

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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DATA SHEET

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Joseph Convent and Academy

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off OK 33

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Guthrie

--- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

006

3

STATE

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY

Logan

CODE

083

3 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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Guthrie Public Works Authority

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Guthrie

--- VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Logan County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Guthrie

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Special St. Joseph Convent Survey

DATE

1976

---FEDERAL STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (largely)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

St. Joseph's Retreat is a Catholic school founded by Benedictine nuns and built in 1892. The three story structure, the third floor serving as an attic, has a full basement and features an imaginative use of late 19th century architectural details. The major divisions of the facades are derived from both vertical and horizontal organization. Vertically the walls are divided into bays by columns of windows. The intervals between the windows are not constant. Since the stylistic treatment of the entire building is romantic, the variations in distances between windows and the unusual groupings of windows is appropriate. The stacked windows terminate in a full entablature of pressed tin. The south and east walls have a small projecting pavillion topped with convex mansard roof creating a towering projection. Horizontally the building is banded, beginning with the sandstone, rough cut foundation, and supported by six string courses of the same sandstone. The walls are brick laid in standard courses. The change in color values from sandstone to brick, relieved by the lights, polychromes each facade.

The attic level features dormers, most of which align with the windows of the facades. The dormers are trimmed with mouldings and segmental arches faced with linear motifs moulded in wood. The attic levels of the pavillions are also faced with abstracted pillasters and capitols, built as panels into the walls. The attic level is also punctuated by a number of chimneys for interior fireplaces each with a large corseled caps.

In 1905 a wing was added to the north side of the original building. This addition is in the same scale as the Retreat, but the form and style are different. The new section is more orderly than the original. The building is gabled east and west and organized more horizontally than vertically. The detailing is eclectic with Gothic ogee arches over the roundheaded windows of the main stories on the east with triangular headed windows in the attic, while the same windows in the west terminate in pointed arches on the first and second floor and triangular lintels in the attic. Each gable has steeped brick work along the gable; brick work more dog tooth than dentil marks the parapet wall on the north and south. The brick work is dressed with sandstone trim in the ogee arched, quions on the eastern corners, and string courses that divide the basement from the first story, that link the ogee arches, that serve as a sill for second story windows, and that divide the cable from the end wall. The roof is steep and pierced by two dormers on each side. The roof is finished on the gable end with a sandstone cap.

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The use of materials and the variety of detail tie this addition to the main building. While the north section is regular in window pattern, it still reflects a romantic aesthetic and is therefore very much a part of the Retreat.

While there is no known architect for this building, the use of materials and the overall design suggest an architect with experience. A contemporary building, Old Central, on the Oklahoma State University campus, built in 1892-93, reflects a similar design. The materials, (sandstone and brick) window types, convers mansard roof in the tower, suggest that the same architect designed both buildings. Old Central is presently listed in the Register. Research is continuing and one possibility is that Herman McClure Hadley of Topeka designed both buildings. The nomination is being submitted without final proof because St. Joseph's Retreat is endangered.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 - Present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Herman McClure Hadley, Architect (?)
J. T. Brickmap, Builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Joseph's Academy opened in 1897, a boarding school for girls with classes for both the elementary grades and high school. It was the only such Catholic school in the new Oklahoma Territory. As the needs of the students grew, the school grew to meet them. The name became Oklahoma Catholic College for Women, affiliated with Catholic University, Washington, D.C. The first parochial school in Oklahoma became the new state's only Catholic college - fully accredited and offering BA, BS, ED degrees in 1917. Classes were taught for women of all ages and grades for 30 years. Then 1949 the name was changed once again - to Benedictine Heights College, and the school became co-educational. The Sisters sold the property to the City of Guthrie for \$150,000. The Motherhouse moved to Tulsa and a three-quarter-century era on the frontier had ended. Since the late 1960s, St. Joseph's facilities have accommodated a federally funded Job Corps program. And this makes St. Joseph Retreat, the oldest significant Catholic structure remaining in Oklahoma, a part of what is believed to be the nation's only city-owned Job Corps Center. It continues to serve the people of the area as an educational institution, as it has since its founding in 1897. St. Joseph's Retreat is stylistically one of the few extant Second Empire inspired buildings in Oklahoma.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Debo, Angie, Oklahoma, A Guide to the Sooner State, Norman, University of Oklahoma, 1942.

Pratt, L. K., History of Guthrie, Oklahoma, M.A. Thesis, University of Oklahoma, 1930.

The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City: August 8, 1949; December 11, 1949; February 23, 1954; March 26, 1954; May 29, 1955.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Guthrie South, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

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

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Along East edge of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of Section 12, T16N-R3W
A 20' boundary around the building is suggested.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Diane Everman and Herb Gottfried Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Oklahoma State University

405-624-5678

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

H. Glenn Jordan

TITLE

DATE

10/15/79

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

Sally G. Oldham

DATE

12/19/79

ATTEST:

Bob Grosvenor

DATE

10/17/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION