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

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| historic Mulv | vey Mercantile | | | |
| and/or common | Kirkegard Hardw | are | | |
| 2. Loca | | | | |
| street & number | 425 W. Main | | | <i>∰</i> not for publication |
| city, town | Yukon | vicinity of | congressional district | 006 |
| state | Oklahoma c | ode 040 count | y Canadian | code 017 |
| 3. Clas | sification | | | |
| Category district _X_ building(s) structure site object | Ownership public private both Public Acquisition IVA in process VA being considered | Status _X_ occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted _X_ yes: unrestricted no | entertainment government | museum park private residence religious messcientific transportation other: |
| 4. Own | er of Prope | erty | | |
| name | Mrs. Marie Ki | rkegard | | |
| street & number | 411 S. 11th | | | |
| city, town | Yukon | ₩ vicinity of | state | Oklahoma |
| 5. Loca | ation of Leg | gal Descript | ion | |
| courthouse, real | stry of deeds, etc. | Canadian County Cou | rthouse | |
| street & number | | | | |
| city, town | El Reno | | state | 0klahoma |
| 6. Rep | | n in Existing | Surveys | |
| title Oklahoma | a Comprehensive Su | rvey has this p | property been determined el | egible? yes X no |
| date 1981 | | | federal _x_ sta | te county loca |
| depository for su | urvey records Preser | vation Office, Okla | homa Historical Soci | ety |
| city, town | Oklahoma City | | state | Oklahoma |

| Condition _X_ excellent good fair | deteriorated ruins unexposed | Check one _X_ unaltered altered | Check one X original site moved date NIA |
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The Mulvey Mercantile Building is a two-story red brick structure measuring approximately 50' by 108'. Flush against the adjacent east and west buildings, only the upper portions of the structure are visible on these elevations. It is gray stucco with red brick covering the upper 20' of the west elevation and upper 10' of the east elevation. The north elevation is of red brick, being pierced by two wooden doors with a window in the top half of each. Approximately 20' from the north end, the second story terminates in a sheer brick wall. The south elevation composes the street view of the building. The lower floor contains large clear display windows, below which white tiles provide a floor on which "Mulvey Mercantile" is written in black tile. The glass door entrance to the main store is 10' from the west edge, while a second door at the west edge leads to the upper floor. Above the entrance is a tin awning, above which are clearstory windows. The second floor consists of two stationary windows with transom above flanked by two double hung windows. Centered on the elevation's second story is a smaller double hung window. The roof line on east and west elevations is stepped. Two small chimneys appear on both elevations. The north elevation roof line is flat. The south elevation contains alternate projecting brick along the general line of the roof. It comes to a peak capped by white concrete at the center.

8. Significance

| Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 _X 1900– | Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture architecture artX commerce communications | | g landscape architectur law literature military music | re religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify) |
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| Specific dates | 1904 | Builder/Architect U | nknown | |

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Mulvey Mercantile building is significant as an example of early commercial activity in territorial Canadian County. Established in 1893, the Mulvey brothers moved to the current location in 1904. As the largest merchandising firm in the city, they served Yukon and the surrounding farming community until the period of the Depression. A diversified business, the establishment included hardware, farm implements, appliances, and in the current structure, dry goods. Thriving, the business eventually expanded by the 1920s to include almost the entire 400 block of Main Street. The onslaught of the Great Depression necessitated retrenchment on the part of the enterprise. During this period the business was scaled down, finally withdrawing to a hardware store located in the present structure. Under continuing financial pressure the mercantile was sold in the 1930s. The current owners purchased the building in the 1950s. Although changing hand on these two occasions, the business has remained a hardware store since the mid-1930s.

Archtecturally the building is one of the more imposing structures in the commercial business district. The red brick poly chrome western commercial structure is the best example of its kind in Yukon.

| 9. Major Biblio | graphical | Reference | es |
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| Interviews: Mrs. S. N. E Mrs. J. Gard | Ball, August 1981 Hiner, August 1981 | | A Section 19 to the second section of the section o |
| 10. Geographi | cal Data | | |
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