A clerestory band above this storefront has been (like the corner band) covered by painted plywood.

A very faded graphic advertisement with a distinctive logo format occupies the west wall space immediately south of the corner storefront. This was probably added by a subsequent owner because the lettering spells "Evans Drugs". The remainder of the ground floor brick wall surface has been left plain, and, by contrast, gives added emphasis to the four projecting sheet metal bay windows evenly spaced above. Each has three double-hung wood sash windows, a projecting cornice above a dentil band, and embossed floral decorations in the panels above and below the windows.

Alternating between each bay is a double hung wood sash window set in a wood frame above a stone lug sill, with its 'eyebrow' outlined by a band of brick that is a contrasting color to the body of the building. The windows are spanned by a large radius shallow arch of two rows of brick headers on edge. Two windows of the same design are evenly spaced apart in the second-story facade of the north elevation.

A horizontal awning, suspended by metal rods and turnbuckles, shelters the primary storefront and is extended over the entry door to the second level.

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
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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 type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1902-1908 (Const.) **Builder/Architect** F.J. Amphlett (Builder)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Apache sprang up almost overnight as a tent city, with the opening of the three-county area to white settlement on August 6, 1901. As businesses opened and two banks formed, most commercial activity was located on Summit Street (one block south of Evans), but the First National Bank's move to Evans Avenue and the fire of September, 1902, had the effect of re-locating the Central Business District one block north (with its new focal point being the intersection of Evans and Coblake Avenues). Following incorporation of the town on July 22, 1902, the "downtown" began to take permanent shape around the Evans-Coblake intersection, with the completion of the Apache State Bank in 1902 (southwest corner), the start of the Amphlett Brothers Drug Store in 1902 (southwest corner), the completion of Levite's Handy Corner Store in 1903 (north-east corner), and the construction of Black's Drugstore (later Smith's Pharmacy) around 1902 (northeast corner). With the exception of the Levite Building, which was damaged by fire and demolished in 1979, the original buildings on the intersection remain intact and in relatively good condition. All three remaining structures retain their architectural and historical significance and are eminently recognizable as such; alterations are minor and restoration would not be difficult. The Amphlett Brothers' Building, although now used as a City Hall, retains its historical and functional linkage to the past, both as an individual structure and in the context of the major "downtown" intersection. The building also relates strongly to the Apache State Bank, already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Occupation of one of the four major business locations in Apache is acknowledge by the builder. The corner turret not only mirrors a similar turret on the Apache State Bank directly to the west, but also calls attention to the fact that the primary business of the storefront utilized its primary location to the utmost, while acknowledging that the town's "Main Street" (Evans Avenue) was along its narrow axis. The four sheet metal bay windows were surely an attempt to define the importance of the location and underscore the status of the expected occupants, doctors and other professionals. They would thus have their offices opposite the bank, look out a bay window and yet enter the building from Main Street. Despite the continuity of the cornice and parapet walls, the designer did not achieve the unity he attempted. While the materials suggest one building, the placement of the openings suggest two: a corner drug store and an office building. The prominence of these offices, in contrast with the blank wall below, suggest that they are too important to be entered through the south storefront (which gives the appearance of being a step-child). The prospective client was left to walk the perimeter to find the unimposing entry on the eastern side of the north facade, where it enjoyed a Main Street address.

This building is important to the City of Apache because of its location and the aspirations of the owner and builder who, while filling in the fourth corner of the most important intersection in town, tried to be all things to all occupants, thus gaining maximum return from their investment in premier location, good craftsmanship, and the most status-worthy construction materials of their time: brick and sheet metal ornament.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .06 Acres

Quadrangle name Apache (7.5 min.)

Quadrangle scale 1" = 24,000'

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property occupies all of corner lot 12 and 6½ inches off the west side of Lot 11, all in Block 1, in the Southeast Division Plat of the Town of Apache, Oklahoma, and is 25 feet, 6½ inches wide, by 100 feet long.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Association of South Central Okla. Govts. date October 1, 1981

street & number 802 Main Street, P.O. Box 1647 telephone (405) 252-0595

city or town Duncan state Oklahoma 73533

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. M. Teal

title _____ date 3-29-82

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

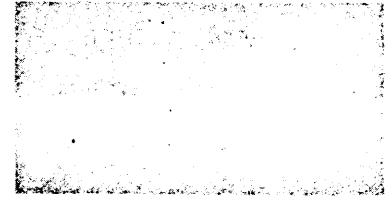
Beth Shavina
 Keeper of the National Register

date 5/1/82

Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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Because of the site slope, 1 step up is needed to enter the corner entry from the west and 2 steps from the north. It should be noted that the sidewalk is raised 3 steps above Evans Street and pedestrian access to this level is denoted by a three-riser stair at the corner from that street. The other street level, U.S. Highway 62, requires only one large step. The sidewalk slopes away to the east, and in front of the building, two high steps provide access from street level.

There is a small earthen floored basement of approximately one-fourth of the ground floor area, which has access through a trap door in the rear of the lower floor.

The window and door openings on the south elevation have been closed off, but the wooden framework exists for a balcony extending from the rear wall approximately ten feet.

It should be noted that the width of the mortar joints and apparent quality of the brick used for the rear (or south) wall are not of as high a quality as the street-front elevations.

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Over the years, the building has had several owners, but has primarily been used for commercial purposes, until recently.

1. The Amphlett Brothers operated a Drug and Jewelry Store there from 1902-1919, with five Doctor's offices upstairs.
2. From 1919-1940, the building was known as the Carter Drug, with a small paint store in the rear.
3. From around 1940-1968, the building was the site of the L and L Drugstore.
4. From 1968-1970, the building was operated as the Evans Recreation Center and Pool Hall by G.W. and M.I. Gilman.
5. In 1970, the building was purchased by the Town of Apache and is now used as a City Hall, with a small dentist's office in the southern end of the structure.

Although the ground floor interior was remodeled in the 1970's, the second floor remains as it was originally constructed, with ten rooms and two bathrooms located off the hallway.

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