

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

Rosenstein Building

AND/OR COMMON

Otasco Store

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

111 East Main St.

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wilburton

--- VICINITY OF

003

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY

Latimer

CODE

077

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 RESIDENTIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input 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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Addie Burris

STREET & NUMBER

225 N. College

CITY, TOWN

Talequah

--- VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Latimer County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

109 N. Central

CITY, TOWN

Wilburton

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

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

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

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 Otasco Store is an 80' by 50' brick structure built in 1905 on the Main Street of Wilburton. The facade contains the name Rosenstein and the year of construction. On the decorative entablature are an awning and an Otasco sign between the first and second story. Second story windows are arched with brick relieving arches and keystones. Extensive changes have been made to the first floor windows and brick wall. The building's original character is intact on the second level, the decorative brick work on the entablature is its main architectural feature.

The building has been painted a pale green, but much of the original architecture is still extant. It adjoins a single-story insurance office on the east and a two-story drugstore on the west. The interior contains two floors, and the ornate first floor tin ceiling is still visible, but little else of the original interior remains. This structure is one of the few remaining examples of early 20th century commercial architecture in Wilburton.

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 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 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Otasco store is significant because it is one of the few remaining examples of early 20th century commercial architecture in Wilburton. Two tornadoes (1965 and 1975) and several fires in the city's business district caused much damage to other structures and resulted in extensive remodeling. The Otasco building is one of only five non-residential structures in the vicinity of the town untouched by either fire or tornadoes.

The Otasco store was built by a Mr. Rosenstein in 1904-05. Mr. Rosenstein ran a dry goods and shoe store in the building for about twenty years. The reduction of coal mining in the area and general economic depression forced Mr. Rosenstein out of business. He apparently did not stay in Wilburton, though many of a large number of Jewish merchants did stay, weathering hard times and competition from coal company stores.

Subsequently the building housed the first telephone company, apartments, a pool hall and cafe, and finally the hardware store (1940s.) It is one of the few structures that remains to symbolize the early 20th century economic development of the area.

