

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Territorial Commercial Buildings of Chandler, <sup>TR</sup> Oklahoma

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number See Continuation Sheet N/A not for publication

city, town Chandler vicinity of

state OK code county Lincoln code

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A 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 Multiple ownership (see continuation sheet)

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lincoln County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Chandler state OK

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society, Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state OK

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one		Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Chandler, Oklahoma, with a population of 3,000, is the seat of Lincoln County in Central Oklahoma. The county is primarily agricultural with a minor oil field near Chandler. The town was laid out along a wooded ridge with the courthouse at the summit. The central business district lies along Manvel Avenue, oriented generally north-south, with some commercial properties on the side streets between Sixth and Thirteenth streets. This has been Chandler's business district since the town was laid out in 1891, and only one small shopping plaza has attempted to draw customers away. The town has retained much of its territorial ambience. Several streets and sidewalks are paved with brick stamped "Chandler, O.T." and hitching rings stud the curb in the 700 block of Manvel. At least ten homes and two churches from the territorial period are standing and in use, and along Manvel are sixteen commercial buildings constructed in the territorial period. All the commercial buildings are constructed of locally quarried sandstone or locally produced brick. All were originally Romanesque or Victorian in style and some retain ornamental details suggestive of the territorial Guthrie architect, Joseph Foucart. Several retain cast iron columns or ornamentation; others, especially in the 700 Block of Manvel, were made homogenous by repeated use of a four-foot brick parapet along the roof line. Most had and still have behind modern dropped awnings-pressed metal ceilings which could be uncovered. Of the 16 territorial commercial buildings 13 are included in this nomination. One, the St. Cloud Hotel, has deteriorated badly, others have undergone some renovation, while the City Drug Store and the Clapp-Cunningham Building have been restored in part. The three not nominated, the First National Bank, the Collar (C.R. Anthony) building and the Chandler Bakery have undergone such extensive renovations as to destroy their architectural integrity. These buildings are very appropriate for the locale; Their thick walls - eighteen to twenty-four inches in some cases - still protect the interiors from extremes of heat and cold as well as severe weather. Many of the buildings on the east side of Manvel offer street-level access both on the ground floor and basement because of the sharp downward slope of the hill from Manvel eastward to Allison Avenue. All the buildings are in use still, some housing more than one business.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1897 – 1907

**Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The territorial commercial buildings of Chandler, Oklahoma, are significant because they represent a unique period in city and state history and architecture. Chandler, Oklahoma, was founded September 28, 1891, in the wake of the Sac and Fox Opening. A land run town, Chandler had been predetermined the seat of Lincoln County and its site surveyed with Manvel Avenue its main commercial street. Within three months the population stood at 1200. Most of the buildings in town were frame before March 30, 1897, when a tornado killed fourteen people and left the town in splinters. Several houses were spared but the business district was devastated. When it was rebuilt, many buildings were constructed of locally quarried sandstone or brick from the newly opened Chandler Pressed Brick Company. Thus the buildings nominated here fall into a period bounded by the tornado of 1897 and statehood in 1907. In addition, these buildings are unique in that they demonstrate the paradox of the Twentieth Century arriving simultaneously with settlement in this particular area of Oklahoma. While Chandler was a frontier town in the sense that it had been settled barely a decade before most of these buildings were constructed, it was also a town of the Twentieth Century in that its citizens even in 1900 enjoyed the benefits of electricity, gas lighting, the telephone, and the railroad. The St. Cloud Hotel (1904) even boasted the first elevator in town. Not only did these commercial buildings offer comfort and convenience, they were also aesthetically appealing, being built in the styles popular between 1897 and 1907. Several Romanesque buildings in the 900 block of Manvel and the nine Romanesque arches in the 700 block competed with the Victorian elegance of the St. Cloud Hotel, the Clapp-Cunningham Building, the Wolcott Building, and several smaller structures.

Sixteen of Chandler's territorial commercial buildings survive of which thirteen are nominated here. In the 700 block of Manvel are six buildings constructed by the "north end merchants," among them the brothers A.E. and A.F. Mascho. Nominated are the Chandler Bookstore, the Murphy Building, the Oleson-Crane Building, the Wolcott Building, and 720 Manvel. The sixth, the Chandler Bakery, which once boasted three Romanesque arches, has been renovated past recognition and nomination. In the 800 block on 812 Manvel, 814 Manvel, and the Feuquay Building, all distinguished by identical hooded bays on the upper floor. In the 900 and 1000 blocks are the Boston Store, the Milly Building, and 1014 Manvel, all Romanesque behind some alteration of their facades. On the south end of the business district are the Clapp-Cunningham Building and the St. Cloud Hotel, both imposing Victorian buildings. Two other large Victorian buildings - the First National Bank and the Collar (C. R. Anthony) Building - are not nominated because extensive modernization and alteration has destroyed their authenticity. Thus Chandler, Oklahoma has an impressive collection of territorial buildings as evidence of its pre-statehood past.



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Indices of Abstract and Guarranty Company of Lincoln County, Chandler, Oklahoma  
Lillie, F.B. Collection. Western History Collection, OU, Norman, Oklahoma  
Sanborn Maps, 1898-1931. Western History Collection, University of Oklahoma,  
Norman, Oklahoma

Interviews: H. B. Cunningham, Don Ferrell, Sally Ferrell and Glenn Nichols  
"Museum of Pioneer History." A Report Prepared by John Robinson, Architects for  
the Lincoln County Historical Society, Chandler, Oklahoma, n.d.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Territorial Commercial Buildings of Chandler Thematic Resources  
State Lincoln County, OKLAHOMA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1. Chandler Bookstore          | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 4/5/84</u> |
|                                |                           | Attest | _____                        |
| 2. Murphy Building             | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 4/5/84</u> |
|                                |                           | Attest | _____                        |
| 3. Oleson-Crane Building       | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 4/5/84</u> |
|                                |                           | Attest | _____                        |
| 4. Wolcott Building            | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 4/5/84</u> |
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| 5. Building at 720 Manvel Ave. | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Return</u>                |
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| 6. Building at 812 Manvel Ave. | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Return</u>                |
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| 7. Building at 814 Manvel      | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Return</u>                |
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| 8. Feuquay Building            | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Return</u>                |
|                                |                           | Attest | _____                        |
| 9. Boston Store                | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 4/5/84</u> |
|                                |                           | Attest | _____                        |
| 10. Milly Building             | <b>Substantive Review</b> | Keeper | <u>Return</u>                |
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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. Building at 1014 Manvel Ave. | <del>Substantive Review</del> Keeper | <u>Return</u>                |
|                                  | Attest                               | _____                        |
| 12. Clapp-Cunningham Building    | <del>Substantive Review</del> Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 4/5/84</u> |
|                                  | Attest                               | _____                        |
| 13. St. Cloud Hotel              | <del>Substantive Review</del> Keeper | <u>Beth Grosvenor 4/5/84</u> |
|                                  | Attest                               | _____                        |
| 14.                              | Keeper                               | _____                        |
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Name change to Mascho Building and Public Privy