

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic SEVERS HOTEL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 200 N. State Street N/A not for publication

city, town Muskogee N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Oklahoma code 40 county Muskogee code 101

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input 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 checked="" 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	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A 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 Robinson, Locke, Gage and Fite

street & number 530 Court Street, P.O. Box 87

city, town Muskogee N/A vicinity of state OK 74401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Muskogee County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Muskogee state Oklahoma 74401

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date Spring 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City, state Oklahoma 73105

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The building structure is reinforced concrete foundations, columns and slabs. The exterior walls are 12" thick composed of three layers of dark red brick. The building has 10 floors above ground plus a full basement and an open area-way in one side of the building from the 3rd floor to the roof. A two story wing (size 46'x49') is attached to the main building (size 100'x100') on the northwest corner. The windows are double hung wood with tall wood framed areas of glass and windows on the main floor. Terra cotta window sills, surrounds of terra cotta on corner openings and keys above windows, in flat arches of the 3rd to the 9th floors. The red brick exterior is high lighted with white glazed terra cotta of intricate designs, particularly on the main level. The cornice consists of 32 brackets per side supporting the decorative overhang. The top cornice of the building is of ornate metal about four feet high with an over-hang of three feet. Decorative brick panels occur between all windows, 3rd thru the 9th floors. The main entry canopy on the east side has been remodeled in approximately 1961 and the cast iron pole lights removed.

The main interior lobby has stained oak paneling on the walls and columns. A spiral stair to the second floor made of marble steps, cast iron and bronze handrails. The remainder of the interior is plaster walls with stained oak and birch trim and doors. The ceilings on the main level have decorative moulded plaster trim at intersections with beams.

As stated above there have been minor alterations of the Severs Hotel. The canopy will be rehabilitated in accordance with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards. Pole lights matching the originals as nearly as possible will replace the removed originals. The main lobby retains most of the original features, however the rest of the buildings interior no longer retains any significant historic elements. The hotel retains most of its historic integrity.

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 type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1912 **Builder/Architect** Mariner & LaBeaume, St. Louis, MO.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Severs Hotel is significant for its architectural design. Constructed in 1912, the building has continued as the most impressive structure in the Muskogee skyline.

Captain Severs promoted and financed construction of the Severs Hotel and work began in 1912. However, before construction was completed, Severs died. Considered the finest hotel in the area, the Sever's registration book listed prominent names of the era, including Will Rogers, noted entertainer and goodwill ambassador.

The real significance of the Severs Hotel, however, is in its architectural design. The structure designed by Mariner and La Beaume of St. Louis, Missouri is of reinforced concrete foundations, columns, beams and slabs. The exterior walls are 12 inches thick and composed of three layers of dark red brick. The ten-story building is elegant with intricate white glazed terra cotta features on the main level. The cornice of the building is decorative metal four feet high with an over-hang of three feet. The main interior lobby has several features which contribute to the significance of the structure. It is decorated with stained oak paneling on the walls and columns, and a grand spiral stair to the second floor is made of marble steps, cast iron and bronze handrails. Stained oak and birch compose the trim and doors and remaining surfaces are of plaster. Unique plaster work was used in the lobby and around the stairway. The plaster was molded and finished to appear as marble. This element remains intact though a section of it was painted black.

The above features make the Severs Hotel the most impressive structure in Muskogee. It is focal point of the downtown commercial district. Other structures of the period and surrounding the Severs Hotel are small commercial types and are overshadowed by the striking design of the hotel.

The Severs Hotel is being rehabilitated in accordance with Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Muskogee Phoenix, May 1917, Hotel Severs advertisement.
"Severs Hotel has Elegant Past", Muskogee Phoenix, June 13, 1982.
Original architectural plans for the Severs Hotel, Mariner and LaBeaume,
St. Louis, Missouri.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property circa 1 acre

Quadrangle name Southwest Muskogee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	5	2	8	5	6	8	0	3	9	5	8	4	5	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 21-30 and 51-60, Block 10, Severs Subdivision of Block 10, original townsite of Muskogee

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Melvena Thurman, Deputy SHPO & Bill Peavler, Architect

organization Okla. Historical Society date June, 1982

street & number Historical Building telephone 405/521-2491

city or town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma 73105

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 SHPO date 7-19-82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Beth Crowder date 9/13/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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2. Location

(Already listed)

200 North State
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

4. Property Owner

Robinson, Locke, Gage, and Fite
P.O. Box 87
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

7. Description

(Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, September 13, 1982)

The Severs Hotel, completed in 1912, is a ten story commercial building plus a full basement. The exterior is finished with red brick and it has a flat roof. It is approximately 100' x 100' with a two-story wing (46' x 49') attached to the main part on the northwest corner. The structure has reinforced concrete foundations, columns, and slabs.

The two story base has large fixed pane windows with multi-paned transoms flanking the main entrance. The large windows on facade are separated by pilaster-like mullions with decorative capitals. The second floor facade consists of a band of 1/1 double-hung sash windows with white terra cotta surrounds. A terra cotta cornice on three sides delineates the two story base from the remaining eight floors.

Fenestration on three sides includes six vertical bands of 1/1 double-hung sash windows. The corner windows on three sides are highlighted with white terra cotta surrounds and keys above windows. White terra cotta keys also accentuate the vertical bands in the center. Above the ninth floor there is a white terra cotta cornice with dentil-type ornamentation. The tenth floor corners have decorative terra cotta quoining and floors three through nine have a brickwork type of quoining.

Characteristic of Sullivanesque styling is the boldly projecting cornice at the top. The cornice consists of thirty-two brackets per side. Decorative brick panels occur between all windows on floors three through nine.

The main entry canopy on the east side was remodeled in ca. 1961 and the cast iron pole lights were removed. Other than these minor alterations, the building retains its architectural integrity.

10. Geographical Data

- a. Less than one acre
- b. Northeast Muskogee, Oklahoma 7.5"
- c. Zone 15 Easting 285380
Northing 3958680
- d. Lots 21-30 and 51-60, Block 10, Original Townsite of Muskogee, Oklahoma.