

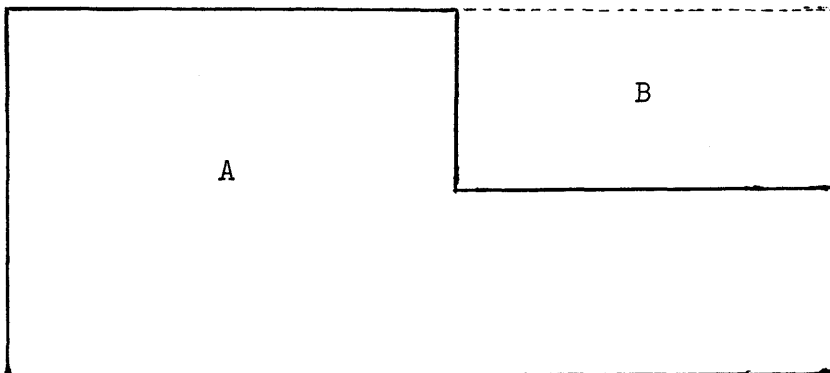
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↑ Scale: 1cm = 10'

A= Cherokee I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 219/ Hodge Mortuary/ commercial rental space
B= Bank building

Cherokee I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 219

Location: Grand Ave. and 2nd St., Cherokee, OK

Owner of Property: I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 219

Location of Legal Description: Alfalfa County Courthouse

Description: Condition-excellent, original site

This two story flat roofed red brick plains commercial building is L shaped with the north facade being 60' and the east facade being 25' (see above map). Two pilasters border the east facade, the brick work of which is laid in a common bond pattern and has a stepped roof line below which is a rusticated brickwork frieze. The second story has three wood frame sash windows with rowlock positioned brick slip sills. A modern wood shingle awning covers the two wood framed wood panel doors, with a glass panel each, and the two wood framed fixed windows that rest on a rowlock position brickwork slip sills. Both doors have concrete slip sills.

The north facade constructed of red brick laid in a common bond pattern, has three building high pilasters between which an two stepped pilasters that extend down from the white brick roofline. Between the pilasters is stepped brickwork below which is a polychrome surface with four brick work friezes outlined with white brick. Twelve white brick enrichments, each formed by three soldier positioned bricks, are suggestive of art deco. The second story has six sash windows with white brick lintels, laid in a soldier position, and red brick slip sills, laid in a rowlock position. All the windows have screens except one where an air conditioning unit is installed. A concrete building marker at the clerestory level is inscribed with the words CHEROKEE LODGE No. 219 I.O.O.F. and has a rowlock positioned brick work lintel.

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The first floor of the east facade has two wood framed fixed windows with rowlock positioned red brick slip sills and four stained glass window heads above each. The two round arched entranceways have wood framed panel doors with lights and aluminum storm doors and stepped lug sills. The doorway between the two fixed windows has a stained glass lunette transom with three radiating glazing bars and on either side of the doorway are two lamp fixtures. The lunette transom above the other window has wood paneling and an aluminum awning extending over the entranceway and the adjoining fixed window. Above the doorway next to the center pilaster is a concrete marker, inscribed with HODGE MORTUARY, that has a lintel of rowlock positioned masonry work. Between the center pilaster and the end of the building are three garage doorways with wood framed wood panel doors. Three concrete guards extend from the base of the building high pilasters.

Significance:

This multipurpose building, constructed in 1931, is partially situated on one of the first two business lots sold in Cherokee. Following the usual practice of the I.O.O.F., the second story housed the lodge's facilities, while the first story was leased out to commercial enterprises. This building is unique in that part of the edifice was specifically designed to house a mortuary. L. A. Smith later assumed operation of the Hodge Mortuary and in 1965 sold the business to Bill Goodwin. The Goodwin family continues to operate a mortuary in the leased space. The other section of the first story now houses the guaranty Abstract Company and the Dorton Agency, an insurance and real estate company. Both these businesses occupy space that had been used for a cafe and later law offices. This building continues to serve the county seat of 2,100 with business space necessary for the community and the county.

Acreage: Less than one acre Quadrangle Name: Cherokee North 7.5

Verbal Boundry Description: W. 60' of Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 25 original town.

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