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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Graham Hotel
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER ~~Northeast corner of the intersection~~
~~of Main Street and Second Avenue~~

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stroud

VICINITY OF

No. 3

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Lincoln

081

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER: Vacant

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Homer E. Breeding and Mrs. Nell Butler

STREET & NUMBER

702 S. Petit

CITY, TOWN

Hominy

VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Lincoln County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Chandler

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Oklahoma Historical Society, Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Graham Hotel is a two-story rectangular building of wood and brick, painted white. The main part of the building measures 24 by 36 feet and has a porch 8 by 35 feet. An annex 28 by 46 feet is at the back of the hotel. Several doors and narrow windows decorate the main entrance. Four columns of brick and wood support a front porch over which there is a balcony with several columns and a veranda. Double windows and doors decorate the second floor, the doors opening to provide access to the balcony. Originally built in 1901 as living quarters, the Graham Hotel consisted of eleven rooms, a small office, and a "lean-to" kitchen, which was enlarged in May, 1903. The building was remodeled in 1943 to provide larger and better accommodations.

In 1901, when the building was originally constructed, it had front and side porches measuring 8 by 36 feet which were supported by eleven narrow wooden columns. The porches had a veranda on their top sides and an arcade-styled covering between the columns with the name of the hotel on it. Part of the front porch was removed in later years for the widening and paving of Main Street. Prior to this, the wooden columns and the arcade-styled covering have been removed and replaced with stronger brick and wood columns. Two single stack chimneys, one in the middle of the principal building and the other over the annex, were part of the original construction. The building has not been used for 25 years.

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GOVERNMENT HILL

2. Location (continued)

The Siletz Agency Site is located in Twp. 10S., Rge 10W., W.M., Lincoln County, Oregon, containing a total of 36.55 acres, more or less, and particularly described as: S 1/2 of Lot 32, Section 4, containing 10 acres, more or less. N 1/2 of Lot 1, Section 9, containing 10 acres, more or less. N 1/2 of Lot 2 Section 9, excepting therefrom a tract of land containing 3.03 acres more or less, described as: Beginning at the 1/16 corner on the section line common to Section 4 and 9, this being also the Northwest corner of said Lot 2, thence N 89° 17' E 100 feet, thence S 0° 01' E 660.31 feet, thence S 89° 31' W 100 feet, thence N 0° 01' W 659.84 feet to the point of beginning, the parcel thereby conveyed containing 6.97 acres, more or less. That portion of the S 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, Section 9 described as follows: Beginning at the section corner common to Sections 3, 4, 9, and 10, T. 10 S., R. 10 W., W.M., thence S 0° 34' E 664.74 feet to the true point of beginning: Thence S 89° 31' W 1335.60 feet, thence S 59° 44' E 1299.25 feet, thence N 89° 45' E 54.2 feet, thence N 0° 34' W 598.98 feet, thence N 89° 45' E 165 feet, thence N 0° 34' W 65.76 feet to the true point of beginning containing 9.58 acres, more or less, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1901 to early 1950's BUILDER/ARCHITECT P. G. Graham

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Early hotels, such as the Graham, played an important role in the development of the western frontier. They were way stations, offering shelter to travelers, dignitaries, artists, businessmen, cowboys, and outlaws. They were also centers of social activities, an important gathering place in small frontier towns.

Initially, these businesses were simple and unpretentious, offering only limited facilities. Only later, when some degree of prosperity had been wrested from the new land, was there an opportunity for more elaborate construction. The Graham Hotel reflects a severe, vernacular style. Nevertheless, it is substantial, and the porches in particular reflect its public function.

In 1900 P. G. Graham, a businessman from Springdale, Arkansas, arrived in Stroud with his son Sneed and his daughter, Mrs. Delia Pierce. The new arrivals purchased a barn, the Lane Hotel, then the only one in Stroud, and two lots. From the start they did a flourishing business. Mrs. Pierce later sold the Lane Hotel and opened the Graham Hotel, which had been constructed as family living quarters on the empty lots. She operated the hotel until her death in 1938. Her daughter and present owner of the building, Mrs. Homer E. Breeding, continued the business until the early part of the 1950s.

The Graham Hotel also represents a part of the early territorial days' history. After the opening of the Territories in 1889, the big ranches were divided into farms, and the cowboys found themselves without occupations. Some of them took claims and became farmers. Others drifted into different line of business; but some of those among the rougher element became horse thieves, cattle rustlers, and bank and train robbers. Their operations made the Southwest notorious throughout the country. During this time, Federal law prohibited the sale of liquor to the Indians. Whiskey was banned in Indian Territory. Since Stroud was located in an area which permitted the sale of liquor and was only two miles from "dry" Indian Territory, it prospered initially on the illicit whiskey traffic into nearby Creek lands. The town's nine saloons catered to all types of individuals, from cattle rustlers to hard-working cowboys. The Graham Hotel, being one of the few boarding houses, served many saloon customers, businessmen, travelers, and dignitaries who arrived in town. Some of the interesting guests, through the years, included Carrie Nation, Buster Brown, Buffalo Bill, Pawnee Bill, Lucille Mulhall, Henry Starr, and Robert Wadlow, all famous throughout the West.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interviews: Mrs. Miriam Horn, Stroud Public Librarian (6-10-78).
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Stroud South, Oklahoma

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5 min.

UTM REFERENCES 090 480

A 1,4 7|1,2|0,2,0 3,9|5,8|6,0,0

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

E

F

G

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Nominated property occupies a rectangular lot 140 feet x 225 feet in size in Block 28, Lots 4 through 12, of the Township of Stroud, Oklahoma, on the northeast corner of the intersection of Main Street and Second Avenue.

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

NAME / TITLE

Enrique Ramirez, Sr.

Kent Ruth, editor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

9/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Oklahoma State University

405/884-5456

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Stillwater

OK

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

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Code Book