

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 Sharp Lumberyard (General Lumber Company)

and/or common Home Lumber Company

2. Location

street & number 124 N. Broadway N/A not for publication

city, town Laverne N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 040 county Harper code 059

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 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Mike Humphreys, President - Home Lumber and Supply Company

street & number General Offices

city, town Ashland N/A vicinity of state Kansas 67831

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. See Primary Nomination

street & number

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title See Primary Nomination 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 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 type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Constructed in 1912, the Sharp Lumberyard typifies the construction techniques and design of early twentieth century lumberyards. The two wooden clapboard structures with metal roofs and wooden pier foundations, serve as offices and storage facilities for the lumberyard.

The main building, on the northeast side of the corner lot is basically 100' x 60'. The rectangular, gabled, two story building is flanked on each side by one story shed-roofed sections. On each side of the upper level of the central portion of the building are five pairs of fixed 2x4 lighted windows. Each end of the central section has an open drive through for access to the storage areas built into each side of the building with four levels of ladder-type framing. The exposed wood truss framing adds to the visual variety of the interior. Facing east onto Broadway the front part of the south side of the building serves as the offices with bronze framed display windows with a central recessed entry and a clearstory (now painted) above. The only alterations to the structure have been the redecoration of the office and the application of a brick veneer false front connecting the portions of the front facade but this has been painted to match the rest of the structure, minimizing its intrusion.

The other building (on the south side of the yard) is designed for storage of lumber and is a gabled, 40'x75' rectangular building with an open north side exposing the four tiered ladder-type framing for storage and the wood truss supports. Access for deliveries and pick-ups is available through the 50' yard between the two structures.

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 checked="" 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 1912 **Builder/Architect** N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Sharp Lumberyard, constructed in 1912 as one of three in town, is the only remaining lumberyard that served the important function of supplying building materials for the new community, being constructed with the arrival of the railroad. The lumberyard buildings consist of two wood framed, clapboard structures which typify the simple, utilitarian style common to lumberyard in the early twentieth century, but are rarely seen today. Part of the C.E. Sharp chain of lumberyards began in Woodward, Oklahoma (in the county south of Harper county) in 1900. The outlet in Laverne remained until 1972 when the chain of stores was dissolved. The business in Laverne was sold to the Home Lumber and Supply Co., another area chain of lumberyards that had begun in Ashland, Kansas in 1905. This lumberyard is the oldest of two remaining in the county and one of the oldest remaining lumberyard establishments in northwestern Oklahoma.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Primary Nomination Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Under one acre

Quadrangle name Laverne, OK 1971

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A

1	4	4	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	6	2	9	2	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1-6, Block 54, City of Laverne

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

state See Primary Nomination Sheet county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title See Primary Nomination Sheet

organization date

street & number telephone

city or town state

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 *Emelcoff*

title date

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

date 3/8/84

J. Helms Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration